

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1387, June 18, 1955]

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF MINDANAO IN DANSALAN CITY AND
AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established in Dansalau City a university which shall be known as the University of Mindanao, the same being organized as a corporation under that name.

SEC. 2. The said University shall primarily give professional and technical training, besides providing advanced instruction in literature, philosophy, the sciences, and arts.

SEC. 3. No student shall be denied admission to the University by reason of age, sex, nationality, religious belief, or political affiliation.

SEC. 4. The government of said University is vested in a board of regents to be known as the Board of Regents of the University of Mindanao. The Board of Regents shall be composed of the Secretary of Education, who shall be *ex officio* chairman of the Board, the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the Senate, the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives, the President of the University, the Director of Public Schools, and seven additional members to be appointed by the President of the Philippines, with the consent of the Commission on Appointments: *Provided*, That as soon as there are enough graduates of the University of Mindanao, at least four of the additional members of its Board of Regents shall be selected from among the alumni of said University upon recommendation of the Alumni Association. The President of the University shall be elected and his compensation shall be fixed by the Board of Regents.

Of the seven additional members first appointed as above provided, the President of the Philippines shall designate one to serve for one year, one to serve for two years, one to serve for three years, one to serve for four years, one to serve for five years, one to serve for six years, and one to serve for seven years. Thereafter persons appointed to succeed such members shall hold office for a term of seven years and until their successors are appointed. In case of a vacancy among the members of the Board of Regents, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the President of the Philippines, with the consent of the Commission on Appointments, and such appointee shall hold office for the unexpired term only. All members of the Board of Regents shall be residents of the Philippines. No person in the employ of the University or in any other educational institution in any capacity whatsoever, whether as dean, professor, instructor, lecturer, or otherwise, shall be eligible for membership in the Board.

Members shall serve without compensation, but they shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred either in attendance upon meetings of the Board or upon other official business authorized by resolution of the Board.

SEC. 5. The University of Mindanao shall have the general powers set out in section thirteen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, and the administration of said University and the exercise of its corporate powers are hereby vested exclusively in the Board of Regents, and in the President of the University in so far as authorized by said Board.

SEC. 6. The Board of Regents shall have the following powers and duties, in addition to its general powers of administration and the exercise of the powers of the corporation:

- a. To receive and appropriate to the ends specified by law such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the University;
- b. To provide for the establishment of one or more Colleges of Liberal Arts, a College of Law, a College of Social and Political Science, a College of Medicine and Surgery, a College of Pharmacy, a College of Dentistry, a College of Veterinary Science, a College of Engineering, a College of Agriculture, a College of Education, a College of Forestry, a College of Nursing, a School of Fine Arts, a Conservatory of Music, a School of Surveying, and such other colleges and schools as the Board of Regents may deem necessary;
- c. To confer the usual honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of learning, statesmanship, or eminence in literature, science or art: *Provided*, That such degrees shall not be conferred in consideration of the payment of money or other valuable consideration;
- d. To establish chairs in the colleges mentioned in paragraph (b), and to provide for the maintenance or endowment of such chairs, as well as to provide for such other professors, assistant professors, instructors, tutors, and lecturers as the progress of instruction may make necessary, and to fix the compensation pertaining to such positions;
- e. To appoint, on the recommendation of the President of the University, professors, instructors, lecturers and other employees of the University; to fix their compensation, hours of service, and such other duties and conditions as it may deem proper; to grant to them in its discretion leave of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding, and to remove them for cause after an investigation and hearing shall have been had;
- f. To approve the courses of study and rules of discipline drawn up by the University Council as hereinafter provided; to fix the tuition fees required of students, as well as matriculation fees, graduation fees and fees for laboratory courses, and all special fees; and to remit the same in special cases;
- g. To provide fellowships and scholarships and to award the same to students showing special evidence merit;
- h. To prescribe rules for its own government, and enact for the government of the University such general ordinances and regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the purposes of the University as defined in section two of this Act;
- i. To receive in trust legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal property of all kinds and to administer the same for the benefit of the University, or of a