

[BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 393, May 18, 1983]

AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROMBLON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ODIONGAN, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON, INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE ROMBLON STATE COLLEGE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Be it enacted by the Batasang Pambansa in session assembled:

SECTION 1. The Romblon Agricultural College in the Municipality of Odiongan, Province of Romblon, is hereby converted into a state college to be known as the Romblon State College, hereinafter referred to as the College which shall offer courses leading to the titles of Associate in Business Education, Associate in Commerce, four-year courses leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Bachelor of Science in Home Technology, Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education, Bachelor of Science in Education, Bachelor of Science in Business Education, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Arts, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education, Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Forestry, Bachelor of Science in Fisheries, and courses leading to the degrees of Master of Science in Agriculture, Master of Science in Agricultural Education and Master of Arts in Education.

SEC. 2. The College shall primarily provide higher technological, professional and vocational instruction and training in science, agricultural and industrial fields, as well as short-term technical or vocational courses. It shall promote research, advanced studies and progressive leadership in its areas of specialization.

SEC. 3. In addition to its present secondary and vocational curricular offerings, the College shall offer undergraduate and graduate courses in the fields of science, agriculture and industry as the Board of Trustees may deem necessary.

SEC. 4. No student shall be denied admission to the College by reason of sex, ethnic considerations or religious belief or affiliation.

SEC. 5. The head of the College shall be known as the President of the Romblon State College. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees. His salary shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees comparable to that being received by the president of similar educational institutions of like enrolment and standing, subject to Presidential Decree No. 985 and other pertinent budget and compensation laws.

The powers and duties of the President of the College, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the president of a state college or university.

SEC. 6. The governing body of the College shall be the Board of Trustees of the Romblon State College. It shall be composed of the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports as chairman, the Regional Director of the National Economic and Development Authority, the President of the Romblon State College, and four (4) prominent citizens of Region IV to be appointed by the President of the Philippines, as members.

Of the four appointed members one shall be a representative for science, one for agriculture, one for arts and trades and one for technology: *Provided*, That at least one of the four appointed members shall be an alumnus of the former Romblon Agricultural College. Of the first group appointed, 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, and one to serve for four years. Thereafter, persons appointed to succeed such members shall hold office for a term of four years and until their successors who should be experts in the same field shall have been appointed and qualified. In case of permanent vacancy, the position shall be filled by appointment by the President of the Philippines. Such appointee shall hold office for the unexpired term only.

When the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports is unable to perform his duties as chairman of the board due to illness, absence or other cause, or in case of a vacancy in the office, the Deputy Minister of Education, Culture and Sports shall temporarily perform the functions of the chairman of the said board. The chairman may assign qualified officials to represent him with full authority in the board.

SEC. 7. A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a majority of all the members holding office at the time a meeting is called. All processes against the Board of Trustees shall be served on the president or secretary thereof.

SEC. 8. The members of the Board of Trustees shall be entitled to an allowance of cue hundred pesos per meeting actually attended but not more than three hundred pesos a month: *Provided*, That they shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred either in attendance upon meetings of the Board or upon other official business authorized by resolution of the Board, subject to existing budget laws on honoraria and allowances.

SEC. 9. The Board of Trustees shall have the following powers and duties in addition to its general powers of administration, and the exercise of all the powers of a corporation as provided in Section 36 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 68, otherwise known as the Corporation Code of the Philippines:

(a) To receive and appropriate for the purposes specified by law such sums as may be provided for the support of the Romblon State College;

(b) To confer degrees upon successful candidates for graduation of the Romblon State College. It may also confer honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of learning, statesmanship or eminence in any of the fields of specialization of the Romblon State College, or in recognition of public service: *Provided*, That such degrees shall not be conferred in consideration of or to reciprocate some personal favor;

(c) To authorize the President of the Romblon State College to award proficiency certificates or diplomas to students who have completed non-degree courses;