

[BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 477, June 10, 1983]

AN ACT CONVERTING THE NEGROS OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TRADES, THE NEGROS OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE BACOLOD CITY NATIONAL TRADE SCHOOL INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE PAGLAUM STATE COLLEGE.

Be it enacted by the Batasang Pambansa in session assembled:

SECTION 1. The Negros Occidental College of Arts and Trades in the Municipality of Talisay, Negros Occidental, the Negros Occidental Community College and the Bacolod City National Trade School, both in the City of Bacolod, are hereby converted into a state college to be known as the Paglaum State College.

SEC. 2. The State 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 collegiate curricular offerings, the State College shall offer undergraduate and graduate courses in the fields of science, agriculture and industrial fields as the Board of Trustees may deem necessary. It shall also offer opportunity or short-term technical or vocational courses within its areas of specialization to meet the needs of the region.

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

SEC. 5. The head of the State College shall be known as the President of the Paglaum 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, and shall be comparable to that being received by presidents 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 State College, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of a president of a state college or university.

SEC. 6. The governing body of the State College shall be the Board of Trustees of the Paglaum State College. It shall be composed of the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports as chairman, the President of the State College as vice-chairman, the Regional Director of the National Economic and Development Authority, and two (2) prominent citizens of Negros Occidental to be appointed by the President of the Philippines as members.

Of the two appointed members, one shall represent the alumni of the former Negros Occidental Community College, the Negros Occidental College of Arts and Trades or the Bacolod City National Trade School, and the other from among the prominent citizens of the province.

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 one 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 Thirty-six of Batas Pambansa Bilang 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 State College;

(b) To confer degrees upon successful candidates for graduation of the 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 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 State College to award proficiency certificates or diplomas to students who have completed non-degree courses;

(d) To appoint, on recommendation of the President of the State College, a vice-president, deans, directors, secretary of the State College, registrar, heads of departments, professors, instructors, lecturers and other officials and employees of the State College; to fix their compensations and salaries subject to Presidential Decree No. 985 and other pertinent budget and compensation laws, hours of service, and such other duties and conditions as it may deem proper, to grant to them, in its discretion, leaves of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any provisions of existing law to the contrary notwithstanding; to remove them for cause after an investigation and