

**[ BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 500, June 10, 1983 ]**

**AN ACT CONVERTING AND INTEGRATING THE WESTERN VISAYAS COLLEGE OF FISHERIES AND THE ESTANCIA HIGH SCHOOL BOTH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ESTANCIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, INTO A POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE NORTHERN ILOILO POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

*Be it enacted by the Batasang Pambansa in session assembled:*

SECTION 1. The Western Visayas College of Fisheries and the Estancia High School both in the Municipality of Estancia, Province of Iloilo, are converted and integrated into a polytechnic state college to be known as the Northern Iloilo Polytechnic State College, hereinafter referred to as the State College.

SEC. 2. The State College shall primarily provide higher vocational, professional, and technical instruction and training in the fields of industry, agriculture, fishery, engineering and sciences, as well as short-term vocational technical continuing courses. It shall also promote research, advanced studies, and progressive leadership in the fields of agriculture including agricultural education and home technology, fishery, forestry, industrial technology including industrial education, arts service trades, engineering and sciences.

SEC. 3. In addition to the present secondary, post-secondary and graduate courses of the two component schools, the State College shall offer graduate and undergraduate courses in the fields of agricultural and industrial education, sciences, engineering, such as: Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering, Agricultural Engineering, Mining Engineering, Marine Engineering, Industrial Management, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Extension, Home Technology, Agricultural Technology, Fishery Technology, Forestry, Diploma in Veterinary Technology, and Engineering Technology; postgraduate courses leading to the degrees of Master of Science in Agriculture, Agricultural Education, Industrial Technology; and other degree courses and special courses as the Board of Trustees may deem proper.

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

SEC. 5. The head of the State College shall be known as the President of the Northern Iloilo Polytechnic State College. His salary shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees comparable to that being received by the president of similar institutions of like standing, subject to Presidential Decree No. 985 and other pertinent budget and compensation laws. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines. The incumbent Superintendent of Western Visayas College of Fisheries shall be the first President of the State College, subject to civil service law, rules and regulations.

The power 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 the president of a college.

SEC. 6. The governing body of the State College shall be the Board of Trustees of the Northern Iloilo Polytechnic State College. It shall be composed of the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports as chairman, the President of the State College as the vice-chairman, with the following as members: Director, Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, Region VI, Director, National Economic and Development Authority, an assemblyman for the Province of Iloilo, the Governor of the Province of Iloilo, and one *bona fide* resident of Iloilo with management and technical expertise who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines.

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 causes, or in case of vacancy in the office, the Deputy Minister of Education, Culture and Sports shall temporarily perform the functions of the chairman of the said board. When both the Minister and the Deputy Minister of Education, Culture and Sports are unable to exercise the powers of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the members of the board shall elect from among themselves a temporary chairman who shall act as chairman thereof.

SEC. 7. The members of the Board of Trustees shall serve without compensation but 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 thereof, subject to existing budget laws on honoraria and allowances.

SEC. 8. In addition to its general powers of administration, the Board of Trustees shall have the following powers and duties:

(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 the usual honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of learning, statesmanship or eminence in science, agriculture, forestry, industry or public service related to such fields;

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

(d) Subject to Civil Service Law, rules and regulations, to appoint, upon recommendation of the President of the State College, the deans of the different schools of the State College, the registrar, the heads of departments, professors, instructors, lecturers and other employees of the State College; to fix, in accordance with the rates established by the Compensation and Position Classification Administration, their compensation; to prescribe hours of service, duties and the conditions of works<sup>1</sup> as it may deem proper; to grant to them in its discretion, leaves of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any provisions