

[LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS No. 1461, May 23, 1985]

ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR PLANNING AND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE MANAGEMENT OF STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

TO: THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS
THE MINISTER OF THE BUDGET
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
THE PRESIDENTS, STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

WHEREAS, here are seventy-seven (77) state universities and colleges created by law, offering higher education to about fifteen (15) percent of the tertiary level student population of the country;

WHEREAS, state universities and colleges are autonomous chartered institutions, governed by their respective Boards of Regents chaired by the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports and including among their members the Director General of the National Economic and Development Authority and the President of the institution;

WHEREAS, there are many newly created state universities and colleges that are still in the early stages of planning and management improvement;

NOW THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby Order and Instruct the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports, the Director General of the National Economic and Development Authority and the Presidents of State Universities and Colleges, to observe the following common general guidelines in the governance of state universities and colleges:

1. A state university or college shall consider as its principal objectives, tertiary education, research and extension services. It shall establish clear goals and a program of implementation for each of these objectives;
2. Each university or college shall formulate a development plan that is supportive of the manpower goals of the region and of the nation. It shall identify an area of specialization, that is within the objectives specified in its Charter, its capability to implement well taking into consideration its faculty profile, building sand equipment and availability of educational opportunity in other state universities and colleges and in good private schools in the area. There shall be little or no duplication in course offerings among public or private schools in the area;
3. A physical development plan shall be formulated by an institution, looking at the long term manpower needs that it seeks to serve. In order to minimize expensive duplication in land, buildings, equipment, libraries, and other facilities, the school shall whenever possible gradually reduce the number of campuses, in favor of the systematic upgrading of the mother campus of the school. No now branches or extension units shall be establisher or existing