

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1497, June 11, 1978]

ESTABLISHING A STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE PANGASINAN STATE UNIVERSITY BY TRANSFERRING ALL COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES OF THE STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING THEREAT INTO SAID UNIVERSITY, PROVIDING A CHARTER FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Philippines directs the State to establish and maintain a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the goals of national development and further prescribes that all educational institutions shall aim to develop scientific, technological, and vocational efficiency;

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 6-A also known as Educational Decree of 1972 promulgated on September 20, 1972, it has been declared a policy of the government to re-orient the educational system toward an accelerated national economic growth and meaningful social development;

WHEREAS, to maximize the effective utilization of limited resources, it is necessary to integrate and convert the state-funded institutions of higher learning located in the province of Pangasinan into one institution of learning in order to establish an effective and efficient state university that will serve as an instrument towards the rapid development of the natural and manpower resources of Region I, particularly of the Province of Pangasinan;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a state university in the Province of Pangasinan will provide better service in professional and technical training in the arts, sciences, humanities, and technology and in the conduct of scientific research and technological studies;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a state university in the Province of Pangasinan through the integration of all existing college level courses of the state supported institution of higher learning in the said province, and such other units as may be opened in other parts of the province will assure and ensure the continuous improvement of the quality of instruction in the professions and the operation of a more coordinated tertiary education system therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree:

SECTION 1. There is established one state university in the Province of Pangasinan to be known as the Pangasinan State University, hereinafter referred to as the University, with each main campus and administrative site to be developed and/or located at a site to be determined by an *Ad Hoc* committee designated to initially implement this Decree.

The present Central Luzon Teachers College located in Bayambang, Pangasinan and all the college level courses of the Eastern Pangasinan Agricultural College in Sta. Maria, Pangasinan College of fisheries in Binmaley, Pangasinan School of Arts and Trades in Lingayen, Asingan School of Arts and Trades in Asingan, Speaker E. Perez

National Agricultural School in San Carlos City, the Western Pangasinan State College of Agriculture and other similar state-supported institutions of higher learning in the province are hereby transferred to the University; Provided, however, that such institutions and such others as shall be established or integrated pursuant to this Decree may be maintained and operated as units or branches of the University upon approval by the Board of Regents.

SEC. 2. The University shall provide advanced instruction in the arts, agricultural and natural sciences as well as in technological and professional fields.

SEC. 3. The governing board of the University shall be the Board of Regents to be composed of the following:

Minister of Education and Culture, Chairman
President of the University, Vice Chairman

Representative of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Member

Two (2) prominent citizens who have distinguished themselves in the professions or fields of specialization, one representing the alumni association, the other chosen from prominent citizens in the province, to be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Ministry of Education and Culture, Members.

The first group of appointive regents or trustees shall serve for two (2) years and four (4) years, respectively. Thereafter, the appointees shall hold office for a term of four (4) years. In case of permanent vacancy, the appointee shall hold office for the unexpired term only.

In the absence of Minister of Education and Culture, the Minister of Education and Culture, the Minister shall authorize a representative, preferably the Deputy Minister concerned and at the least a director, to sit in the meetings of the Board: Provided, however, that during these meetings the President shall preside as Vice Chairman of the Board.

SEC. 4. A quorum of the Board of Regents shall consist of a majority of all the members holding office at the time of the meeting; Provided, however, that among those present are the Minister of Education and Culture, who is the chairman of the Board, or the President, who acts as presiding officer in the former's absence. All processes against the university or college shall be served on the President of the university or his duly authorized representative.

SEC. 5. The members of the Board of Regents shall receive compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred either in attendance of meetings of the Board or of other official business authorized by the Board.

SEC. 6. The Board of Regents shall have the general powers of administration as provided in Presidential Decree No. 1437 and exercised all the powers of a corporation as provided in Section Thirteen of Act Numbered Fourteen Hundred Fifty-nine as amended, otherwise known as the Corporation Law.

SEC. 7. No student shall be denied admission to the University by reason of sex, nationality, religion, or political belief.