

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1176, July 28, 1977]

INTEGRATING AND CONVERTING THE THREE (3) NATIONAL SCHOOLS IN THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION, NAMELY: THE SOUTHERN LA UNION NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGOO; THE SANTO TOMAS COLLEGE OF FISHERIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTO TOMAS, AND THE LA UNION NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROSARIO, INTO ONE (1) INSTITUTION TO BE KNOWN AS THE "SOUTHERN ILOCOS POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE," DEFINING THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, in order to accelerate national development to attain the goals of the New Society and promote a well balanced socio-economic growth necessary for national survival, emphasis should be directed not only on academic education, but also in vocational and technical training of our Youth;

WHEREAS, there are presently three (3) National Schools operating independently of each other and of different disciplines in the province of La Union, and are servicing only the residents thereabout;

WHEREAS, if the aforementioned schools are integrated and converted into one institution, autonomous in operation, it can service the entire Southern Ilocos Region and would be in a better position to offer extensive and expansive professional and technical training in Arts, Sciences, Humanities, Vocational, and Technological Studies, as well as serve as an instrument towards the development of the natural and manpower resources of the Region, and like wise conduct scientific and technological studies;

WHEREAS, ours being a developing country, the exploitation and development of our national resources and the proper molding of our Youth is the concern of the Government; and

WHEREAS, in order to attain the aforestated aims, the integration and conversion of the three (3) National Schools in La Union into an autonomous State College to be known as the "Southern Ilocos Polytechnic State College," is imperative.

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. *Conversion.*-The Southern La Union National High School in the Municipality of Agoo, Province of La Union, is hereby converted into a State College which shall be known as the Southern Ilocos Polytechnic State College, hereinafter referred to as College, incorporating thereto the Santo Tomas College of Fisheries in the Municipality of Santo Tomas, and the La Union Agricultural School in the municipality of Rosario, all in the Province of La Union which shall offer not only their present academic and vocational secondary curricula but also Baccalaureate and Master Degrees in Arts, Sciences, Vocational and Technological Studies.

SEC. 2. *Purposes.*-The College shall primarily give technical and professional training, advanced instruction in Literature, Philosophy, the Sciences and Arts, in addition to providing for the promotion of scientific and technological researches.

SEC. 3. The head of the College shall be known as the President of the Southern Ilocos Polytechnic State College. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees. The powers and duties of the President of the College, in addition to those specifically provided for herein, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the President of a College.

SEC. 4. *The Governing Board; Its Composition.*-The government of the College shall be vested in a Board of Trustees. It shall be composed of the Secretary of Education and Culture who shall be ex-officio chairman of the Board, the Director, Bureau of Higher Education, the Regional Director, Region I, Department of Education and Culture, the President of the Alumni Association, who shall be ex-officio members, and three additional members to be appointed by the President of the Philippines representing science, technology and agriculture, who shall be regular members; provided, that one of the last three (3) mentioned shall be a resident of the province of La Union. In the absence or inability of the Secretary of Education and Culture, The President of the College shall act as Chairman. In the absence or inability of both the Secretary of the Department of Education and Culture and the President of the College to act as Chairman, the Members of the Board may elect from among themselves a temporary Chairman who shall act as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Members of the Board shall serve without compensation other than actual and necessary expenses incurred either in attendance upon meetings of the Board or other official business authorized by resolution of the Board.

No person in the employ of the College in any capacity whatsoever shall be eligible for membership in the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 5. *Board of Trustees; its powers and duties.*-The Board of Trustees shall exercise for the College all the powers of a corporation as provided in Section Thirteen of Act Numbered Fourteen Hundred and fifty-nine, as amended, provided, that, the government and administration of the College and the exercise of its corporate powers are hereby exclusively vested in the Board of Trustees and in the President of the College insofar as he is authorized by the Board.

In addition to its general powers, the Board shall have the following powers and duties:

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

(b) To confer the usual honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of their learning, statesmanship, or eminence in literature, science, or art; Provide, that such degrees shall not be conferred in consideration of the payment of money or other valuable considerations;

(c) To appoint, upon the recommendation of the President of the College, professors, instructors, lecturers and other employees of the College; to fix their