

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7923, February 24, 1995]

AN ACT CONVERTING THE CENTRAL MINDANAO UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CATARMAN, THE MINDANAO POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAMBAJAO, AND THE CAMIGUIN SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMIGUIN, INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAMIGUIN POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled.

SECTION 1. The Central Mindanao University Campus in the Municipality of Catarman, the Mindanao-Polytechnic State College Campus and the Camiguin School of Arts and Trades in the Municipality of Mambajao, all in the Province of Camiguin, are hereby integrated into a state college which shall be known as the Camiguin Polytechnic State College, hereinafter referred to as the College.

SEC. 2. The location of the main administration office of the College shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 3. The College shall primarily provide higher professional, technical and special instructions for special purposes and to promote research and extension services, advanced studies and progressive leadership in agriculture, forestry, engineering, arts and sciences, and other relevant studies.

SEC. 4. The College shall offer undergraduate and graduate courses in the fields of agriculture, forestry, engineering, arts and sciences, and non-degree technical/industrial technologies and other degree courses as the Board of Trustees may deem necessary to carry out its objectives. It shall also offer opportunity in short-term technical or vocational courses within its areas of specialization to meet the needs of the nation.

SEC. 5. The College shall enjoy academic freedom.

SEC. 6. Supervision over the existing high school shall be transferred to the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS): *Provided*, that the existing high school shall be allowed to remain and operate within the campus of the College until it shall have been transferred to another location, or accommodated in other high schools, public or private: *Provided, further*, that the College may operate a reasonably-sized laboratory high school of one, or at most, two classes per curriculum year if it offers a teacher-training program.

SEC. 7. The College shall have the general powers of a corporation set forth in the Corporation Law. The administration of the College and the exercise of its corporate

powers shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Trustees and the President of the College insofar as authorized by the Board.

SEC. 8. The governing body of the College shall be the Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be composed of the following:

- a. The Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education, chairman;
- b. President of the College, vice-chairman;
- c. Chairman of the Committee on Education of the Senate or a member of said committee having the power to vote as his representative, member;
- d. The Chairman of the Committee on Education, House of Representatives or a member of said committee having the power to vote as his representatives, member; and
- e. The representative of the National Economic and Development Authority, member;

In addition, the Board may appoint the following:

Two (2) prominent citizens who have distinguished themselves in their profession or fields of specialization of the College chosen from among those qualified in the Province of Camiguin.

The representatives of both the Senate and the House Education Committees, NEDA and two (2) prominent citizens so appointed by the Board shall have the same powers; authority, and privileges as the regular members of the Board.

The Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education, the President of the College, the Education Committee Chairpersons of the Senate and the House of Representatives or their representatives, and the representative of the National Economic and Development Authority shall have an ex officio term of office, of the two (2) prominent citizens, one shall serve for four (4) years and the other for two (2) years.

SEC. 9. The Board shall promulgate and implement policies in accordance with the declared state policies on education and other pertinent provisions of the Philippine Constitution on education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports.

SEC. 10. The Board shall have the following specific powers and duties to its general powers of administration and the exercise of the powers granted to the board of directors of a corporation under existing laws:

- a. To enact rules and regulations not contrary to law as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and functions of the
- b. To receive all sums as may be provided for the support of the College in the manner it may, in its discretion, determine to carry out the purposes and functions of the College;
- c. To import duty-free essential commodities, materials and equipment for educational or technological programs as an exception to existing laws, provided such commodities, materials and equipment are not available locally;
- d. To receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal properties of all kinds, and to administer and dispose the same when necessary for the benefit of the College and subject to the limitations, directions and instructions

of the donor, if any. Such donations shall be exempt from all taxes and shall be considered as deductible items from the income tax of the donor;

- e. To fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges, such as, but not limited to matriculation fees, graduation fees and laboratory fees, as the Board may deem proper to impose;

Such fees and charges, including government subsidies and other income generated by the College shall constitute special trust funds and shall be deposited in any authorized government depository bank, and all interest that shall accrue there from shall form part of the same funds for the use of the College.

The income generated by the College may, at the discretion of the Board, be disbursed for the professional growth and development, health, welfare and other similar benefits of the faculty members and personnel, for extension and student welfare expenses so that the flexibility on use of income shall be focused on faculty, personnel improvement and student welfare activities, and for expenses necessary for the attainment of its purposes under this Act.

- f. To authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machineries, equipment and other facilities and the purchase and acquisition of real and personnel properties, including necessary supplies, materials, and equipment. Purchases and other transactions entered into by the College through the Board shall be exempt from all taxes and duties;
- g. To confirm appointments of vice-presidents, deans, directors, heads of departments, faculty members and other officials and employees of the College made by the President of the College;
- h. To fix and adjust salaries of faculty members and administrative officials and employees in accordance with the provisions of the Salary Standardization Law;
- i. To approve the curricula, institutional programs and rules of discipline drawn by the administrative and academic councils as herein provided;
- j. To confer degrees upon successful candidates for graduation, to award honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of outstanding contributions in the field of education, public service, arts and science, and technology or in any field of specialization and to authorize the award of certificates for completion of non-degree and non-traditional courses;
- k. To establish branches if and when it becomes essential and necessary where there is no existing school offering similar programs or courses to promote and carry out special equal access to education opportunities as mandated by the Constitution; and
- l. To establish chairs in the College and to provide fellowships for qualified faculty members and scholarships to deserving students.

SEC. 11. The Board shall convene regularly once every two (2) months. A quorum of the Board shall consist of a majority of all members holding office at the time of the meeting: *Provided, however,* that among those present are the Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education who is Chairman of the Board, or the President of the College who acts as presiding officer in the former's absence. The chairman of the Board may call a special meeting whenever necessary.

The members of the Board shall not receive any salary but shall be entitled for