

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7664, December 30, 1993]

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AURORA STATE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment.* - There is hereby established in the Municipality of Baler, Province of Aurora, a state college to be known as the Aurora State College of Technology, the same being organized as a corporation under that name.

SEC. 2. *Purposes.* - The State College shall primarily provide technical and professional training in the sciences, arts, teacher education, agriculture, engineering, and technology as well as short-term vocational courses. It shall likewise promote research, advanced studies and academic leadership in the stated areas of specialization.

SEC. 3. *Powers of the State College.* - The State College shall have the general powers set forth in Section Thirty-six (Sec. 36) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 68 (B.P. Blg. 68), as amended, and the exercise of its corporate powers shall be exercised exclusively by a board of trustees.

SEC. 4. *Board of Trustees.* - The governing body of the State College shall be vested in a board of trustees to be known as the Board of Trustees of the Aurora State College of Technology. It shall be composed of ten (10) members, consisting of:

- a. the Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports as ex officio Chairman of the Board;
- b. the President of the State College as Vice Chairman;
- c. the Chairman or a member of the Committee on Education in the Senate;
- d. the Chairman or a member of the Committee on Education in the House of Representatives;
- e. the President of the Alumni Association;
- f. the President of the Faculty Association;
- g. the Chairman of the Supreme Student Council;
- h. the President of the Employees Association as ex officio member, and
- i. two (2) prominent citizens from the local community who have distinguished themselves in their profession or field of specialization. Such prominent citizens shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees upon recommendation of the President of the State College. Of the first two (2) appointed, the Board of Trustees shall designate one to serve for three (3) years and the other for six (6) years.

The members of the Board of Trustees shall be citizens and residents of the Philippines. Except for the President of the State College, the President of the Faculty Association and the President of the Employees Association, no person in the employ of the State College or of other educational institutions in any capacity whatsoever shall be eligible for membership in the Board of Trustees.

The members shall serve without compensation, but they shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in their attendance of meetings of the Board or in connection with their official business authorized by resolution of the Board.

The Board of Trustees shall hold its regular meeting every two (2) months and may hold as many special meetings as may be necessary. One-half of the members holding office at the time the meeting is called shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of the Chairman, the President of the State College shall act as Presiding Officer during Board meetings.

Sec. 5. *Powers of the Board of Trustees.* - The Board of Trustees shall have the following powers:

- a. to receive and appropriate, to the ends specified by law, such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the State College;
- b. to provide for the establishment of an institute of General Education Studies, a School of Agriculture and Aquatic Sciences, a School of Forestry and Environmental Science, a School of Engineering and Technology, a School of Education, a School of Business, a School of Veterinary Medicine, an Indigenous Arts and Crafts Institute, and other schools and departments as the Board of Trustees may deem necessary;
- c. to confer degrees upon successful candidates for graduation from the State College;
- d. to authorize the President of the State College to award certificates for completion of non-degree programs;
- e. to prescribe for the governance of the State College such rules and regulations not contrary to law as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the State College;
- f. to receive in trust legacies, gifts, donations of real and personal property of all kinds, and to administer the same for the benefit of the State College or of a school, institute or department thereof, or for aid to any student or students in accordance with directions and instructions of the donor or, in default thereof, in such manner as the Board of Trustees may in its discretion determine;
- g. to appoint the president, vice-presidents, deans, directors, the secretary of the State College, the registrar, the heads of the departments, professors, instructors, lecturers and other officials and employees of the State College; to fix their annual compensation subject to pertinent compensation laws; to prescribe their hours of service, duties and other conditions as it may deem proper; to grant them, in its discretion, leaves of absence in accordance with rules that it may promulgate; and, to remove them for cause after proper notice and hearing pursuant to Civil Service laws governing disciplinary action;
- h. to approve the curricula and rules of discipline drawn up by the College Academic Council as hereinafter provided;
- i. 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