

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5513, June 21, 1969 ]**

**AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVEN, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE PHILIPPINE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TRADES.**

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

SECTION 1. Section one of Republic Act Numbered Two thousand two hundred and thirty-seven is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The present Philippine School of Arts and Trades located in the City of Manila, Philippines, is hereby converted into the Philippine College of Arts and Trades which shall offer courses in arts, industrial education and technology leading to baccalaureate and graduate degrees."

SEC. 2. Section two of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The purpose of the said College shall be to provide higher vocational, professional, and technical instruction and training in trade and industrial education and in arts and technology; and for special purposes, promote research, advance studies, and progressive leadership in the field of trade, technical, and industrial education and in arts and technology."

SEC. 3. Section four of the same Act is amended to as follows:

"SEC. 4. The government of the Philippine College of Arts and Trades is hereby vested in a Board of Trustees to be composed of the Secretary of Education, who shall be the *ex-officio* Chairman of the Board, the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the Senate, the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the House Of Representatives, the Director of Public Schools, the President of the College, the President of the Philippine College of Arts and Trades (PSAT) Alumni Association, the Director of Vocational Education and the President of the Chamber of Industries of the Philippines. In the absence or inability of the Secretary of Education, the Undersecretary of Education shall act as the *ex-officio* Chairman of the Board. In the absence or inability of both the Secretary and the Undersecretary of Education or when these positions are vacant, the other members of the Board may elect among themselves a temporary chairman who shall act as chairman.

"In the absence or inability of either or both the presidents of the Philippine Chamber of Industries and the Philippine College of Arts and Trades Alumni Association (PSAT), or when these positions are vacant,

the said organizations shall elect their respective representatives who will be accorded the same right and privilege as the other members of the Board: *Provided, however,* That in the case of the Philippine College of Arts and Trades Alumni Association (PSAT), its president or representative must not be in the employ of the College.

"The members of the Board of Trustees shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred either in attendance upon meetings of the Board or upon other official business authorized by resolution of the Board."

SEC. 4. Section five of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

The Board of Trustees shall have the following general powers set out in Section thirteen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, as amended. The government and administration of said College and the exercise of its corporate powers are here vested exclusively in the Board of Trustees. In addition to its general powers, the Board of Trustees as a corporate body shall have the following powers and duties:

"(a) To appropriate such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the college;

"(b) To confer the baccalaureate and graduate degrees to successful candidates for graduation; confer the usual honorary degrees upon a person in recognition of learning, statesmanship, or eminence in industry, science and technology: *Provided,* That such degrees shall not be conferred in consideration of the payment of money or valuable considerations;

"(c) To authorize the President of the College to award proficiency, certificates or diplomas to students who have finished non-degree courses;

"(d) To appoint, on recommendation of the President of the College, vice-presidents, deans, directors, secretary of the College, registrar, heads, of departments, professors, instructors, lecturers, and other employees of the College; to fix their compensation, hours of service, and such other duties and conditions as it may deem proper, any provision of existing laws to the contrary notwithstanding; to grant to them, in its discretion, leave of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any other provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding, and to remove them for cause after an investigation and hearing shall have been had; to establish chairs in the College and to provide for the maintenance or endowment of such chairs as the progress of instruction may make necessary;

(e) To approve the curricula and rules of discipline drawn by the College Council as hereinafter provided;

(f) To fix, in as moderate as possible, the tuition fees required of