

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5101, June 17, 1967]

AN ACT CONVERTING THE PALOMPON SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALOMPON, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, INTO AN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, GIVING IT CORPORATE EXISTENCE, PROVIDING FOR A BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DEFINING THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES, PROVIDING HIGHER VOCATIONAL, PROFESSIONAL, EDUCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING IN TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION, OFFERING OF TECHNOLOGICAL. ENGINEERING, EDUCATION AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL COURSES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. The Palompon School of Arts and Trades in the Municipality of Palompon, Province of Leyte, is hereby converted into an institute of technology, to be known as the Palompon Institute of Technology, which shall offer not only its present four-year secondary trade, four-year technical course and four-year course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education, but also the five-year course leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Industrial Education and engineering courses, particularly Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and as soon as facilities warrant, pharmaceutical, dental, commerce, medical, and agricultural courses will be offered. Evening classes in the above-mentioned courses must be offered.

SEC. 2. The purpose of said institute of technology shall be to provide higher vocational, professional, and technical instruction and training in trade and industrial education and other vocational courses, professional courses, such as medicine, commerce, pharmacy, education, agriculture and dentistry, and to offer engineering courses to uplift the technological potential and talents of the youth in this part of the archipelago; and for special purposes, to promote research, advance studies and progressive leadership in the fields of trade, technical, industrial and technological education.

SEC. 3. The head of this institution shall be known as the President of the Palompon Institute of Technology. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines, upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees subject to the confirmation of the Commission on Appointments, The powers and duties of the President of the Institute, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act, shall be those pertaining to the office of the president of a college.

SEC. 4. The government of Palompon Institute of Technology is hereby vested in a Board of Trustees, to be composed of the Secretary of Education, who shall be

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 Palompon Institute of Technology 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 Undersecretary of Education or when these positions are vacant, the other members of the Board may elect from among themselves a temporary chairman who shall act as Chairman.

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 other official business authorized by resolution of the Board.

SEC. 5. The Board of Trustees shall have the following powers and duties in addition to its general powers of administration:

- (a) To appropriate such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the Institute;
- (b) To confer the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Industrial Arts, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education, and Master of Arts in Industrial Education to successful candidates for graduation;
- (c) To confer certificates, diplomas or degrees upon successful candidates for graduation;
- (d) To authorize the President of the Institute to award a proficiency certificate to students who have finished the first two years of the four-year curriculum in Technical Education and/or a diploma to those who have completed the four-year curriculum in Technical Education;
- (e) To appoint on recommendation of the President of the Institute, dean of instruction, dean of college, heads of departments, registrar, associate professors, professors, guest lecturers, instructors, teachers and other employees of the Institute; to fix their compensation, their hours of service and such other duties and conditions as it may deem necessary and proper; to grant them, in its discretion, leave of absences under such regulations as it may promulgate, any provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding, and to remove them for cause after an investigation and hearing shall have been had;
- (f) To approve the curricula and rules of discipline drawn by the Institute Council as hereinafter provided;
- (g) To fix as moderately possible, the tuition fees required of students, as well as matriculation fees, graduation fees and fees for laboratory courses, and all special fees which shall constitute a special trust fund for the Institute and to remit such fees in the case of deserving-students ;
- (h) To provide fellowships for faculty members and scholarship to