

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4309, June 19, 1965 ]**

**AN ACT CONVERTING THE NAVAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAVAL, 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 present Naval High School in the Municipality of Naval, Province of Leyte, is hereby converted into an institute of technology to be known as Naval Institute of Technology, which shall offer not only its present four-year secondary trade, four-year technical courses and four-year courses leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Industrial Arts and Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education but also the five-year course leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Industrial Education, the engineering courses leading to the degrees of 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, and potential talents of the youth in this part of the archipelago; and for special purposes to promote research, advance studies and progressive leadership in the field of trade, technical industrial and technological education.

SEC. 3. The head of this institution shall be known as the President of the Naval 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 the Naval 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 Naval Institute of Technology and the President of the Chamber of Industries of the Philippines, as members. 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 those positions are vacant, the other members of Board may elect from among themselves a temporary chairman who shall act as chairman.

The member of the Board of Trustees and Secretary of the Board 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. 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, professors, associate professors, guest lecturers, instructors, teachers and other employees of the college; 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 absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any provision 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 by the College 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 course, and all special fees which shall constitute a special trust for the Institute and to remit such fees in the case of deserving students;
- h. To provide fellowships for faculty members and scholarships to students showing special evidence of merit;
- i. To prescribe rules for its own government, and to enact for the government of the Institute such rules and regulations, not contrary to law, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and functions, of the Institute as defined in Section two of this Act; and
- j. To receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal property of all kinds and to administer the same for the benefit of the Institute, or of a