

[ **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4498, June 19, 1965** ]

**AN ACT TO CONVERT MINDANAO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE INTO  
CENTRAL MINDANAO UNIVERSITY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE  
APPROPRIATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. *Conversion.*—The present Mindanao Agricultural College in the Municipality of Maramag, Province of Bukidnon, is hereby converted into a university which shall be known as Central Mindanao University, hereinafter organized as a corporation under that name.

SEC. 2. *Purposes.*—The university shall provide programs of instruction at all levels in the arts, sciences, technical, professional, educational, and philosophical fields, and shall concern itself with "pure" and "applied" research in all branches of knowledge for the intellectual and professional growth of faculty members, for the advance instruction of students, particularly graduate students, and for increasing knowledge and understanding.

SEC. 3. *Powers of the University.*—Central Mindanao University shall have the general powers set forth in Section thirteen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, as amended, and the administration of the university and the exercise of its corporate powers are hereby vested exclusively in the Board of Regents, and the President of the University insofar as he is authorized by the board.

SEC. 4. *Governing Board.*—The government of the university is vested in a board to be known as the Board of Regents of Central Mindanao University. The Board of Regents shall 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 President of the University; the President of the Alumni Association; and four other members to be appointed by the President of the Philippines with the consent of the Commission on Appointments.

The President of the University's Alumni Association cannot serve for more than three consecutive years as a member of the Board of Regents. The four additional members shall be selected from the residents of the Island of Mindanao and two of them shall be from the Province of Bukidnon. Of the four additional members first appointed as members of the Board of Regents, the President of the Philippines shall designate two to serve for two years and two to serve for four years. Thereafter, their successors shall hold office for a term of four years. Vacancy in the board shall be filled by appointment by the President of the Philippines with the consent of the Commission on Appointments and such appointees shall hold office for the unexpired terms only. No person in the employ of the university or in any other

educational institution in any capacity whatsoever, whether as dean, professor, instructor, lecturer or otherwise, shall be eligible as a member of the board.

A vice-chairman shall be elected from among the members of the board who shall act as chairman in the absence of the Secretary of Education. The Board of Regents shall hold a regular meeting at least once a month and may hold as many special meetings as maybe necessary. The members shall serve without compensation, but they shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred either in attendance at meetings of the board or other official business authorized by resolution of the board.

SEC. 5. *Powers of the Board of Regents.*—The Board of Regents shall have the following powers and duties in addition to its general powers of administration, and the exercise of the powers of corporation:

- a. To receive and appropriate to the ends specified by law such sum as may be provided by law for the support of the university;
- b. To provide the establishment of colleges or departments or schools in the following fields: arts and sciences degrees; first professional degrees in agriculture, engineering, education, home economics, pharmacy, architecture, business administration, fine arts, music, library science, dental medicine, medicine, veterinary medicine, nursing, sociology, psychology, and others that the Board of Regents may deem necessary; and advance or graduate degrees in the foregoing fields;
- c. To confer honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of learning, statesmanship, or eminence in literature, science or art: *Provided*, That such degree shall not be conferred in consideration of the payment of money or other valuable consideration;
- d. To establish chairs in the colleges, schools, or departments mentioned in paragraph (b) of this section and to provide for the maintenance or endowment of such chairs, as well as to provide for such other professors, instructors, tutors and lecturers as the programs of instruction may make necessary, and to fix the compensation pertaining to such positions;
- e. To appoint, on the recommendation of the President of the university, professors, instructors, lecturers, and other employees of the university; to fix their compensation, hours of service, and such other duties and conditions as it may deem proper; to grant to 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 courses of study and rules of discipline drawn up by the University Council as hereinafter provided; to fix the tuition fees required of students, as well as matriculation fees, graduation fees and fees for laboratory courses, and all special fees; and to remit the same in special cases;
- g. To provide fellowships and scholarships and to award the same to the faculty members and students showing special evidence of merit;
- h. To prescribe rules for its own government, and to enact for the government of the university such general ordinances and regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the purposes of the university as defined in Section two of this Act;
- i. 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 university or of a