

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3648, June 22, 1963]

AN ACT TO CONVERT THE PALAWAN NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ABORLAN, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE PALAWAN NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

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

SECTION 1. The present Palawan National Agricultural School in the Municipality of Aborlan, Province of Palawan, is hereby converted into a national agricultural college, to be known as the Palawan National Agricultural College, which will offer not only four-year secondary home economics one year farm mechanics and other special courses, but also a two-year course leading to the title of Associate in Agriculture and/or Agricultural Education and courses leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Bachelor of Science in Home Economics, Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education, Master of Science (with majors in the different agricultural sciences) and Master of Agricultural Education.

SEC. 2. The aim of the said college shall be to provide practical professional, technical and special instructions for special purposes, promote research, extension service, and progressive leadership in the field of agriculture, education and related subjects.

SEC. 3. The head of this institution shall be known as the President of the Palawan National Agricultural College. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees as herein provided. The powers and duties of the President of the College in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the president of a college.

SEC 4. The government of said college is hereby vested in a Board of Trustees of the Palawan National Agricultural College. The Board of Trustees 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 Director of Public Schools, the President of the College and the President of the Palawan College Alumni Association, as members.

Members of the Board shall serve without compensation, other than 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 administration:

(a) To receive and appropriate to the ends specified by law such sums of money as may be provided by law for the support of the college;

(b) To confer the titles of Associate in Agriculture and Associate in Agricultural Education, and the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Bachelor of Science in Home Economics Master of Agricultural Education. (c) To appoint, on the recommendation of the President of the College, instructors, professors, 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; to grant to them, in its discretion, leave of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any other provisions of law notwithstanding and to remove them for cause after an investigation and hearing shall have been had;

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

(e) 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;

(f) To provide fellowships for faculty members and scholarships to students showing special evidence of merit; (g) To provide rules for its own government, and to enact for the government of the college such general ordinances and regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the purposes of the college, as defined in Section two of this Act;

(h) 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 college or for aid to any student, in accordance with the directions and instructions of the donor, and in default thereof, in such manner as the Board of Trustees may, in its discretion, determine.

SEC. 6. A *quorum* of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a majority of all members. All processes against the Board of Trustees shall be served on the President or secretary thereof.

SEC. 7. On or before the fifteenth day of June of each year, the Board of Trustees shall file with the President of the Philippines a detailed report, setting forth the progress, condition, and needs of the college.

SEC. 8. There shall be a College Council consisting of President of the College, as presiding officer and all the instructors and professors of the college, as members. The council shall have the power to prescribe the curricula and rules of discipline, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees. It shall fix the requirements for admission to the college, as well as for graduation and receiving of a title or a degree. The Council alone shall have the power to recommend students or others to be recipients of titles or degrees. Through its President or committee, it shall have disciplinary power over the students within the limits prescribed by the rules of discipline approved by the Board of Trustees.