

[Acts No. 1870, June 18, 1908]

AN ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FOUNDING A UNIVERSITY FOR THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, GIVING IT CORPORATE EXISTENCE, PROVIDING FOR A BOARD OF REGENTS, DEFINING THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES, PROVIDING HIGHER AND PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Legislature, that:

SECTION 1. The Governor-General is hereby authorized, within the powers and limitations hereinafter specified, to establish in the city of Manila, or at the point he may deem most convenient, a university which shall be known by the designation of "University of the Philippines," the same being organized as a corporation under that name.

SEC. 2. The purpose of said university shall be to provide advanced instruction in literature, philosophy, the sciences, and arts, and to give professional and technical training.

SEC. 3. No student shall be denied admission to the university by reason of age, sex, nationality, religious belief, or political affiliation.

SEC. 4. The government of said university is hereby vested in a board of regents to be known as the "Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines." The Board of Regents shall be comprised of the Secretary of Public Instruction, the Director of Education, the chairman of the Committee of Public Instruction of the Philippine Assembly, the president of the university, and five additional members to be appointed by the Governor-General, by and with the advice and consent of the Philippine Commission. The president of the university shall be selected and his compensation shall be fixed by the Board of Regents. of which of board he shall be ex officio chairman. The members of the Board of Regents appointed by the Governor-General shall hold office for a term of five years: *Provided, however,* That the regents first appointed by the Governor-General shall hold office as follows: One for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, the term of office of each to be specified in his appointment by the Governor-General. In case of a vacancy among the members of the Board of Regents appointed by the Governor-General, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Governor-General, by and with the advice and consent of the Philippine Commission, and such appointees shall hold office for the unexpired term. All members of the Board of Regents shall be citizens of the Philippine Islands or of the United States, compensation, shall serve without: compensation other than actual and necessary traveling expenses incurred either in attendance upon meetings of the Board or upon other official business authorized by resolution of the Board.

SEC. 5. The University of the Philippines shall have the general powers set out in section thirteen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, and the administration of said university and the exercise of its corporate powers are hereby vested in the Board of Regents.

SEC. 6. 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 the corporation :

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

(b) To provide for the establishment of a College of Philosophy, Science, and Letters; a College of Law and of Social and Political Science; a College of Medicine and Surgery; a College of Pharmacy; a College of Dentistry; a College of Veterinary Science; a College of Engineering; a College of Mines; a College of Agriculture; and a School of Fine Arts: *Provided*, That the Board of Regents may establish these colleges or any of them as soon as in its judgment conditions shall favor their opening and funds shall be available for their maintenance: *And provided further*, That the Board of Regents, by and with the approval of the Governor-General, shall have power to combine two or more of the colleges authorized by this Act, in the interests of economy and efficiency: *And provided further*, That the Philippine Medical School, as college of medicine established by Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifteen, as amended, shall become the College of Medicine and Surgery of the Philippine University as soon as two or more colleges of the University of the Philippines shall have been established and in actual operation ;

(c) To confer the usual honorary degrees upon persons other than graduates of the university in recognition of learning, statesmanship, or eminence in literature, science, or art: *Provided*, That such degrees shall not be conferred in consideration of the payment of money or other valuable consideration;

(d) To establish chairs in the colleges hereinbefore mentioned, chairs and as well as to provide for the maintenance or endowment of such chairs, as well as to provide for such other professors, assistant professors, instructors, tutors, and lecturers.as the progress of instruction may make necessary, and to fix the compensation pertaining to such positions:

(e) To appoint, on recommendation of the president of the university, professors, instructors, lecturers, and other employees employees of the university, to fix their compensation 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 Courses, rules, and 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 students giving special evidence of merit; scholarships.

(h) To prescribe rules for its own government, and to enact for rules