

[BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 377, April 08, 1983]

AN ACT CONVERTING THE MARINDUQUE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES INTO THE MARINDUQUE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, BROADENING FOR THE PURPOSE ITS CURRICULAR PROGRAMS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

Be it enacted by the Batasang Pambansa in session assembled:

SECTION 1. The present Marinduque School of Arts and Trades, located in the Barangay of Tanza, Municipality of Boac. Province of Marinduque, is hereby converted into the Marinduque Institute of Science and Technology, hereinafter referred to in this Act as the Institute.

SEC. 2. The Institute shall primarily provide higher vocational, professional, and technical instruction and training in science, agriculture and industrial fields. It shall also promote research, advanced studies and progressive leadership in the fields of agricultural, mining, fishery and industrial education.

SEC. 3. In addition to the four-year secondary trade, the two-year trade technical curriculum, the four-year Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education, the Institute may offer degree courses in agricultural and fishery education, mining and allied technological courses leading to degrees in engineering.

SEC. 4. No student shall be denied admission to the Institute by reason of sex, ethnic consideration, religious belief, or political affiliation.

SEC. 5. The head of the Institute shall be known' as the President of the Marinduque Institute of Science and Technology. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines.

The powers and duties of the President of the Institute, 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. 6. The governing body of the Institute shall be the Board of Trustees of the Marinduque Institute of Science and Technology. It shall be composed of the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports, who shall be the chairman, and the Regional Director of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, the Regional Development Council Director, the President of the Institute, the incumbent governor of the Province of Marinduque, the incumbent mayor of Boac, the president of the alumni association of the Institute, and four prominent residents of Marinduque who are holders of degrees relevant to the courses offered in the Institute, as members, who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines.

Of the first group appointed, the President of the Philippines shall designate one to serve for one year; one to serve for two years; one to serve for three years; and one to serve for four years. Thereafter, persons appointed to succeed such members shall hold office for a term of four years and until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. In case of permanent vacancy, the position shall be filled by

appointment by the President of the Philippines. Such appointee shall hold office for the unexpired term only.

When the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports is unable to perform his duties as chairman of the Board due to illness, absence or other cause, or in case of vacancy in the office, the Deputy Minister of Education, Culture and Sports shall temporarily perform the functions of the chairman of the said Board.

When both the Minister and the Deputy Minister of Education, Culture and Sports are unable to exercise the powers of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the members of the Board shall elect from among themselves a temporary chairman who shall act as chairman thereof.

SEC. 7. The members of the Board of Trustees shall serve without compensation but they shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred either in attendance upon meetings of the Board or upon other official business authorized by a resolution thereof, subject to existing budget laws on honoraria and allowances.

SEC. 8. In addition to its general powers of administration, the Board of Trustees shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. To receive and appropriate for the purpose specified by law such sums as may be provided for the support of the Institute;
- b. To confer degrees upon successful candidates for graduation of the Institute. It may also confer honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of learning, statesmanship, or eminence in agriculture, forestry, industry or public service related to such fields;
- c. Subject to Civil Service law, rules and regulations, to appoint, upon recommendation of the President of the Institute, the deans of the different schools of the Institute, the registrar, the heads of departments, professors, instructors, lecturers and other employees of the Institute; to fix, in accordance with the Office of Compensation and Position Classification rates, their compensation; to prescribe hours of service, duties and the conditions of work as it may deem proper; to grant to them in its discretion, leaves 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 pursuant to Civil Service law governing disciplinary action;
- d. To approve the curricula and rules of discipline drawn up by the Institute Council as hereinafter provided;
- e. To provide fellowships and scholarships for deserving faculty and personnel in any of the institutions here and abroad; and further provide scholarship to honor students and also to poor but deserving students;
- f. To prescribe rules and regulations for its own government and for this purpose to enact such regulations not contrary to law, as may be necessary;
- g. 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 department thereof, or for aid to any student in accordance with the directions and instructions of the donor, and in