

[BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 395, May 18, 1983]

AN ACT CONVERTING THE ILOILO SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES IN ILOILO CITY, INTO THE WESTERN VISAYAS COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND EXPANDING ITS CURRICULAR PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the Batasang Pambansa in session assembled:

SECTION 1. The present Iloilo School of Arts and Trades, located in the City of Iloilo, is hereby converted into the Western Visayas College of Science and Technology, hereinafter referred to in this Act as the College.

SEC. 2. The College shall primarily provide a secondary and higher vocational, professional, scientific and technical education. It shall also promote research, advanced studies, and progressive leadership in the fields of trade, industrial, scientific and technological education.

SEC. 3. In addition to its present special trade curriculum, secondary trade curriculum, technical trade courses and undergraduate courses leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Practical Arts, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology and Master of Arts in Teaching Vocational Education, the College shall offer undergraduate courses leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Community Development, Bachelor of Science in Home Technology, post-graduate courses leading to the degrees of Master of Science, Master of Science in Industrial Arts, Master of Science in Industrial Education Master of Science in Industrial Technology, Master of Science in Home Technology, and Master of Arts in Non-Formal Education, and such other degrees and postgraduate courses and special courses as the Board of Trustees may deem necessary. Other government tertiary institutions located in the City of Iloilo shall desist from offering new programs that are herein offered or to be offered by the College.

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

SEC. 5. The head of the College shall be known as the President of the Western Visayas College of Science and Technology. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines.

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. 6. The Board of Trustees shall be the governing body of the College to be composed of the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports, chairman; Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, Regional Director, Region VI, vice-chairman; representative of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), member; President of the College, member; president of the alumni association of the College, member; and two members to be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports.

The first group of appointive trustees shall serve for two (2) years and four (4) years, respectively. Thereafter, the appointees shall hold office for a term of four (4) years. In case of permanent vacancy, the appointee shall hold office for the unexpired term only.

In the absence of the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports, the Minister shall authorize a representative, preferably the Deputy Minister or at least a director, to sit in the meetings of the Board: *Provided, however,* That during these meetings the Regional Director of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, Region VI, shall preside as vice-chairman of the Board.

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 be entitled to a per diem for every meeting attended subject to pertinent budget laws, rules, and regulations on compensation, honoraria, and allowances: *Provided,* That 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 the resolution of the Board subject to the aforementioned laws, rules and regulations on compensation.

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 College;

(b) To confer degrees upon successful candidates for graduation of the College. It may also confer honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of learning, statesmanship, or eminence in science, industry, trade, technology or public service related to such fields;

(c) To appoint, upon recommendation of the President of the College, the vice-president, the deans of the different schools of the College, the secretary, the registrar, the heads of departments, supervisors, professors instructors, lecturers and administrative personnel, based on demonstrated ability, scholarship, research studies made, and educational qualifications. To prescribe hours of service, duties and the conditions of work as it may deem proper; to grant to them in its discretion, leave of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any provisions 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;