

[BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 622, June 24, 1983]

AN ACT CONVERTING THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL INTO THE RIZAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY, PROVIDING A CHARTER FOR THIS PURPOSE EXPANDING ITS CURRICULAR OFFERINGS, AND REDIRECTING ITS OBJECTIVES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Batasang Pambansa in session assembled:

SECTION 1. The present Rizal National Agricultural School in the Municipality of Tanay, Province of Rizal, is hereby converted into a state college to be known as Rizal College of Agriculture and Technology (RCAT) herein referred to in this Act as the state college.

SEC. 2. The state college shall primarily provide and serve as the center for development on agricultural, technological, professional and occupational training, and exercise three-fold functions of instructions, research and extension required of an educational institution with emphasis on the utilization and development of appropriate technologies on community-based enterprises. It shall provide dynamic leadership, particularly, along the different areas of concern of the Kilusang Kabuhayan at Kaunlaran livelihood program (KKK).

The school shall respond to the development needs and conditions of the community and the Province of Rizal and radiate expansion of its programs towards regional and national development.

SEC. 3. The governing body of the state college shall be the Board of Trustees of the Rizal College of Agriculture and Technology (RCAT) which shall be composed of the following:

Minister of Education, Culture and Sports, Chairman;

Minister of Human Settlements, Co-chairman;

President, Rizal College of Agriculture and Technology, Vice-Chairman;

Representative of the Rizal Provincial Government, and the ranking officers of the KKK regional office in Region IV; Member; and

Two prominent citizens who have distinguished themselves in the professions or fields of specialization of the Rizal College of Agriculture and Technology, one representing the alumni of the state college, the

other chosen from prominent citizens in the municipality of Tanay or the Province of Rizal, to be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon the joint recommendation of the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports, and the Minister of Human Settlements, as Members.

The first group of appointive trustees shall serve for two (2) years and for (4) years, respectively. Thereafter, the appointee shall hold office for a term of four years. In case of vacancy, the person appointed to fill the vacancy 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 of Education, Culture and Sports and at least a director, to sit in the meetings of the Board: *Provided, however,* That during the meetings the president shall preside as Vice-Chairman of the Board.

SEC. 4. The governing board shall exercise policy-making functions in accordance with the general policies, plans, and programs on national and regional development as may be issued by the chairman of the governing board; shall see to it that the general educational policies, plans and programs as formulated and promulgated are adopted and observed by the state college.

SEC. 5. The Board of Trustees shall have the following specific powers and duties in addition to the general powers as provided in the Corporation Code of the Philippines;

(a) To promulgate for the government of the state college such rules and regulations not contrary to law as may be necessary to carry out the purpose and functions of state institution;

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

(c) To receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal property of all kinds, to administer the same for the benefit of the state 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 governing board may in its discretion determine. Such donations shall be exempt from all taxes and shall be considered as deductible items from the taxable income of the donors;

(d) To approve the curricula and rules of discipline drawn by the Administrative and Academic Councils as hereinafter provided;

(e) To confer degrees upon successful candidates for graduation, to award honorary degrees upon persons recognition of learning, public

service, statesmanship or eminence in any field of specialization or expertise of the state college, and authorize the President of the state college to award certificates for completion of non-degree programs;

(f) To confirm appointments of vice-presidents, secretary, deans, directors, registrars, heads of departments, professors, instructors and other officials and employees of the college made by the President; to fix compensation subject to Presidential Decree No. 985 and Pertinent budget and compensation laws, hours of service, and such other duties and conditions as the governing board may promulgate, in accordance with the provisions of existing laws; to remove them for cause after investigation and hearing;

(g) To establish chairs in the state college and to provide fellowships for qualified faculty members and scholarships to deserving students;

(h) To authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machineries, equipment and other facilities, and the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment for the purpose shall come from authorized appropriations of the college.

SEC. 6. A quorum of the governing board shall consist of a majority of all members holding office at the time of the meeting: *Provided, however,* That among those present are the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports, or his duly authorized representative who is the Chairman of the Board, the Minister of Human Settlement, or his duly authorized representative and the President of the College, who acts as the presiding officer in the absence of the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports. All processes against the college shall be served on the President of the state college or his duly authorized representative.

SEC. 7. The members of the governing board shall not receive compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in their attendance of meetings or other official functions authorized by the Board, subject to existing budget laws on honoraria and allowances.

SEC. 8. The head of the college shall be known as the President of the Rizal College of Agriculture and Technology, who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports after consultation has been made with the Board of Trustees. He shall serve for a term of six (6) years. In case of vacancy, by reason of death, absence, or resignation, the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports shall have the authority to designate an officer-in-charge of the college pending the appointment of the President.

The powers and duties of the President of the College, in addition to those enumerated in the succeeding section, shall be those normally pertaining to the office of the president of a college.