

**[ BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 402, June 10, 1983 ]**

**AN ACT CONVERTING THE CLAVERIA NATIONAL RURAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLAVERIA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE MISAMIS ORIENTAL STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

*Be it enacted by the Batasang Pambansa in session assembled:*

SECTION 1. *Conversion of the Claveria National Rural High School into a State College.*—The present Claveria National Rural High School, located in the Municipality of Claveria, Province of Misamis Oriental, is hereby converted into a state college to be known as the Misamis Oriental State College of Agriculture and Technology, hereinafter cited as the State College.

SEC. 2. *Purposes and Objectives.*—The State College shall primarily provide higher technological, professional, and vocational instruction and training in the fields of agriculture, industry as well as in the arts and sciences, consistent with the goals for national development. It shall also promote research, advanced studies and progressive leadership in the various disciplines and areas of specialization.

SEC. 3. *Curriculum.*—In addition to its present secondary curriculum, the State College shall offer undergraduate and graduate courses in the fields of arts, sciences, education, agriculture, forestry, engineering, industry, and such other courses as may be necessary to meet national and regional needs for trained manpower.

SEC. 4. *Prohibition.*—No student shall be denied admission to the State College by reason of sex, ethnic consideration, religious belief or affiliation.

SEC. 5. *The Vocational College Superintendent of the State College.*—The State College shall be headed by a Vocational College Superintendent who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees created under the next succeeding section hereof.

The powers and duties of the Vocational College Superintendent of the State College, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of a president of a state college. His salary shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees in an amount comparable to that being received by presidents of similar state colleges or educational institutions of like enrollment and standing.

SEC. 6. *The Board of Trustees.*—The State College shall be governed by a Board of Trustees to be composed of the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports as chairman and with the Regional Director of the National Economic and Development Authority, the Vocational College Superintendent of the State College, and four (4) prominent citizens of Region X to be appointed by the President of the Philippines as members.

Of the four appointed members, one shall be an authority in science, one in agriculture, one in arts and trades, and one in technology. 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, who should be experts, in the same fields, 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.

In the event that 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 a vacancy in the office, the Deputy Minister of Education, Culture and Sports shall temporarily perform the functions of the chairman of the said board. The chairman may assign qualified officials to represent him with full authority in the board.

SEC. 7. *Quorum*.—A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a majority of all the members holding office at the time a meeting is called. All processes against the Board of Trustees shall be served on the Vocational College Superintendent or Secretary thereof.

SEC. 8. *Allowances*.—The members of the Board of Trustees shall be entitled to an allowance of one hundred pesos per meeting actually attended but not more than three hundred pesos a month: *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 resolution of the board subject to existing budget laws on honoraria and allowances.

SEC. 9. *Powers and Duties of the Board of Trustees*.— The Board of Trustees shall have the following powers and duties, in addition to its general powers of administration and its powers exercised by boards of trustees in corporations as provided in Section 36 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 68, otherwise known as the Corporation Code of the Philippines:

(a) To receive and appropriate for the purposes specified by law such sums as may be provided for the support of the State College;

(b) To confer degrees upon successful candidates for graduation of the State College. It may also confer honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of learning, statesmanship, or eminence in any of the fields of specialization of the State College, or in recognition of public service: *Provided*, That such degrees shall not be conferred in consideration of or to reciprocate some personal favor;

(c) To authorize the Vocational College Superintendent of the State College to award proficiency certificates or diplomas to students who have completed non-degree courses;