

[BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 241, November 11, 1982]

AN ACT CONVERTING THE NORTHERN MINDANAO NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE INTO THE NORTHERN MINDANAO STATE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EXPANDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ITS CURRICULAR PROGRAMS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

Be it enacted by the Batasang Pambansa in session assembled:

SECTION 1. The present Northern Mindanao National Agricultural College , located in the City of Butuan , Province of Agusan del Norte, is hereby converted into the Northern Mindanao State 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 agricultural and industrial fields. It shall also promote research, advanced studies, and progressive leadership in the fields of agriculture including agricultural education and home technology, fishery, forestry and industrial education.

SEC. 3. In addition to its present secondary agricultural course and undergraduate course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education, the Institute shall offer undergraduate courses leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Home Technology, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Arts, and Bachelor of Science in Forestry; post graduate courses leading to the degrees of Master of Science in Agriculture and Master of Science in Agricultural Education; courses in fresh-water fish culture and such other degree courses and special courses as the Board of Trustees may deem necessary.

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

SEC. 5. The head of the Institute shall be known as the President of the Northern Mindanao State 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 Northern Mindanao State Institute of Science and Technology. It shall be composed of the Minister of Education and Culture, who shall be the chairman and the Regional Director of the Ministry of Education and Culture, Regional Development Council Director, the President of the Institute, incumbent Governor of the Province of Agusan del Norte, incumbent City Mayor of Butuan, President of the Alumni Association of the Institute, and four prominent residents of Agusan del Norte who are holders of degrees relevant to the courses offered in the Institute, as members.

Such residents 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 and Culture 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 and Culture shall temporarily perform the functions of the Chairman of the said Board.

When both the Minister and the Deputy Minister of Education and Culture 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 meeting of the Board or upon other official business authorized by resolution thereof, subject to pertinent budget laws, rules and regulations 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 the usual 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 Institute, the deans of the different schools of the Institute, the registrar, the heads of departments, professors, instructors, lecture 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 fix the tuition fees required of students as well as matriculation fees, graduation fees and fees for laboratory courses, and all special fees and remit the same to the office or authority concerned;
- f. To provide fellowships and scholarships for deserving faculty members and students;
- g. To prescribe rules for its own government and for this purpose, to enact such regulations not contrary to law, as may be necessary;