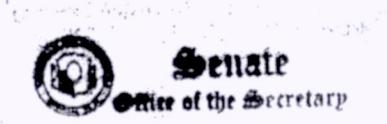


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Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 1, Article XIV of the Constitution ensures the protection and promotion of the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

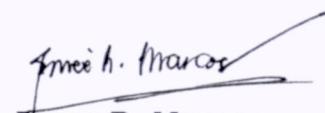
This bill seeks firstly to avoid the confusion with a similarly-named SUC in nearby La Union, called Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU) with its numerous campuses and large population. Hence, this Ilocos Norte SUC should instead be named after former Pres. Ferdinand E. Marcos, rather than his father, the Assemblyman, Mariano Marcos.

The high academic standard of the Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU), its graduates consistently topping various licensure examinations, also evinced by its pioneering courses such as the first Masters in Renewable Energy Engineering in South East Asia, underlie its excellence. However, its forty-one (41) year old charter is no longer responsive to the present economic and educational landscape of Ilocandia and Ilocano students.

Thus, this bill seeks to revisit PD 1279 with the following salient points:

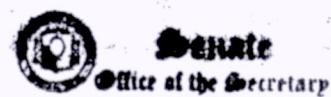
- a. Broaden the University's mandate to reflect its fourfold functions, namely: advanced education and training; research and innovation; extension & development; resource generation;
- b. Include a specific mandate for the promotion of *Ilokano* and *Amianan* (Northern Luzon) culture;
- c. Emphasize MMSU as a research and innovation university;
- d. Update the composition and powers of the Board, the powers and duties of the President, as well as the Academic and Administrative Councils;
- e. Upgrade the qualifications of its staff;
- f. Include sections recognizing academic freedom, institutional autonomy, and academic excellence; and
- g. Recognize student councils/organizations and the institutionalize of student publications.

For the abovementioned reasons, the passing of this bill is respectfully sought.



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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 Section 1 of PD 1279 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2

3 "[Section 1. The present Mariano Marcos Memorial College of Science and
4 Technology located in Batac, Ilocos Norte and the Northern Luzon State
5 College located in Laoag, Ilocos Norte are hereby merged into a state
6 university which shall be known as the Mariano Marcos State University,
7 hereinafter referred to as the University. The college level courses offered in
8 the Ilocos Norte Agricultural College in Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte and Ilocos Norte
9 College of Arts and Trades in Laoag, Ilocos Norte are hereby transferred to
10 the University.]

11

12 **THE MARIANO MARCOS STATE UNIVERSITY IS HEREBY RENAMED
13 AS THE FERDINAND E. MARCOS STATE UNIVERSITY."**

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15 Sec. 2. Section 2 of PD 1279 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1 "[Section 2. The University shall provide advanced instruction in the arts,
2 agricultural and natural sciences as well as in technological and professional
3 fields.]

4 **SEC. 2. THE UNIVERSITY SHALL PROVIDE ADVANCED EDUCATION**
5 **AND TRAINING, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION, AND EXTENSION**
6 **WORK TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF CRITICAL COMPETENCIES**
7 **REQUIRED FOR SUSTAINABLE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND**
8 **GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS. IT SHALL TAKE A LEADING ROLE IN**
9 **THE ENRICHMENT AND PROMOTION OF ILOKANO AND AMIANAN**
10 **(NORTHERN LUZON) CULTURE AND SCHOLARSHIP.**

11 **THE UNIVERSITY SHALL:**

12 **1. MAINTAIN EXCELLENT ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND INITIATE**
13 **INNOVATIONS IN TEACHING, RESEARCH AND FACULTY**
14 **DEVELOPMENT IN A VARIETY OF SPECIALIZATIONS AND MAINTAIN**
15 **CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE AND DEVELOPMENT IN SUCH**
16 **DISCIPLINES AND PROFESSIONS;**

17 **2. SERVE AS A RESEARCH UNIVERSITY IN VARIOUS FIELDS OF**
18 **EXPERTISE AND SPECIALIZATION BY CONDUCTING BASIC AND**
19 **APPLIED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTING RESEARCH,**
20 **AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE DISSEMINATION AND APPLICATION**
21 **OF KNOWLEDGE;**

22 **3. RENDER VARIOUS FORMS OF EXTENSION AND COMMUNITY**
23 **SERVICE AS WELL AS SCHOLARLY AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO**
24 **THE GOVERNMENT, THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND THE CIVIL SOCIETY**
25 **WHILE MAINTAINING ITS STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE;**

26 **4. PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPING INDIVIDUALS**
27 **IMBUED WITH LEADERSHIP, RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP, AND**

1 **CRITICAL AND INNOVATIVE THINKING THROUGH ACADEMIC AND**
2 **NON-ACADEMIC PROGRAMS;**

3 **5. ENGAGE IN PRODUCTIVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH NATIONAL AND**
4 **INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC BODIES, NETWORKS OF**
5 **UNIVERSITIES, SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**
6 **IN THE PHILIPPINES AND IN THE WORLD;**

7 **6. PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF ITS STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF,**
8 **AND ITS ALUMNI; AND**

9 **7. ENGAGE IN PERMISSIBLE RESOURCE GENERATION ACTIVITIES.**

10 THE UNIVERSITY SHALL OFFER UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, AND
11 POSTGRADUATE COURSES IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES, SOCIAL
12 AND NATURAL SCIENCES, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY
13 AND FISHERIES, HEALTH AND MEDICINE, ENGINEERING AND
14 TECHNOLOGY, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, LAW, AND OTHER
15 TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL FIELDS, AS WELL AS NON-DEGREE
16 COURSES, WITHIN ITS AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND
17 ACCORDING TO ITS CAPABILITIES, AND AS THE BOARD OF
18 REGENTS MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT ITS OBJECTIVES
19 AND IN ORDER TO MEET NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS."

20 Sec. 3. Section 3 of PD 1279 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21
22 "[Section 3. The governing board of the University shall be the Board of
23 Regents to be composed of the Secretary of Education and Culture as
24 Chairman, the President of the University as Vice-Chairman, and a
25 representative of the National Economic Development Authority and six (6)
26 prominent citizens who have distinguished themselves in their respective
27 professions or fields of specialization to be appointed by the President of the
28 Philippines upon recommendation of the Secretary of Education and Culture,

1 as Members. In the absence of the Secretary of Education and Culture, he
2 may designate his representative to sit in the meetings of the board.
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4 Of the first group of six (6) appointive regents, two shall serve for two years:
5 two for three years; and two for four years. Thereafter, the appointee shall
6 hold office for a term of four years. In case of permanent vacancy, the
7 appointee shall hold office for the unexpired term only.]
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9 **SEC. 3. COMPOSITION. —**

10
11 **A) THE GOVERNING BODY OF STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES
12 SHALL BE THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR UNIVERSITIES AND THE
13 BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR COLLEGES WHICH SHALL BE COMPOSED
14 OF THE FOLLOWING:**

15
16 **(I) CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
17 (CHED) AS THE CHAIRMAN;**

18
19 **(II) PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE AS THE VICE
20 CHAIRMAN;**

21
22 **(III) CHAIRMEN OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ON
23 EDUCATION AND CULTURE;**

24
25 **(IV) REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC
26 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA) WHERE THE MAIN CAMPUS OF
27 THE UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE IS LOCATED;**

28
29 **(V) REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND
30 TECHNOLOGY (DOST);**

31
32 **(VI) PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY ASSOCIATION;**

1 (VII) PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME STUDENT COUNCIL OR THE
2 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ELECTED BY THE STUDENT
3 COUNCIL: *PROVIDED*, THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF A STUDENT
4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT OR STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ELECTED BY
5 THE STUDENT COUNCIL, THE UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE SHALL
6 SCHEDULE ONE (1) WEEK FOR THE CAMPAIGN AND ELECTION OF A
7 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE;

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9 (VIII) PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE
10 INSTITUTION CONCERNED;

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12 (IX) PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NON-TEACHING
13 PERSONNEL;

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15 (X) TWO (2) PROMINENT CITIZENS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED
16 THEMSELVES IN THEIR PROFESSIONS OR FIELDS OF
17 SPECIALIZATION CHOSEN FROM AMONG LISTS OF AT LEAST FIVE
18 (5) PERSONS QUALIFIED IN THE CITY OR THE PROVINCE WHERE
19 THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SEARCH
20 COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE PRESIDENT CONSULTATION
21 WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHED BASED ON THE NORMAL
22 STANDARDS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION. THE
23 FACULTY AND THE STUDENT COUNCIL SHALL BE REPRESENTED BY
24 THEIR RESPECTIVE FEDERATIONS IN MULTI- CAMPUS
25 UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES. THE PRIVATE SECTOR
26 REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF
27 REGENTS/TRUSTEES UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF A DULY
28 CONSTITUTED SEARCH COMMITTEE.

29
30 B) *TERM OF OFFICE* – THE PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY AND
31 ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS AND THE STUDENT REGENTS OR TRUSTEES

1 **SHALL SIT IN THE BOARD UNTIL EXPIRATION OF THEIR TERM OF**
2 **OFFICE IN SUCH CAPACITIES.**

4 **THE PROMINENT CITIZENS SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF TWO (2)**
5 **YEARS.**

7 Sec. 4. Section 4 of PD 1279 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 “[Section 4. A quorum of the Board of Regents shall consist of a majority of
10 all the members holding office at the time of the meeting. All processes
11 against the University shall be served on the President of the University or
12 his duly authorized representative.]

14 **SEC. 4. *MEETINGS; QUORUM.* – THE BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL**
15 **REGULARLY CONVENE AT LEAST ONCE EVERY QUARTER. THE**
16 **CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS MAY CALL A SPECIAL**
17 **MEETING WHENEVER NECESSARY: PROVIDED, THAT MEMBERS**
18 **ARE NOTIFIED IN WRITING AT LEAST THREE (3) WORKING DAYS**
19 **PRIOR TO SAID MEETING.**

21 A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS HOLDING OFFICE SHALL
22 CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR BOARD MEETINGS: *PROVIDED, THAT*
23 THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE CHED WHO IS THE CHAIRPERSON OF
24 THE BOARD OR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE
25 IS AMONG THOSE PRESENT IN THE MEETING. IN THE ABSENCE OF
26 THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE CHED, A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHED,
27 DULY DESIGNED BY THE FORMER, SHALL REPRESENT HIM IN THE
28 MEETING, AND SHALL HAVE ALL THE RIGHTS AND
29 RESPONSIBILITIES OF A REGULAR MEMBER: *PROVIDED,*
30 *HOWEVER, THAT IN THE SAID MEETING, THE PRESIDENT OF THE*
31 *UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE AS VICE CHAIRMAN SHALL BE THE*
32 *PRESIDING OFFICER: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THIS PROVISO*

1 **NOTWITHSTANDING, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHED IS HEREBY**
2 **AUTHORIZED TO DESIGNATE A CHED COMMISSIONER AS THE**
3 **REGULAR CHAIR TO THE BOARD OF A PARTICULAR UNIVERSITY**
4 **OR COLLEGE, IN WHICH CASE SAID CHED COMMISSIONER SHALL**
5 **ACT AS THE PRESIDING OFFICER."**

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7 Sec. 5. Section 5 of PD 1279 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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9 **"[Section 5. The members of the Board of Regents shall not receive**
10 compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses
11 incurred either in attendance of meetings of the Board or of other official
12 business authorized by the board.]

13
14 **THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL SERVE**
15 **WITHOUT COMPENSATION, BUT THEY SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR**
16 **THE NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THEIR ATTENDANCE OF**
17 **MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OR IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR**
18 **OFFICIAL BUSINESS AUTHORIZED BY RESOLUTION OF THE**
19 **BOARD."**

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21 Sec. 6. Section 6 of PD 1279 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22
23 **"[Section 6. The Board of Regents shall have the following powers and duties**
24 in addition to its general powers of administration and the exercise of all the
25 powers of a corporation as provided in Section Thirteen of Act Numbered
26 Fourteen Hundred Fifty-Nine as amended otherwise known as the Corporation
27 Law;

28
29 (a) To prescribe rules for its own government and to enact for the government
30 of the University such rules and regulations not contrary to law, as may be
31 necessary to carry out the purpose and functions of the University;

- 1 (b) To receive and appropriate to the ends specified by law such sums as may
2 be provided for the support of the University;
- 3
- 4 (c) To import duty-free commodities for educational purposes as an exception
5 to existing laws as well as to receive in trust legacies, gifts, and donations of
6 real and personal property of all kinds, to administer the same for the benefit
7 of the University, or the department thereof, or for aid to any student in
8 accordance with the directions and instructions of the donor, and in default
9 thereof, in such manner as the Board of Regents may in its discretion
10 determine. All such donations shall be exempt from all taxes and shall be
11 considered as deductible items from the income tax of the donors.
- 12
- 13 (d) To approve the curricula and rules of discipline drawn by the College
14 Councils as hereinafter provided;
- 15
- 16 (e) To confer degrees upon successful candidates for graduation, to award
17 honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of learning, public service,
18 statesmanship or eminence in any field of specialization of the University, and
19 to authorize the President of the University to award certificates for completion
20 of non-degree programs;
- 21
- 22 (f) To appoint, on recommendation of the President of the University,
23 provosts, vice-presidents, deans, directors, registrars, heads of departments,
24 professors, and other officials and employees of the University; to fix their
25 compensation, hours of service, and such other duties and conditions as it
26 may promulgate, any provisions of existing laws to the contrary
27 notwithstanding; to remove them for cause after an investigation and
28 hearing;
- 29
- 30 (g) To establish chairs in the University and to provide fellowship for qualified
31 faculty members and other scholarships to deserving students;
- 32

1 (h) To fix tuition fees, matriculation fees, graduation fees, laboratory fees,
2 and such special fees and charges as it may deem proper to impose. Such
3 fees and charges, including other income generated by the University, shall
4 constitute a special trust fund for the exclusive use of the University, any
5 provision of existing laws to the contrary notwithstanding;

6

7 (i) To authorize the University to undertake the construction and/or repair of
8 its building, machinery, and equipment and other facilities, any provision of
9 law or executive order to the contrary notwithstanding provided that the funds
10 for the purpose shall come from its appropriation.]”

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12 **SEC. 6. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD. – THE
13 GOVERNING BOARD SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING POWERS AND
14 DUTIES IN ADDITION TO ITS GENERAL POWERS OF
15 ADMINISTRATION AND THE EXERCISE OF ALL THE POWERS
16 GRANTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A CORPORATION
17 UNDER SECTION 36 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 68, OTHERWISE
18 KNOWN AS THE “CORPORATION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”:**

19 **(A) TO ENACT RULES AND REGULATIONS NOT CONTRARY TO LAW
20 AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND
21 FUNCTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE;**

22 **(B) TO RECEIVE AND APPROPRIATE ALL SUMS, AS MAY BE
23 PROVIDED, FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE IN
24 THE MANNER IT MAY DETERMINE, IN ITS DISCRETION, TO CARRY
25 OUT THE PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OR
26 COLLEGE;**

27 **(C) TO RECEIVE IN TRUST LEGACIES, GIFTS AND DONATIONS OF
28 REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTIES OF ALL KINDS, TO ADMINISTER
29 AND DISPOSE THE SAME WHEN NECESSARY FOR THE BENEFIT OF**

1 THE UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS,
2 DIRECTIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS OF THE DONORS, IF ANY. SUCH
3 DONATIONS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM ALL TAXES AND SHALL BE
4 CONSIDERED AS DEDUCTIBLE ITEMS FROM THE INCOME TAX OF
5 THE DONOR: *PROVIDED*, *HOWEVER*, THAT THE RIGHTS,
6 PRIVILEGES AND EXEMPTIONS EXTENDED BY THIS ACT SHALL
7 LIKEWISE BE EXTENDED TO NON-STOCK, NON-PROFIT PRIVATE
8 UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES: *PROVIDED*, *FINALLY*, THAT THE
9 SAME PRIVILEGES SHALL ALSO BE EXTENDED TO CITY COLLEGES
10 AND UNIVERSITIES WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL
11 GOVERNMENT TO CITY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WITH THE
12 APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT CONCERNED AND IN
13 COORDINATION WITH THE CHED;

14 (D) TO FIX THE TUITION FEES AND OTHER NECESSARY SCHOOL
15 CHARGES, SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED MATRICULATION FEES,
16 GRADUATION FEES AND LABORATORY FEES, AS THEIR RESPECTIVE
17 BOARDS MAY DEEM PROPER TO IMPOSE AFTER DUE
18 CONSULTATIONS WITH THE INVOLVED SECTORS.

19 SUCH FEES AND CHARGES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES
20 AND OTHER INCOME GENERATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE,
21 SHALL CONSTITUTE AS A SPECIAL TRUST FUND AND SHALL BE
22 DEPOSITED IN ANY AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT DEPOSITORY
23 BANK, AND ALL INTERESTS SHALL ACCRUE THEREFROM SHALL
24 PART OF THE SAME FUND FOR THE USE OF THE UNIVERSITY OR
25 COLLEGE: *PROVIDED*, THAT INCOME DERIVED FROM UNIVERSITY
26 HOSPITALS SHALL BE EXCLUSIVELY EARMARKED FOR THE
27 OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE HOSPITALS.

28 ANY PROVISION OF EXISTING LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS TO
29 THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING, ANY INCOME GENERATED BY
30 THE UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE FROM TUITION FEES AND OTHER

1 CHARGES, AS WELL AS FROM THE OPERATION OF AUXILIARY
2 SERVICES AND LAND GRANTS, SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE
3 UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE, AND MAY BE DISBURSED BY THE BOARD
4 OF REGENTS/TRUSTEES FOR INSTRUCTION, RESEARCH,
5 EXTENSION, OR OTHER PROGRAMS/PROJECTS OF THE UNIVERSITY
6 OR COLLEGE: *PROVIDED*, THAT ALL FIDUCIARY FEES SHALL BE
7 DISBURSED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES FOR WHICH THEY ARE
8 COLLECTED.

9 IF, FOR REASON BEYOND ITS CONTROL, THE UNIVERSITY OR
10 COLLEGE SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO PURSUE ANY PROJECT FOR WHICH
11 FUNDS HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATED AND ALLOCATED UNDER ITS
12 APPROVED PROGRAM OF EXPENDITURES, THE BOARD OF
13 REGENTS/TRUSTEES MAY AUTHORIZE THE USE OF SAID FUNDS FOR
14 ANY REASONABLE PURPOSE WHICH, IN ITS DISCRETION, MAY BE
15 NECESSARY AND URGENT FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF THE
16 OBJECTIVES AND GOALS OF THE UNIVERSITY;

17 (E) TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A SOCIALIZED SCHEME OF TUITION
18 AND SCHOOL FEES FOR GREATER ACCESS TO POOR BUT DESERVING
19 STUDENTS;

20 (F) TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF ITS
21 BUILDINGS, MACHINERIES, EQUIPMENT AND OTHER FACILITIES
22 AS WELL AS THE PURCHASE AND ACQUISITION OF REAL AND
23 PERSONAL PROPERTIES, INCLUDING NECESSARY SUPPLIES,
24 MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT. PURCHASES AND OTHER
25 TRANSACTIONS ENTERED INTO BY THE UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE
26 THROUGH THE BOARD OF REGENTS/TRUSTEES SHALL BE EXEMPT
27 FROM ALL TAXES AND DUTIES;

28 (G) TO APPOINT, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT
29 OF THE UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE, VICE PRESIDENTS, DEANS,

1 DIRECTORS, HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, FACULTY MEMBERS AND
2 OTHER OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES;

3 (H) TO DRAW UP A POSITION CLASSIFICATION AND
4 COMPENSATION PLAN FOR ITS FACULTY AND STAFF, AND, ANY LAW
5 TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING, TO FIX AND ADJUST
6 SALARIES AND BENEFITS OF THE FACULTY MEMBERS AND OTHER
7 EMPLOYEES;

8 (I) TO FIX AND ADJUST SALARIES OF FACULTY MEMBERS AND
9 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES SUBJECT TO THE
10 PROVISIONS OF THE REVISED COMPENSATION AND
11 CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM AND OTHER PERTINENT BUDGET AND
12 COMPENSATION LAWS GOVERNING HOURS OF SERVICE, AND SUCH
13 OTHER DUTIES AND CONDITIONS AS IT MAY DEEM PROPER; TO
14 GRANT, AT ITS DISCRETION, LEAVE OF ABSENCES UNDER SUCH
15 REGULATIONS AS IT MAY PROMULGATE, ANY PROVISIONS OF
16 EXISTING LAW TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING; AND TO
17 REMOVE THEM FOR CAUSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
18 REQUIREMENTS OF DUE PROCESS OF LAW;

19 (J) TO APPROVE THE CURRICULA, INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMS AND
20 RULES OF DISCIPLINE DRAWN BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND
21 ACADEMIC COUNCILS AS HEREIN PROVIDED;

22 (K) TO SET POLICES ON ADMISSION AND GRADUATION OF
23 STUDENTS;

24 (L) TO AWARD HONORARY DEGREES UPON PERSONS IN
25 RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION IN THE FIELD OF
26 EDUCATION, PUBLIC SERVICE, ARTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
27 OR IN ANY FIELD OF SPECIALIZATION WITHIN THE ACADEMIC
28 COMPETENCE OF THE UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE AND TO AUTHORIZE
29 THE AWARD OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION OF NON-DEGREE

1 AND NON-TRADITIONAL COURSES; PROVIDED, THAT SUCH DEGREES
2 SHALL NOT BE CONFERRED IN CONSIDERATION OF ANY PAYMENT,
3 GIFT OR OTHER VALUABLE CONSIDERATION AND TO AUTHORIZE
4 THE AWARD OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION OF NON-DEGREE
5 AND NON-TRADITIONAL COURSES;

6 (M) TO ABSORB NON-CHARTERED TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS
7 WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE PROVINCES IN COORDINATION WITH
8 THE CHED AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, AND TO OFFER THEREIN NEEDED
10 PROGRAMS OR COURSES, TO PROMOTE AND CARRY OUT EQUAL
11 ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES MANDATED BY THE
12 CONSTITUTION;

13 (N) TO ESTABLISH RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTERS IN THE
14 UNIVERSITY;

15 (O) TO ESTABLISH PROFESSIONAL CHAIRS IN THE UNIVERSITY OR
16 COLLEGE AND TO PROVIDE FELLOWSHIPS FOR QUALIFIED FACULTY
17 MEMBERS AND SCHOLARSHIPS TO DESERVING STUDENTS;

18 (P) TO DELEGATE ANY OF ITS POWERS AND DUTIES PROVIDED FOR
19 HEREIN ABOVE TO THE PRESIDENT AND/OR OTHER OFFICIALS OF
20 THE UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE AS IT MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE SO
21 AS TO EXPEDITE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE
22 UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE;

23 (Q) TO AUTHORIZE AN EXTERNAL MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE
24 INSTITUTION, TO BE FINANCED BY THE CHED AND TO INSTITUTE
25 REFORMS, INCLUDING ACADEMIC AND STRUCTURAL CHANGES, ON
26 THE BASIS OF THE AUDIT RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS;

27 (R) TO COLLABORATE WITH OTHER GOVERNING BOARDS OF SUCS
28 WITHIN THE PROVINCE OR THE REGION, UNDER THE SUPERVISION

1 OF THE CHED AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, THE RESTRUCTURING OF SAID
3 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO BECOME MORE EFFICIENT,
4 RELEVANT, PRODUCTIVE, AND COMPETITIVE;

5 (S) TO ENTER INTO JOINT VENTURES WITH BUSINESS AND
6 INDUSTRY FOR THE PROFITABLE DEVELOPMENT AND
7 MANAGEMENT OF THE ECONOMIC ASSETS OF THE COLLEGE OR
8 INSTITUTION, THE PROCEEDS FROM WHICH TO BE USED FOR THE
9 DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF THE COLLEGE OR
10 UNIVERSITY;

11 (T) TO DEVELOP CONSORTIA AND OTHER FORMS OF LINKAGES
12 WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES,
13 BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, LOCAL AND FOREIGN, IN
14 FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE
15 INSTITUTION;

16 (U) TO DEVELOP ACADEMIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR INSTITUTION
17 CAPABILITY BUILDING WITH APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONS AND
18 AGENCIES, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, LOCAL OR FOREIGN, AND TO
19 APPOINT EXPERTS/SPECIALISTS AS CONSULTANTS, OR VISITING
20 OR EXCHANGE PROFESSORS, SCHOLARS, RESEARCHERS, AS THE
21 CASE MAY BE;

22 (V) TO SET UP THE ADOPTION OF MODERN AND INNOVATIVE
23 MODES OF TRANSMITTING KNOWLEDGE SUCH AS THE USE OF
24 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, THE DUAL SYSTEM, OPEN LEARNING,
25 COMMUNITY LABORATORY, ETC., FOR THE PROMOTION OF
26 GREATER ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION;

27 (W) TO ESTABLISH POLICY GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR
28 PARTICIPATIVE DECISION-MAKING AND TRANSPARENCY WITHIN
29 THE INSTITUTION;

1 (X) TO PRIVATIZE, WHERE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE
2 INSTITUTION, MANAGEMENT AND NON-ACADEMIC SERVICES SUCH
3 AS HEALTH, FOOD, BUILDING OR GROUNDS OR PROPERTY
4 MAINTENANCE AND SIMILAR SUCH OTHER OBJECTIVES;

5 (Y) TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE OR
6 UNIVERSITY BEYOND THE AGE OF RETIREMENT BUT NOT LATER
7 THAN THE AGE OF SEVENTY (70), WHOSE PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN
8 UNANIMOUSLY RATED AS OUTSTANDING AND UPON UNANIMOUS
9 RECOMMENDATION BY THE SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR THE
10 PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY; AND

11 (Z) TO EXTEND, WITH THEIR CONSENT, THE TENURE OF FACULTY
12 MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY BEYOND THE COMPULSORY
13 RETIREMENT AGE, ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE
14 CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING, ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE
15 UNITS UPON ENDORSEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE
16 UNIVERSITY, WHENEVER THEIR SERVICES ARE ESPECIALLY
17 NEEDED: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO EXTENSION OF TENURE
18 SHALL BE MADE BEYOND THE AGE OF SEVENTY (70)."

19 Sec. 7. Section 7 of PD 1279 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 "Sec. 7. No student shall be denied admission to the University by reason
21 **SOLELY** of age, sex, nationality, [religion] **RELIGIOUS BELIEF,**
22 **ECONOMIC STATUS, ETHNICITY, PHYSICAL DISABILITY**, or political
23 **OPINION OR** affiliation.

24
25 **THE UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZES THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND**
26 **STATE. IT SHALL GUARANTEE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND SHALL NOT**
27 **DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RELIGION.**

1 **THE UNIVERSITY SHALL PROVIDE A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND**
2 **OTHER AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS TO ASSIST POOR BUT**
3 **DESERVING STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION TO THE**
4 **UNIVERSITY."**

5 Sec. 8. Section 8 of PD 1279 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 "Sec. 8. [The head of the University shall be known as the President of the
7 University. He shall be appointed for a term of six (6) years by the President
8 of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Secretary of Education and
9 Culture after consultation with the members of the board.

10
11 The powers and duties of the President of the University in addition to those
12 specifically provided for in this Decree, shall be those usually pertaining to the
13 office of the president of a university.]

14
15 **THE ADMINISTRATION. — THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE**
16 **UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE SHALL BE VESTED IN THE PRESIDENT OF**
17 **THE UNIVERSITY WHO SHALL RENDER FULL-TIME SERVICE. HE**
18 **SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS, UPON THE**
19 **RECOMMENDATION OF A DULY CONSTITUTED SEARCH COMMITTEE.**
20 **HE SHALL HAVE A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS AND SHALL BE**
21 **ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT FOR ANOTHER TERM: PROVIDED,**
22 **THAT THIS PROVISION SHALL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE TERMS**
23 **OF THE INCUMBENTS.**

24
25 **THE PRESIDENT SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A VICE PRESIDENT FOR**
26 **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD**
27 **UPON THE FORMER'S RECOMMENDATION WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO**
28 **THE APPOINTMENT OF MORE THAN ONE VICE PRESIDENT WHEN SO**
29 **WARRANTED.**

1 **IN CASE OF VACANCY BY REASON OF DEATH, RESIGNATION,**
2 **REMOVAL FOR CAUSE OR INCAPACITY OF THE PRESIDENT TO**
3 **PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS OF HIS OFFICE, THE BOARD SHALL HAVE**
4 **THE AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE AN OFFICER-IN-CHARGE PENDING**
5 **THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PRESIDENT.**

6
7 **IN CASE OF VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AS**
8 **MENTIONED IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH, HIS**
9 **SUCCESSORS SHALL HOLD OFFICE FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM."**

10 **SECTION 9 OF PD 1279 IS HEREBY DELETED.**

11 **[Section 9.** The incumbent presidents of the institutions of higher learning
12 integrated in this Decree shall continue to serve as Provost of their respective
13 college or unit until such time as the term of office and other conditions of
14 service of Provost as well as other officials and employees of the University
15 shall have been determined by the Board of Regents.]

16 Sec. 9. Section 10 of PD 1279 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 "Sec. [10] **9.** There shall be an Administrative Council consisting of the
18 President of the University as Chairman and the vice-presidents, **DEANS,**
19 **DIRECTORS AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF EQUAL RANK** [and provosts]
20 as Members, AND whose duty [shall be to prepare and promulgate general
21 policies of the university governing personnel, financial management, and
22 development planning, subject to the approval of the Board of Regents.] **IS**
23 **TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS**
24 **POLICIES GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT AND**
25 **DEVELOPMENT PLANNING OF THE UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE FOR**
26 **APPROPRIATE ACTION.**"

28 **SEC. 10. ACADEMIC COUNCIL. – THERE SHALL BE AN ACADEMIC COUNCIL**
29 **WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AS CHAIRPERSON AND ALL**

1 **MEMBERS OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF WITH THE RANK OF NOT LOWER**
2 **THAN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AS MEMBERS.**

3 **THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO REVIEW AND**
4 **RECOMMEND THE CURRICULAR OFFERINGS AND RULES OF DISCIPLINE OF**
5 **THE UNIVERSITY SUBJECT FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION OF THE BOARD OF**
6 **REGENTS. IT SHALL FIX THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ADMISSION OF**
7 **STUDENTS AS WELL AS FOR GRADUATION AND THE CONFERMENT OF**
8 **DEGREES SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND/OR APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF**
9 **REGENTS THROUGH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY.**

10 **SECTION 11 OF PD 1279 IS HEREBY DELETED.**

11 "**[Section 11.** There shall be a College Council in each college or unit of the
12 University with the Provost as Chairman and all the faculty of the college as
13 members. The body of instructors, assistant professors, associate professors,
14 and professors of each college shall constitute the faculty of the college.

15 The College Council shall have the power to prescribe the curricula and rules
16 of discipline of the college or unit of the University subject to the approval of
17 the Board of Regents. It shall fix the requirements for admission to the college
18 or unit as well as for graduation and the conferring of degrees subject to
19 review of the Board of Regents. The Council alone shall have the power to
20 recommend students or others to be recipients of degrees. Through the
21 President of the University or its duly authorized committee, the Council shall
22 have disciplinary power over the students of the College or unit of the
23 University within the limits prescribed by the rules of discipline as approved
24 by the Board of Regents.]

26 **SEC. 11. THE UNIVERSITY SHALL ENJOY ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND**
27 **INSTITUTIONAL AUTONOMY, PURSUANT TO PAR. 2, SECTION 5, ARTICLE**
28 **XIV OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.**

1 SEC. 12. THE UNIVERSITY HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN AND
2 ENHANCE ITS HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS
3 FUNCTIONS OF INSTRUCTION, RESEARCH AND EXTENSION, AND PUBLIC
4 SERVICE.

5 SEC. 13. THE UNIVERSITY SHALL DEVELOP NICHE CENTERS IN
6 AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, RENEWABLE
7 ENERGY, AND ILOKANO CULTURE, AS WELL AS OTHER FIELDS WITHIN ITS
8 FIELD OF EXPERTISE.

9 SEC. 14. THERE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
10 PARK THAT WILL BE MANDATED WITH TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS
11 INCUBATION, AND MAINTAINING STRONG ACADEME-INDUSTRY LINKAGE,
12 AMONG OTHERS.

13 SEC. 15. THERE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED A UNIVERSITY STUDENT COUNCIL
14 AND STUDENT COUNCILS FOR EVERY COLLEGE AND DEGREE-GRANTING
15 INSTITUTE, A COLLEGE OR INSTITUTE STUDENT COUNCIL, AND A GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF ALL STUDENT COUNCILS.

17 THE STUDENT COUNCIL SHALL BE COMPOSED OF ELECTED STUDENTS OF A
18 DEFINITE ACADEMIC UNIT OF THE UNIVERSITY. EACH MEMBER OF THE
19 STUDENT COUNCIL SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR, WITHOUT
20 PREJUDICE TO REELECTION.

21 THE STUDENT COUNCIL SHALL SERVE AS THE PRIMARY STUDENT BODY
22 THAT SHALL ADVANCE THE INTERESTS, WELFARE, AND ASPIRATIONS OF
23 THE STUDENTS.

24 SUBJECT TO DUE AND COMPREHENSIVE CONSULTATION WITH THE
25 STUDENTS, THERE SHALL BE A STUDENT PUBLICATION ESTABLISHED IN
26 EVERY ACADEMIC UNIT AND COLLEGE TO BE FUNDED BY STUDENT FEES.
27 FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND AUTONOMY IN ALL MATTERS OF

1 EDITORIAL AND FISCAL POLICY SHALL BE GUARANTEED ESPECIALLY IN
2 THE SELECTION OF ITS EDITORS AND STAFF.

3 SEC. 16. *LAND GRANTS AND REAL PROPERTIES OF THE UNIVERSITY; LAND*
4 *DEVELOPMENT.* – THE STATE SHALL SUPPORT THE UNIVERSITY THROUGH
5 LAND GRANTS, DONATIONS, AND USE OF OTHER REAL PROPERTIES.
6 INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL LAND GRANTS AND
7 REAL PROPERTIES SHALL BE USED TO FURTHER THE END OF THE
8 UNIVERSITY, AS MAY BE DECIDED BY THE BOARD.

9 SUCH PARCELS OF LAND CEDED BY LAW, DECREE OR PRESIDENTIAL
10 ISSUANCE TO THE UNIVERSITY ARE HEREBY DECLARED TO BE RESERVED
11 FOR THE PURPOSES INTENDED. THE ABSOLUTE OWNERSHIP OF THE
12 NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OVER THESE LANDHOLDINGS, INCLUDING THOSE
13 COVERED BY ORIGINAL AND TRANSFER CERTIFICATES OF TITLE IN THE
14 NAME OF FERDINAND E MARCOS STATE UNIVERSITY AND THEIR FUTURE
15 DERIVATIVES, IS HEREBY CONFIRMED. WHERE THE ISSUANCE OF PROPER
16 CERTIFICATES OF TITLE IS YET PENDING FOR THESE LANDHOLDINGS, THE
17 APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICE SHALL EXPEDITE THE REGISTRATION
18 REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE SAID TITLES
19 HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED AND COMPLIED WITH.

20 THE UNIVERSITY SHALL HAVE ABSOLUTE OWNERSHIP OVER THESE
21 LANDHOLDINGS, INCLUDING THOSE COVERED BY ORIGINAL AND
22 TRANSFER CERTIFICATES OF TITLE IN THE NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY.

23 THE BOARD MAY PLAN, DESIGN, APPROVE AND/OR CAUSE THE
24 IMPLEMENTATION OF LAND LEASES: *PROVIDED*, THAT SUCH MECHANISMS
25 AND ARRANGEMENTS SHALL SUSTAIN AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT
26 IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW, AND BE EXCLUSIVE OF THE ACADEMIC CORE
27 ZONE OF THE CAMPUSES OF THE UNIVERSITY: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT
28 SUCH MECHANISMS AND ARRANGEMENTS SHALL NOT CONFLICT WITH
29 THE ACADEMIC MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY.

1 THE BOARD MAY APPROVE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT
2 VENTURES: *PROVIDED*, THAT IN THE EVENT REAL PROPERTIES OF THE
3 UNIVERSITY ARE INVOLVED, ONLY THE INCOME DERIVED BY THE
4 UNIVERSITY FROM THE USE OF THE REAL PROPERTIES SHALL BE THE
5 SUBJECT OF ITS PARTICIPATION OR OBLIGATION IN THE JOINT
6 VENTURES: *PROVIDED, FURTHER*, THAT NO JOINT VENTURE SHALL
7 RESULT IN THE ALIENATION OF THE REAL PROPERTIES OF THE
8 UNIVERSITY; AND

9 ANY PLAN TO GENERATE REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES FROM LAND
10 GRANTS AND OTHER REAL PROPERTIES ENTRUSTED TO THE UNIVERSITY
11 SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE ACADEMIC MISSION AND ORIENTATION
12 OF THE UNIVERSITY AS WELL AS PROTECT IT FROM UNDUE INFLUENCE
13 AND CONTROL OF COMMERCIAL INTERESTS: *PROVIDED*, THAT SUCH
14 PROGRAMS, PROJECTS OR MECHANISMS SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE
15 BOARD SUBJECT TO A TRANSPARENT AND DEMOCRATIC PROCESS OF
16 CONSULTATION WITH THE CONSTITUENTS OF THE
17 UNIVERSITY: *PROVIDED, FURTHER*, THAT FUNDS GENERATED FROM SUCH
18 PROGRAMS, PROJECTS OR MECHANISMS SHALL NOT BE MEANT TO
19 REPLACE, IN PART OR IN WHOLE, THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS
20 PROVIDED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO THE NATIONAL
21 UNIVERSITY.

22 SEC. 17. TAX EXEMPTIONS. -- ALL REVENUES AND ASSETS OF THE
23 UNIVERSITY USED FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES OR IN SUPPORT
24 THEREOF SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM ALL TAXES AND DUTIES. GIFTS AND
25 DONATIONS OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTIES OF ALL KINDS SHALL
26 BE EXEMPT FROM THE DONOR'S TAX AND THE SAME SHALL BE
27 CONSIDERED AS ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS FROM THE GROSS INCOME OF
28 THE DONOR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL
29 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED: *PROVIDED*, THAT THE
30 ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS SHALL BE EQUIVALENT TO 50 PERCENT OF THE
31 VALUE OF SUCH DONATION. VALUATION OF ASSISTANCE OTHER THAN

1 **MONEY SHALL BE BASED ON THE ACQUISITION COST OF THE PROPERTY.**
2 **SUCH VALUATION SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE DEPRECIATED**
3 **VALUE OF PROPERTY IN CASE SAID PROPERTY HAS BEEN USED; (D) THE**
4 **UNIVERSITY SHALL ONLY PAY 0% VALUE-ADDED TAX FOR ALL**
5 **TRANSACTIONS SUBJECT TO THIS TAX; AND (E) ALL ACADEMIC AWARDS**
6 **SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM TAXES.**

7 Sec. 18. Section 12 of PD 1279 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 "Section 12. Members of the faculty of the University shall be exempt from any
9 civil service examination or regulation as a requisite to appointment. **THE**
10 **PROVISIONS OF EXISTING LAW TO THE CONTRARY**
11 **NOTWITHSTANDING, LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR**
12 **PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARDS SHALL NOT AFFECT**
13 **APPOINTMENTS TO FACULTY POSITIONS.** No religious test shall be
14 applied nor shall the religious opinions or affiliations be a matter of inquiry in
15 the appointment of faculty members of the University provided that no member
16 of the faculty shall teach for or against any particular church or religious sect."

17 Sec. 19. Section 13 of PD 1279 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 "Section 13. There shall be an Advisory Council for each college or unit of the
19 University to be headed by the [Provost] **DEAN** of the college or unit. The
20 Advisory Council shall provide advice and counsel to the [Provost] **DEAN** in
21 matters of general policy concerning the affairs of the college or unit of the
22 University.

23
24 [The present members of the Board of Regents or Board of Trustees of the
25 present institutions of higher learning integrated in this Decree shall continue
26 to serve as members of the Advisory Council of their respective institution,
27 except the Chairman of the Board of Regents or Board of Trustees, for a term
28 of four (4) years. Thereafter, the members of the Advisory Council of each

1 college or unit of the University shall be appointed by the Board of Regents
2 upon recommendation of the President of the University.]”
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4 **SEC. 20. THE GOVERNANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY SHALL BE SO**
5 **ESTABLISHED ALLOWING CERTAIN DEGREE OF AUTONOMY FOR ITS**
6 **COMPONENT COLLEGES, THEREBY PERMITTING THE EXERCISE OF**
7 **INITIATIVE AND CREATIVENESS IN PURSUIT OF IMMEDIATE GOALS AND**
8 **OBJECTIVES.**

9 Sec. 21. Section 14 of PD 1279 is hereby renumbered as follows:

10 Section [14] **21.** The Treasurer of the Philippines shall be ex officio treasurer of
11 the University. All accounts and expenses thereof shall be audited by the
12 Commission on Audit or its duly authorized representative.

13 **SECTION 15 OF PD 1279 IS HEREBY DELETED.**

14 [Section 15. All personnel, assets, records and appropriations of the institutions of
15 higher learning integrated in this Decree are hereby transferred to the University
16 except the appropriation of Ilocos Norte College of Agriculture and Ilocos Norte College
17 of Arts and Trades which shall be maintained.]

18 Sec. 22. Section 16 of PD 1279 is hereby renumbered as follows:

19 Section [16] **22.** Heads of bureaus and offices of the national government and
20 provincial or city governments in Region I are hereby authorized to loan or transfer,
21 upon request of the President of the University, such apparatus, equipment and
22 supplies as may be needed by the University and to detail employees for duty therein
23 when in the judgment of the head of the bureau or office, such employees can be
24 spared without serious detriment to the public service. Employees so detailed shall
25 perform such duty as required under detail and the time so employed shall be counted
26 as part of their regular official service.

1 **SECTION 17 OF PD 1279 IS HEREBY DELETED.**

2 [Section 17. The Secretary of Education and Culture is hereby directed to take such
3 steps as are necessary for the immediate implementation of this Decree. For this
4 purpose, he is hereby authorized to create a technical committee to advise the Board
5 of Regents of the University toward the proper establishment, development, and
6 expansion of the programs of the University.]

7 Sec. 23. Section 18 of PD 1279 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 "Section 18. On or before the fifteenth day of the second month after the
9 opening of regular classes each year, the Board of Regents shall file with the
10 Office of the President of the Philippines through the [Secretary of Education
11 and Culture] **COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**, a detailed report
12 setting forth the progress, conditions and needs of the University."

13 **SECTION 19 OF PD 1279 IS HEREBY DELETED.**

14 [Section 19. In addition to the present appropriations of the institution of higher
15 learning integrated in this Decree, the sum of Ten million pesos (PHP10,000,000.00)
16 is hereby appropriated out of the funds of the National Treasury not otherwise
17 appropriated to carry out the purposes of this Decree. Thereafter, funds needed for
18 the maintenance and continued operation of the University shall be included in the
19 Annual Appropriation Act.]

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21 **SEC. 24. THE AMOUNT NEEDED TO CARRY OUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF**
22 **THIS ACT SHALL BE CHARGED AGAINST THE LUMP SUM APPROPRIATION**
23 **OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AND OTHER INTERNAL FUNDS OF THE**
24 **UNIVERSITY. THEREAFTER, SUCH LUMP SUM REPRESENTING THE**
25 **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE CONTINUED**
26 **GROWTH, GROWTH, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY**
27 **SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT**
28 **(GAA).**

1 THE UNIVERISTY MAY USE UNEXPED BALANCES IN ANY
2 APPROPRIATION FOR PURPOSES THAT HE BOARD DETERMINES.

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4 IN ADDITION, AN INITIAL APPROPRIATION OF PHP 250 MILLION SHALL
5 BE ALLOCATED FOR THE UNIVERSITY TO SET UP ITS NICHE CENTERS AND
6 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK FOR CAPITAL BUILDUP, EQUIPMENT,
7 AND HIRING OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL. THEREAFTER, EACH CENTER
8 SHALL BE PROVIDED ANNUAL FUNDING OF PHP 5 MILLION, WITHOUT
9 PREJUDICE TO POSSIBLE INCREASE UPON APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF
10 REGENTS, WHICH SHALL LIKEWISE BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GAA.

11 Sec. 27. Section 20 of PD 1279 is hereby renumbered as follows:

12 Section [20] **27**. Presidential Decree Nos. 945, 944 and 614, such other laws, acts
13 decrees, or executive orders contrary to or inconsistent with this Decree are hereby
14 repealed or amended accordingly.

15 Sec. 28. Section 21 of PD 1279 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 "Section [21] **28**. This Decree shall take effect immediately.

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18 [Done in the City of Manila, this 6th day of January, in the year of Our Lord,
19 nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.]"

Approved,