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AN ACT INTEGRATING THE PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY - COLLEGE OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PSU-CCRD) EXTERNAL CAMPUSES IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA AS REGULAR CAMPUSES OF THE PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY (PSU), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7818, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 7818, otherwise
2 known as the "Palawan State University Charter", is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:

4 "SECTION 1. x x x

5 "THE PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY - COLLEGE
6 OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
7 (PSU-CCRD) EXTERNAL CAMPUSES IN THE
8 PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND IN THE CITY OF

1 PUERTO PRINCESA, NAMELY: PSU-NARRA,
2 PSU-QUEZON, PSU-BROOKE'S POINT, PSU-ROXAS,
3 PSU-TAYTAY, AND PSU-CORON CAMPUSES, SHALL BE
4 INTEGRATED AS REGULAR CAMPUSES OF THE PALAWAN
5 STATE UNIVERSITY.

6 "THE PSU-CCRD EXTERNAL CAMPUSES IN THE
7 PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND IN THE CITY OF PUERTO
8 PRINCESA, NAMELY: PSU-ESPANOLA, PSU-RIZAL,
9 PSU-BATARAZA, PSU-BALABAC, PSU-DUMARAN,
10 PSU-SAN VICENTE, PSU-LINAPACAN, AND OTHER
11 BRANCHES SHALL BE INTEGRATED AS REGULAR
12 BRANCHES OF THE UNIVERSITY.

13 "THE PSU MAIN CAMPUS, THE PSU-CUYO
14 CAMPUS (FORMERLY PALAWAN COLLEGE OF ARTS AND
15 TRADES) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CUYO, PALAWAN,
16 WHICH WAS INTEGRATED INTO THE MAIN CAMPUS, AND
17 THE REGULAR CAMPUSES AND TECHNOLOGY BRANCHES
18 OF PSU ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ACT SHALL BE
19 COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE UNIVERSITY."

20 SEC. 2. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 7818 is hereby amended
21 to read as follows:

22 "SEC. 3. The University shall CONTINUE TO
23 offer ITS PRESENT undergraduate and graduate
24 [courses] CURRICULAR OFFERINGS in the fields of
25 education, arts and sciences, and other degree courses
26 as the [b]Board of [r]Regents, HEREINAFTER
27 REFERRED TO AS THE BOARD, may deem necessary IN
28 ORDER THAT IT CAN EFFECTIVELY [to] carry out its
29 objectives[.], CONSISTENT WITH LOCAL, REGIONAL AND
30 NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS. It shall also

1 CONTINUE TO offer [opportunity in] short-term
2 technical or vocational courses within its areas of
3 specialization to meet the needs of the nation.”

4 SEC. 3. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 7818 is hereby amended
5 to read as follows:

6 “SEC. 4. The University shall have the general
7 powers of a corporation set forth in the corporation law.
8 The administration of the University and the exercise of
9 its corporate powers shall be vested exclusively in the
10 [b]Board of [r]Regents and the [p]President of the
11 University, [insofar] as authorized by the [b]Board.

12 “EACH REGULAR CAMPUS SHALL BE HEADED BY
13 AN ADMINISTRATOR, WHO SHALL RENDER FULL-TIME
14 SERVICE. THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL BE APPOINTED
15 BY THE BOARD UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF A
16 DULY CONSTITUTED SEARCH COMMITTEE AND THE
17 PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY, SUBJECT TO THE
18 GUIDELINES, QUALIFICATIONS, AND STANDARDS SET BY
19 THE BOARD. THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL SERVE FOR A
20 TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS AND SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR
21 REAPPOINTMENT FOR ANOTHER TERM.

22 “IN CASE OF VACANCY BY REASON OF DEATH,
23 RESIGNATION, REMOVAL FOR CAUSE, OR THE
24 INCAPACITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR TO PERFORM THE
25 DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE, THE BOARD
26 MAY DESIGNATE AN OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE
27 CAMPUS PENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW
28 ADMINISTRATOR. THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OR THE
29 SUCCESSOR SHALL SERVE ONLY DURING THE
30 UNEXPIRED PORTION OF THE TERM.”

1 SEC. 4. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 7818 is hereby amended
2 to read as follows:

3 "SEC. 9. The University shall be headed by a
4 president to be appointed by the President of the
5 Philippines upon recommendation of the Board and
6 shall hold office for a term of [six (6)] FOUR (4) years,
7 [without reappointment] SUBJECT TO REAPPOINTMENT
8 FOR ONE (1) MORE TERM unless [he] THE PRESIDENT
9 reaches the MANDATORY age of retirement or earlier
10 removed for cause or IS incapacitated to discharge the
11 duties of the office[.]: PROVIDED, THAT THE CURRENT
12 PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY SHALL CONTINUE TO
13 HOLD OFFICE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM,
14 UNLESS REAPPOINTED OR IS SOONER REMOVED FOR
15 CAUSE, OR IS INCAPACITATED TO DISCHARGE THE
16 DUTIES OF THE OFFICE, OR HAS REACHED THE
17 MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE.

18 "In case of vacancy in the Office of the President
19 by reason of death, resignation, incapacity of the
20 President to perform the functions of [his] THE office, or
21 removal for cause, the Board [shall have the authority
22 to] MAY designate an [o]Officer-in-[c]Charge of the
23 University pending the appointment of a successor. The
24 new President shall hold office for the unexpired
25 PORTION OF THE term OF THE PREVIOUS PRESIDENT,
26 but in no case shall [his] THE term be more than [six
27 (6)] FOUR (4) years subject to the provision of [the
28 preceding paragraph] EXISTING LAWS.

29 "x x x."

1 SEC. 5. Section 20 of Republic Act No. 7818 is hereby
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "SEC. 20. The heads of bureaus and offices of the
4 national government are hereby authorized to loan or
5 transfer[,] TO THE UNIVERSITY OR ITS CAMPUSES, upon
6 request of the President of the University, such
7 apparatus, equipment, or supplies as may be needed by
8 the University OR ITS CAMPUSES and to detail
9 employees for duty therein when in the judgment of the
10 head of bureau or office, such apparatus, equipment,
11 supplies or services of such employees can be spared
12 without serious detriment to the public service. The
13 employee so detailed shall perform such duties as
14 required of them by the President of the University and
15 the time so employed shall be counted as part of their
16 regular service."

17 SEC. 6. A new section after Section 21 of Republic Act
18 No. 7818 is hereby inserted as Section 21-A to read as follows:

19 "SEC. 21-A. THE UNIVERSITY IS HEREBY
20 DESIGNATED AS THE NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER
21 FOR PETROLEUM AND RENEWABLE ENERGY. AS
22 SUCH, THE UNIVERSITY, IN ADDITION TO THE
23 REGULAR POWERS AND FUNCTIONS PROVIDED FOR
24 IN ITS CHARTER, SHALL:

25 "(A) PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE
26 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY;

27 "(B) DEVELOP DATABASE FOR PETROLEUM AND
28 ENERGY SECTORS TO SERVE AS RESOURCE TO THE
29 COUNTRY'S POLICY MAKERS;

30 "(C) CONDUCT RESEARCHES, CASE STUDIES,
31 AND OTHER APPROPRIATE STEPS FOR THE CONTINUOUS

1 DEVELOPMENT OF PETROLEUM AND ENERGY
2 INDUSTRIES; AND

3 "(D) PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE LEGISLATORS
4 IN THE ANALYSIS AND FORMULATION OF POLICIES
5 CONCERNING ENERGY AND ISSUES AFFECTING
6 PETROLEUM."

7 SEC. 7. Section 22 of Republic Act No. 7818 is hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 "SEC. 22. All the assets, fixed and movable,
10 records, and personnel of [the Palawan State College,]
11 ALL EXISTING PSU CAMPUSES IN THE SOUTHERN PART
12 OF PALAWAN AND IN OTHER BRANCHES THAT MAY BE
13 ESTABLISHED BY THE UNIVERSITY, as well as liabilities
14 or obligations, are hereby transferred to the University:
15 *Provided, however,* That the positions, rights, and
16 security of tenure of [personnel] FACULTY AND STAFF
17 MEMBERS EMPLOYED therein under existing laws prior
18 to [absorption by the University] INTEGRATION OF THE
19 PSU-CCRD EXTERNAL CAMPUSES AS REGULAR
20 UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES [are] SHALL not BE impaired:
21 *Provided, further,* That the [incumbent of the positions
22 shall remain in the same status until otherwise
23 provided for by the Board] PRESENT SUPPORT OF
24 LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TO THE EXISTING
25 PSU-CCRDs SHALL NOT BE ABRIDGED. All parcels of
26 land belonging to the government AND occupied by the
27 [Palawan State College] UNIVERSITY AND ITS EXISTING
28 CAMPUSES AND PSU-CCRD EXTERNAL CAMPUSES are
29 hereby declared to be the property of the [Palawan

1 State] University and shall be titled under that name:
2 *Provided, FINALLY*, That should the University cease to
3 exist or be abolished or should such parcels of land
4 aforementioned be no longer needed by the University
5 CAMPUSES, the same shall revert to the [Province of
6 Palawan] MUNICIPALITY OR CITY WHICH HAS
7 JURISDICTION OVER THE SAME.”

8 SEC. 8. Section 23 of Republic Act No. 7818 is hereby
9 amended to read as follows:

10 “SEC. 23. The amount necessary [for the] TO
11 CARRY OUT THE INITIAL implementation of this Act
12 shall be charged against the current year’s
13 [appropriations of the Palawan State College.
14 Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its
15 operation and maintenance shall be] FUNDING OF THE
16 PSU-CCRD EXTERNAL CAMPUSES PROVIDED BY THE
17 PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND THE CITY OF PUERTO
18 PRINCESA. THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND THE
19 CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA SHALL CONTINUE TO
20 PROVIDE THE SAME ASSISTANCE UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT
21 THE FULL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS OF THE PSU MAIN
22 CAMPUS AND ALL THE UNIVERSITY BRANCHES ARE
23 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.”

24 SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
25 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
26 circulation.

Approved,