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Introduced by **HON. EDUARDO C. ZIALCITA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Representation recognizes that his constituents, particularly the poor and needy but deserving youths, should be provided with free quality tertiary education so that in the future, when they turn out to be professionals in their own field, they shall become key contributors to the socio-economic progress not only of the City of Parañaque, but to the entire country as well.

Undoubtedly, education is vital in molding our youth because they form the backbone of our country's future. With education comes knowledge, which translates to growth and development, which deals to global progress for our country.

With this in mind, I propose the creation of a University in the City of Parañaque to known as the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Parañaque wherein all deserving residents therein, particularly the poor and needy but deserving youths, are given the opportunity to study for free. The Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Parañaque shall offer courses in, but not limited to, Social Science and Philosophy, Arts and Letters, Science, Information Technology, Graduate Studies and Special / Vocational Courses.

For the sake of my constituents, the City of Parañaque, and the whole country as well, I humbly ask my colleagues in the House to support the swift passage of this bill creating the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Parañaque.


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AN ACT
CREATING A UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF PARAÑAQUE TO BE
KNOWN AS THE PAMANTASAN NG LUNGSOD NG PARAÑAQUE,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. Creation of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Parañaque; Title. There is hereby authorized the creation of a University in the City of Parañaque to be known as the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Parañaque ("Pamantsan"). This Act shall likewise be known as the Charter of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Parañaque.

SECTION 2. Purpose of the Pamantasan. The purpose of the Pamantasan shall be:

- 1). To advance human knowledge through basic research and study;
- 2). To fully develop the Filipino intellect and explore its manpower potentials;
- 3). To give professional training in scientific, technological, industrial and vocational field;
- 4). To introduce science-oriented course and curricular studies which do not at present receive sufficient emphasis in existing institutions in the country;

- 5). To help promote a continuing welfare and interest as well as improving the standards of living of the people of Parañaque by providing them with meaningful education geared towards the present and future demand of an emerging industrial society;
- 6). To help enhance the upliftment of the dignity and prestige of the underprivileged and low-income residents by providing them with free education, which is the fundamental instrument towards the improvement of their economic status.

SECTION 3. Qualification for Admission. All students seeking admission to the Pamantasan must be bonafide residents of Parañaque City, and subject to the regulations for admission as prescribed by its Board of Regents.

No students shall be denied admission to the Pamantasan by reason of religious belief or political affiliation.

SECTION 4. Board of Regents. The governance, management and conduct of operation of the Pamantasan is vested in a board of nine (9) regents who, for purposes of this Act, shall be known collectively as the Board of Regents of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Parañaque or simply, the Board. The Board shall be composed of the Chairman, Vice Chairmen, and seven (7) members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Parañaque with the consent of the Sangguniang Panglungsod and the Congressman of Parañaque. The Board shall elect a Chairman from among themselves.

Of the nine (9) members first appointed as above-provided, the Mayor shall designate three (3) to serve two (2) years, three (3) to serve for four (4) years and three (3) to serve for six (6) years.

Thereafter, the successors of such member of the Board shall hold office for a term of six (6) years or until their successor shall have been appointed and qualified. In case a vacancy in the Board of Regents by reason of resignation, death or other incapacity of one or more of its members, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Mayor of Parañaque with the consent of the Sangguniang Panglungsod and the

Congressman of Parañaque, and the appointment shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term.

All members of the Board of Regents shall be citizens of the Republic of the Philippines. No Person in the employ of or with financial interest in any private educational institution in any capacity whatsoever, except those exercising purely professional functions, shall be eligible for membership in the Board. The member shall serve without compensation other than honorarium for attendance at the meeting of the Board or an official business authorized by resolution of the Board.

SECTION 5. Powers and Duties of the Board of Regents. Subject to existing laws, the Board of Regents shall have the following powers and duties, in addition to its general powers of administration and the exercise of the powers of the Corporation:

- a) To receive and appropriate to the ends specified by ordinance of the City of Parañaque, such sums, properties or materials as may be provided therein in support of the Pamantasan;
- b) To provide for the establishment of the necessary courses, institutions, training of departments in accordance with the priority needs of the community;
- c) To confer honorary certificate upon persons in recognition of learning, achievements in science, technology and public service;
- d) To establish chairs in the different departments and to provide maintenance of endowments of such chairs;
- e) To appoint, on the recommendation of the President of the Pamantasan, instructors, lecturers and other employees of the Pamantasan, to fix their compensation, hours of service and such other duties and conditions as it may deem proper; to grant to those in its discretion, leaves of absences under such regulations as it may promulgate, any other provisions of the law to the contrary notwithstanding, and to suspend and removed them for cause after an investigation and hearing shall have been had under such rules of procedure it may promulgate for such purposes;

- f) To approve the course of duty and rules of discipline drawn by assigned committees and to fix fees required in special cases;
- g) To grant fellowships and scholarships and to award the same to students with excellent academic performance;
- h) To prescribe rules and regulations for furtherance of its successful governance of the Pamantasan such as policies that are consistent with the purposes of the Pamantasan defined in Section 2 of this Act;
- i) To receive in trust, legacies, gifts, grants and donations of real and personal properties and any other forms of donations of all kind, tax-free and to be administrator of the same for the Pamantasan or a department thereof, or for aid to any student or students in accordance with the instructions of the donor, and in default thereof, in such manner as the Board may, in its discretion determine; and
- j) To do all things as are not inconsistent with existing laws it may deem appropriate for the proper governance of the Pamantasan.

SECTION 6. Impeachment of any member of the Board of Regents. Any member of the Board of Regents may be impeached by any majority vote of the members of the Sangguniang Panglunsod with the consent of the Mayor upon the recommendation of a competent body of instructors, students or other members of the Board on account of incapacity, incompetence, dishonesty, and/or conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude and any other acts justified as detrimental to the Pamantasan; Provided, that no member shall be suspended or removed from office without due process of law. Any member appointed by the Mayor shall hold office in accordance with section 4 of this Act as therein applicable.

SECTION 7. Quorum. A quorum of the Board of Regents shall consist of a majority of all the members holding office at the time a meeting of the board is called. All resolutions acted upon and approved, within its powers herein specified, shall constitute the legal corporate acts of the board.

SECTION 8. Academic Council. These shall be an Academic Council, consisting of the President, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Administration, Vice President for Finance and all the Departments Heads. Subject to

existing laws, the academic Council shall have the power to prescribe and/or revise the course of study and rules of academic discipline, provided these matters are first approved by the Board of Regents. Subject to the same limitations, it shall fix the requirements for admission of students to any institute of the Pamantasan as well as for graduation and the conferment of awards and to recommend students or others to be recipients of awards, diplomas or certificates.

SECTION 9. President of the Pamantasan; Term of Office and Salary. The president of the Pamantasan shall be elected by the Board of Regents and shall serve a term of six (6) years renewable for another six (6) years thereafter unless sooner removed on account of incapacity, incompetence, dishonesty and/or conviction of any a crime involving moral turpitude. The salary of the President shall be in accordance with the salary standardization law.

SECTION 10. Vice-Presidents of the Pamantasan for Administration, Academic Affairs and Finance; Term of Office and Salary. The Vice-Presidents for Administration, Academic Affairs and Finance shall be elected by the Board of Regents and shall respectively serve for a term of six (6) years renewable for another six (6) years unless sooner removed on account of incapacity, incompetence, dishonesty and/or conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude. Their respective salaries shall be in accordance with the salary standardization law.

SECTION 11. The Dean and Faculty of the Pamantasan; Who Constitute. The body of instructors, teachers and lectures of each department or institute shall constitute its faculty and as presiding officer of each faculty, there shall be a Dean appointed by the President with the consent of the Board of Regents.

SECTION 12. Exemption from Civil Service Examination. The Deans, instructors, teachers or other personnel of the Pamantasan shall be exempted from any civil service examination, regulation or requirement as a requisite to appointment. The rules of discipline governing the body of the faculty is an exclusive right of the Board of Regents, within their powers herein specified, provided that such authority, at its discretion, may be delegated to the President, Vice-President or authorized committee.

SECTION 13. The Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor of the Pamantasan. There shall be a Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor appointed by the Board of Regents, who shall be the Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor of the Pamantasan and shall keep records pertinent to their respective offices.

SECTION 14. Board of Visitors. The Congressman, Mayor, Vice-Mayor and members of the Sangguniang Panglungsod of Parañaque shall constitute a Board of Visitors of the Pamantasan whose duty shall be to attend graduation rites of the Pamantasan and to make visits at such other time as it may deem proper, to examine the property, course of duty, discipline, state of finances of the Pamantasan and to make suggestions and recommendations as it may favor.

SECTION 15. Appropriation of Funds. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 16. Separability Clause. If for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereof shall continue to be in full force and affect.

SECTION 17. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, other issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 18. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the official Gazette and any newspaper of general circulation

APPROVED: