

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



Thirteenth Congress

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House Bill No. 4653

Introduced by Honorable Ernesto A. "Banzai" Nieva

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to put substance to State policy as enunciated in the 1987 Constitution particularly Article II, Sections 13 and 17, to wit:

"Section 13. The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

Section 17. The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development."

In support of these state policies, the bill intends to provide for a Student Activity Center at the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (PLM).

As a brief note on the history of the first university in the Philippines to have a Filipino name, the PLM was established through Republic Act 4196. As the first city-operated institution of higher learning in the City of Manila, PLM opened its doors to 167 scholars, poor but deserving students from the City of Manila, on July 17, 1967. The PLM as of present caters to the tertiary educational needs of ten thousand one hundred four (10,104) students.

Located in the heart of historic Intramuros, the university subscribes to the educational philosophy that focuses on the total development of the

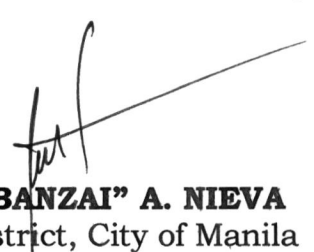
students covering intellectual growth, physical well-being, social consciousness and moral/spiritual enhancement.

It is on this significant framework, that this representation sees the essential need to initiate this legislative measure to provide for the construction of a Student Activity Center at the PLM campus. The proposed center will be of functional support to benefit the student population with the following objectives :

1. Strongly encourage public affairs activities in the field of science, industry, information technology
2. Promote socio-cultural programs
3. Strengthen camaraderie among the students
4. Expose the students as well as give them the opportunity to interact with visiting foreign students in various exchange programs, and with officials of international agencies i.e. United Nations International Organizations.
5. Provide the venue for exhibits on science, industry, etc.

This representation views the proposed center as a vehicle in accelerating the attainment of the institution's goals of producing quality professionals, responsible and productive citizens and a hall for developing the future leaders of the City of Manila and the Nation.

I therefore earnestly pray for the approval of this bill.



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STUDENT ACTIVITY
CENTER AT THE PAMANTASAN NG LUNGSOD NG MAYNILA, CITY OF
MANILA

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

Section 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the “ Student Activity Center of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila”

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building, and promotes and protects their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. The State prioritizes education, science, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress.

Section 3. There shall be constructed a Student Activity Center at the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila at the City of Manila as a support to its public affairs activities, socio-cultural programs, venue for visiting foreign students in various exchange programs and exhibits

Section 4. Funding. The amount necessary for the construction of the center and support implements shall be included in the General Appropriations Act for the implementation of the Act. Thereafter, the annual recurrent amount needed for the center’s maintenance shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.