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Introduced by Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a university in Quezon City which shall be known as the University of Quezon City or the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Quezon.

The 1987 Constitution declares a policy of the State to give priority to education, science and technology, arts and culture. In accordance with this, the right of citizens to affordable quality education at the tertiary level must be promoted, as well as the exercise and observance of continuing intellectual growth, advancement of learning and research, development of responsible and effective leadership, education of high-level and middle-level professionals, and enrichment of historical and cultural heritage.

The purpose of the establishment of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Quezon is to promote the interest and welfare of the people of Quezon City by providing them with free and high quality education opportunities in order to develop their knowledge and skills, and promote leadership so that it can help ensure a better future for themselves, as well as for the community.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Winnie Castelo".

WINNIE CASTELO

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"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A UNIVERSITY IN QUEZON CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEZON CITY OR PAMANTASAN NG LUNGSOD NG QUEZON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR."

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

ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. The establishment of a university in Quezon City, within the powers and limitations hereinafter specified, is hereby authorized. It shall be known as the University of Quezon City or the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Quezon, the same to be organized as a corporation under the same name.

SEC. 2. The university shall offer undergraduate and graduate studies within its areas of specializations, specifically but not limited to, the fields of sciences, arts, education, agriculture, engineering, business and entrepreneurial technology, health related programs, information technology, and other fields as the Board of Regents may deem necessary to carry out its objectives, particularly the needs of the constituency; Provided, that no degree program shall be offered without the approval of the Commission on Higher Education before the same shall be approved by the Board.

SEC. 3. No student shall be denied admission to this university by reason of age, sex, nationality, religious belief, or political affiliation. However, all students seeking admission must be subject to the regulations for admission prescribed by the board of regents.

SEC. 4. Administration - The University shall have the general powers of a corporation set forth in Batas Pambansa Blg. 68, as amended, otherwise known as "The Corporation Code of the Philippines." The administration of the university and the exercise of its corporate powers shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Trustees and the President of the University.

ARTICLE II. BOARD OF REGENTS

SEC. 5. Board of Regents - The government of the said university is vested in and exercised by

the Board of Regents (BOR) composed of the following:

1. The City Mayor, who shall be the Chairman of the BOR. He will be the Presiding Officer at every meeting of the BOR;
2. The Vice Mayor, who shall be the Vice Chairman of the BOR. He shall act as Presiding Officer of the BOR in the absence of the Chairman;
3. The President of the university as member. He shall act as the Presiding Officer in the absence of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman;
4. The President of a reputable private company in Quezon City shall be appointed by the City Mayor as member of the BOR. He/she shall represent the business sector in the BOR as member.
5. The Director of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in the National Capital Region as member.
6. The Director of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) in the National Capital Region as member.
7. The Superintendent of the City Schools of Quezon City who shall serve as the representative of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) in the BOR as member.
8. The Faculty Representative of the university as member.
9. The Student Council Representative of the university as member.
10. One representative from the Non-Governmental or People's Organizations (NGOs/POs) in Quezon City shall be appointed by the City Mayor as member. He/she shall represent the private sector.

SEC. 6. The Board of Regents shall have a Board Secretary who shall be appointed by the Chairman and whose term is co-terminus with the Chairman.

SEC. 7. The Member of the Board of Regents shall have the following term of office:

2. The Chairman - during his/her term as City Mayor;
3. The Vice Chairman - during his/her term as Vice Mayor;
4. The President - for a term of two (2) years, subject to reappointment;
5. The Director of Commission on Higher Education - during his/ her tenure as Director of CHED-NCR;
6. The City Schools Superintendent - during his/ her term as Superintendent of the City Schools of Quezon City;
7. The Faculty Representative - one (1) year;
8. The Student Council Representative - one (1) year;
9. The NGOs/PO's Representative - for a term of two (2) years.

ARTICLE III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SEC. 8. Executive Committee - The Executive Committee, hereinafter referred to as the ExeCom, is hereby created for the purpose of carrying out and exercising the regular functions and powers of the Board of Regents and composed of the following:

1. The President of the university who shall be Presiding Officer at every meeting of the ExeCom;
2. The Chairman of the Committee on Education of the Sangguniang Panglungsod;

3. The Faculty Representative of the University;
4. The Student Representative of the University;
5. The NGOs/PO's Representative.

SEC. 9. All acts and resolutions approved by the ExeCom shall be ratified by the Board of Regents. Important matters affecting the administrative and/or academic affairs of the university shall be reported to the Board of Regents thru the Chairman.

ARTICLE IV. QUALIFICATIONS, VACANCY, SUSPENSION/REMOVAL AND COMPENSATION

SEC. 10. Qualifications - All members of the Board of Regents shall be citizens of the Philippines and with proven responsibility, integrity, and honesty.

SEC. 11. Vacancy - In case of vacancy of the Board of Regents by reason of resignation, removal from office, death, or any other incapacity of one or more of its members, such vacancy shall be filled up by the appointment of the Chairman of the Board of Regents.

SEC. 12. Suspension and Removal. - A member of the Board of Regents may be suspended or removed from office upon a majority vote of the Board of Regents members for the following causes:

1. Incapacity;
2. Incompetence;
3. Dishonesty;
4. Conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude;
5. Any act detrimental to the interest and welfare of the university

SEC. 13. Compensation. - The members of the Board of Regents and ExeComm shall serve without compensation, except for reasonable allowances or per diem as may be authorized by the Board of Regents.

ARTICLE V. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SEC. 14. Powers and Duties - Subject to existing laws, the following are the powers and duties of the Board of Regents, in addition to the general administrative and corporate powers:

1. To receive and appropriate in accordance with and as specified in the ordinance of the Sanggunian such sums of money as may be appropriated for the support of the university;
2. To provided for the establishment of necessary graduate and undergraduate colleges in the fields of education, liberal arts, science and technology, and such other academic and technical vocational courses in the priority of the community needs;
3. To confer honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of learning, statesmanship, and service to the government and eminence in philosophy, science, literature, and community service;
4. To establish chairs in the colleges and to provide for maintenance or endowments of such chairs as well as to provide for such other professors, associate professors and lecturers as may be necessary, and to fix compensation pertaining to such positions;
5. To appoint upon recommendations of the President of the university, professors,

instructors, lecturers, and other employees, and to fix compensation, hours of service, and such other duties and conditions as it may deem proper. To grant, at its discretion, leaves of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, and to remove employees for cause after proper notices and hearing/ investigation taken thereon.

6. To approve courses of study and rules of discipline prescribed by the University Council;

7. To provide fellowship and scholarships and to award the same to students giving special evidence of merit;

8. To prescribe rules for its government and to enact rules and regulations as are consistent with the purposes of the University;

9. To receive in trust, legacies, gifts, land grants, and donations of real and personal property of all kinds, and to administer the same for the benefit of the University, or for aid of any student or students in accordance with the direction of the donor and in such manner as the Board of Regents may at its discretion determine;

10. To promulgate and enforce rules of discipline governing the officers, faculty, teaching, and non-teaching personnel; provided that such powers may be delegated to the President, Vice President or any committee created for that purpose.

SEC. 15. A quorum of the Board of Regents shall consist of a majority of all the members holding office at the time the meeting of the Board is called. All processes against the Board of Regents shall be served on the president or the secretary thereof.

ARTICLE VI. UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

SEC. 15. There shall be a university council, consisting of the President of the university and of all the members of the faculty of the university holding the rank of professor, associate professor, and assistant professor.

SEC. 16. The powers of the University Council are as follows:

1. To prescribe the courses of study and rules of discipline, subject to the approval of the Board of Regents.
2. To fix the requirements for admission to any college of the university, subject to the approval of the Board of Regents.
3. To recommend students for graduation or persons to be conferred with honorary degrees; and
4. To discipline students, through the President, within the limits prescribed by the Rules of Discipline approved by the Board of Regents.

ARTICLE VII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. 17. Reports. - The Board of Regents shall file an annual detailed report of the progress, conditions, and needs of the university with the Department of Education, Culture and Sports and/or the Commission on Higher Education, and the City Mayor

SEC 18. Campus Site. - The Board shall recommend a suitable site within Quezon City for the university which shall be sufficient to meet the academic and instructional programs, research, and development activities and experimental and laboratory facilities. The Office of the President, through the CHED, shall effect the immediate acquisition of the said area for use as campus site.

SEC. 19 Development Plan. - Within a period of one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act of this Act, the University shall submit a seven (7) year development plan, including its corresponding program budget to the CHED, for corresponding recommendation to the DBM and which shall serve as basis for its policy decisions.

SEC. 20. Tax Exemption. - All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to the university to be used actually, directly, and exclusively by the university shall be exempt from donor's tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction from the gross income of the donor for the purposes of computing the taxable income of the donor, in accordance with the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.

SEC. 21. Supervision and Regulation. - The Department of Education and/ or the Commission on Higher Education thru their respective Secretary and Chairman shall exercise reasonable supervision and regulation over the university in accordance with existing laws and rules and regulation.

SEC. 22. Funding. - The amount needed to carry out the implementation of this Act, and the continued growth, operations, and maintenance of the university shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

The City Government of Quezon City shall appropriate an amount to be used as initial fund necessary for the operation of the university.

SEC. 23. The Board, in consultation with the CHED, shall formulate the guidelines to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 24. Separability Clause. - If any provision or section of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions and sections not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 25. Repealing Clause. - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders and their implementing rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 23. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,