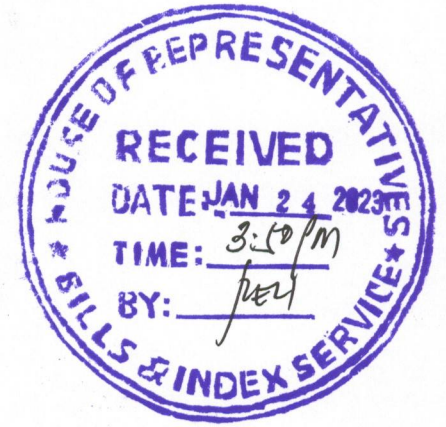


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HOUSE BILL NO. 6887



Introduced by Representatives Mark O. Go and Roman T. Romulo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 8292 or the Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997 mandates the uniform composition and powers of the governing boards of chartered state universities and colleges. It provides for the composition of the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees that includes the Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) as Chairman, president of the university or college as the Vice Chairman, and Chairmen of Congressional Committees on Education, NEDA Regional Director, Regional Director of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) or the Department of Agriculture (DA) for science and technological or agricultural colleges, presidents of the faculty and alumni associations, and supreme student council, and two prominent citizens, as members.

This proposed measure seeks the representation of the non-academic and non-teaching personnel through its association president or elected representative in the governing board of state colleges and universities.

As defined by Batas Pambansa Blng. 232 otherwise known as the Education Act of 1982, non-academic personnel are all other school personnel not falling under the definition and coverage of teaching and academic staff, school administrators and academic non-teaching personnel. Academic non-teaching personnel are those persons holding some academic qualifications and performing academic functions directly supportive of teaching, such as registrars, librarians, research assistants, research aides, and similar staff.

Staffing summary in SUCs, as of June 2022, shows that there are 29,631 permanent non-teaching positions (including non-academic) or 39% of the total plantilla items and 23,116 job order (with no plantilla item) non-teaching employees (including non-academic personnel).

It is evident that the non-academic and academic non-teaching personnel of every state university and college perform a significant role in the whole academic institution. They are considered as the backbone and support staff of the school administration and teaching personnel, and their functions are deemed crucial in the

operations of SUCs. They are indeed partners of the faculty and school administrators in administrative office management.

The non-academic and non-teaching personnel are the support group behind every state university and college in attaining its mission, vision and objectives in providing quality education for all students. Thus, they are considered a stakeholder in every public tertiary academic community that must be represented in the governing board.

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



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AN ACT
MANDATING THE INCLUSION AND REPRESENTATION OF THE NON-ACADEMIC PERSONNEL AND ACADEMIC NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL IN THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF ALL STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8292 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE HIGHER MODERNIZATION ACT OF 1997

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy – It shall be the policy of the State to ensure that there exist a democratic governance in all state universities and colleges based on representation, collegiality, accountability, transparency and active participation of its constituents.

SEC. 2. Section 3 of RA 8292 otherwise known as the Higher Modernization Act of 1997 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 3. The Governing Boards; manner of appointment. –

(a) *Composition* – The governing body of state universities and colleges is hereby in the Board of Regents for universities and in the Board of Trustees for colleges which shall be composed of the following:

- (i) Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Chairman;
- (ii) President of the university or college, Vice Chairman;
- (iii) Chairmen of the Congressional Committees on Education and Culture;
- (iv) Regional Director of the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) where the main campus of the university or college is located;
- (v) Regional Director of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) in case of science and technological colleges; or the Regional Director of the Department of Agriculture colleges; or the Secretary of Education for an

Autonomous Region. In lieu of such representation, the commanding generals of the Philippine Air Force and the Philippine Navy shall sit as members of the Board of the Philippine State College of Aeronautics and the Philippine Merchant marine Academy, respectively;

(vi) President of the faculty association;

(vii) President of the supreme student council or the student representative elected by the student council: *Provided*, That in the absence of a student council president or student representative elected by the student council, the university or college shall schedule one (1) week for the campaign and election of student representative;

(viii) PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR NON-ACADEMIC PERSONNEL AND ACADEMIC NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL OR ITS ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE

(ix) [(viii)] President of the alumni association of the institution concerned;

(x) [(ix)] Two (2) prominent citizens who have distinguished themselves in their professions or fields of specialization chosen from among lists of at least five (5) persons qualified in the city or the province where the school is located, as recommended by the search committee constituted by the President in consultation with the Chairman of the CHED based on the normal standards and qualifications for the position;

The faculty and the student council shall be represented of their respective federations in multi-campus universities and colleges. The private sector representatives shall be appointed by the Board of Regents/Trustees upon recommendation of a duly constituted search committee.

(b) *Term of office* – The president of the faculty, NON-ACADEMIC PERSONNEL AND ACADEMIC NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL, [and] alumni associations and the student regents or trustees shall sit in the board until expiration of their term of office in such capacities.

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SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,