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House Bill No. 7821



Introduced by Hon. MARVIN C. RILLO
Representative, Fourth District, Quezon City

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The University of the Philippines (UP) Board of Regents (BOR) consists of representatives from the more than 14,378 teaching and non-teaching personnel¹ in UP.

Under Republic Act No. 9500, one faculty regent is assigned to represent the faculty group, or currently at 3,874 personnel. However, only one (1) staff regent is appointed for both the Research, Extension and Professional Staff (REPS) and Administrative Personnel, which has 1,443 staff under REPS and 8,948 Administrative Personnel.²

Aside from the difference in the number of members, the REPS and Administrative Personnel groups have different work and performance descriptions, goals, demands, and concerns. Consequently, it would be very difficult for a single regent to represent fairly both the REPS and Administrative Personnel and address all concerns raised by both groups.

It is the policy of the state to “give priority to research and development, invention, innovation, and their utilization, and to science and technology education, training, and services. It shall support indigenous, appropriate, and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, and their application to the country’s productive systems and national life” as embodied under **Section 10, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution**.

To support and strengthen the capability of UP, as a leading university in the Philippines on research, there is a necessity that REPS be specially represented at the highest policy making body of UP, that is its BOR.

Hence, this bill seeks to amend Section 12 of Republic Act No. 9500 – otherwise known as “*The University of the Philippines Charter of 2008*”, specifically adding one (1) Sectoral Regent, herein called as REPS Regent, to solely represent UP Research, Extension and Professional Staff; and another Sectoral Regent, herein called as Admin Regent, for UP Administrative Personnel.

¹ As of 2022.

² Ibid.

On behalf of the people of the Fourth District of Quezon City, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'MARVIN C. RILLO', is written over a faint, hand-drawn oval shape.

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**“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE CAPABILITY OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AS A RESEARCH
UNIVERSITY, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF
REPUBLIC ACT 9500.”**

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

**TITLE I
POLICY AND PRINCIPLES**

SECTION 1. *Section 12 (1) of the Republic Act 9500 otherwise known as
“The University of the Philippines Charter of 2008” is hereby amended as
follows:*

“SEC.12. The Board of Regents —

- (1) Composition- The governance of the national university is vested in a board of regents known as the “Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines System,” hereinafter referred to as the “Board,” composed of:
 - (a) The Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education as Chairperson;
 - (b) The President of the University of the Philippines System as Co-Chairperson;
 - (c) The Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Education, Arts and Culture;
 - (d) The Chairperson of the House Committee on Higher and Technical Education;
 - (e) The President of the U.P. Alumni Association, to serve as Alumni Regent during his or her incumbency in that position;
 - (f) One Faculty Regent representing all teaching personnel, chosen in accordance with the rules and qualification set

by the constituent university councils to serve for a term of two (2) years;

- (g) One Student Regent, to serve for a term of one (1) year, chosen by the students from their ranks in accordance with rules and qualifications approved in a referendum by the students;
- (h) **ONE RESEARCH, EXTENSION, AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF (REPS) REGENT REPRESENTING ALL FULL-TIME REPS, CHOSEN BY THEM FROM THEIR RANKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND QUALIFICATIONS SET BY THEIR DULY RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS, TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS;**
- (i) **ONE STAFF REGENT REPRESENTING ALL THE FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL, AND CHOSEN BY THEM FROM THEIR RANKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND QUALIFICATIONS SET BY THEIR DULY RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS, TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS; AND**
- (J)** Three other Regents who have distinguished themselves in their professions or fields of specialization, to be appointed by the President of the Philippines, considering the recommendation of the Board. At least two (2) of these Regents should be alumni. All these Regents shall each serve for a term of two (2) years: Provided, That the Regents holding office as members of the Board at the time of the effectivity of this Act shall continue to serve until the expiration of their appointments as provided in Executive Order No. 204-A, issued by the President of the Philippines on July 15, 1987.

SEC. 2. Separability Clause. - If, for any reason, any part, section or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 3. Repealing Clause. - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with 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.