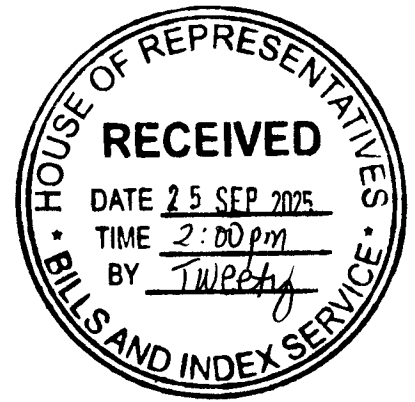


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HOUSE BILL NO. 4912



Introduced by: Hon. Keith Micah "Atty. Mike" D.L. Tan

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE EXTENSION CAMPUS OF THE SOUTHERN LUZON STATE
UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUMACA, PROVINCE OF QUEZON
INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 17 of Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that it is the policy of the State to 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.

Southern Luzon State University is a premier university located in the Province of Quezon converted from a polytechnic college to a state university by virtue of Republic Act No. 9395. At present, it is composed of ten (10) campuses in the Province of Quezon, with the main campus situated in the Municipality of Lucban.

The University is mandated to provide advanced education, professional, technological instruction in the fields of allied medicine, education, engineering, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, environment, arts and sciences, accountancy, cooperative, business and entrepreneurship, technology and other relevant fields of study. It shall also undertake research and extension services and provide progressive leadership in its areas of specialization.

To expand its capacity of delivering quality education, SLSU has established extension campuses throughout the Province particularly in the Cities of Tayabas and Lucena, and Municipalities of Tiaong, Gumaca, Calauag, Catanaun, Infanta, Polillo, and Alabat.

However, the increasing demand for education in the Province of Quezon has also necessitated an increase in financing to maintain the quality of education the University aims to deliver.

Thus, this bill, which was also approved in third reading during the 19th Congress, seeks to convert the Southern Luzon State University – Gumaca Extension Campus into a regular campus to guarantee direct annual budgetary allocation from the General Appropriations Act to provide for itself, build necessary infrastructure, procure equipment, and hire additional staff complement.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Tan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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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 “Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) – Gumaca Campus Act.”

SEC. 2. *Conversion.* - The extension campus of the Southern Luzon State University in the Municipality of Gumaca is hereby converted into a regular campus of SLSU to be known as SLSU–Gumaca Campus.

SEC. 3. *General Mandate* – The SLSU–Gumaca Campus shall offer short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the SLSU and according to its capability as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives, and those which respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of Quezon and CALABARZON Region.

The SLSU-Gumaca Campus is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, in support of the socio-economic development and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

SEC. 4. *Supervision and Management.* - The SLSU-Gumaca Campus shall be headed by a Campus Director, to be appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines, qualifications, and standards, and upon the recommendation of a Search Committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Director.

SEC. 5. *Compliance with the Requirements of the Commission on Higher*

Education (CHED). – The SLSU shall ensure the compliance of the SLSU-Gumaca Campus with the policies, standards, and guidelines of the CHED for the operation of a regular campus, including those related to the offering of courses and the introduction of new or revised programs prior to its conversion as a regular campus.

SEC. 6. *Management of Personnel, Assets and Records.* – All assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the SLSU-Gumaca Campus, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be transferred to the SLSU. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the conversion into a regular campus shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the SLSU-Gumaca Campus shall be transferred to the SLSU: *Provided*, That should the Campus or the SLSU cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the SLSU, the same shall revert to the local government unit concerned or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

SEC. 7. *Suppletory Applications.* – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this Act.

SEC. 8. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary to implement the initial phase of the CAP shall be charged against the current appropriations of the DepEd. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of the program shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SEC. 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 10. *Separability Clause.* - If any portion or provision of this Act is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions or provision of this Act shall not be affected by such declarations.

SEC. 11. *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.

SEC. 12. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,