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HOUSE BILL NO. 6266



**Introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez,
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AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE
PHILIPPINES AS THE NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY,
REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBER
1341, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

After the recent consultative meeting with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Department of Budget and Management – National Capital Region (DBM – NCR), we respectfully submit the latest version of the proposed bill entitled “*An Act Strengthening the Polytechnic University of the Philippines as the National Polytechnic University, Repealing for the Purpose Presidential Decree No. 1341, and Appropriating Funds Therefor.*”

This updated version reflects the results of the discussion with CHED and DBM, which focused on addressing the concerns raised in the President’s veto message on the previous NPU Bill. The revisions were made to make sure that the proposed bill is aligned with CHED and DBM policies, standards of national

higher education, and current laws on institutional autonomy and government oversight.

Through the consultations, we were able to clarify and improve provisions on the powers of the Board of Regents, fiscal management, appropriation and coordination with CHED. The revised draft also underscores PUP's important role in advancing polytechnic particularly through the strengthening of academe-industry partnership. These changes aim to make the university more responsive to the needs of our students, communities, and industries and to better prepare Filipinos for the demands of a rapidly changing world.

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



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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Revised Charter of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote, foster, nurture, and protect the right of all citizens to accessible quality education; and establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education that is relevant to the needs of the people and society.

“Towards this end, the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) shall be strengthened as a national polytechnic university to enhance its capacity to provide accessible and inclusive quality education and research tailored to the present and future

needs of Filipinos, to develop the competencies and specialization of its constituent units, to adopt conventional or alternative instructional methodologies, and to foster a unique and distinctive academic leadership in the development and delivery of higher education services in the Philippines, including capacity building in artificial intelligence, computational thinking, and key emerging technologies.”

SEC. 3. *The Polytechnic University of the Philippines.* – The PUP as a state university shall comprise of its main campus and existing campuses located in the Cities of Manila¹, Caloocan², Parañaque³, Quezon⁴, San Juan⁵ and Taguig⁶ in the National Capital Region; Municipality of Mariveles in the Province of Bataan⁷; Municipality of Cabiao⁸ in the Province of Nueva Ecija, Municipalities of Alfonso⁹ and Maragondon¹⁰ in the Province of Cavite; City of Sto. Tomas¹¹ in the Province of Batangas; City of Sta. Rosa¹² in the Province of Laguna, Municipalities of Lopez¹³, Mulanay¹⁴ and Unisan¹⁵ in the Province of Quezon; Municipality of Bansud¹⁶ in the Province of Oriental Mindoro; Municipality of Sablayan¹⁷ in the Province of Occidental Mindoro; Municipality of Ragay¹⁸ in the Province of Camarines Sur; Municipality of Leyte¹⁹ in the Province of Leyte and academic extension programs and academic and non-academic units established or maybe established in the future to improve access to quality education, promote innovation and progress in the academe, and advance its

¹ Established on October 19, 1904.

² RA 11785, May 29, 2022.

³ Established on March 24, 2011, RA No. 11979, Feb. 15, 2024.

⁴ Established on July 29, 1997, RA No. 11347, July 25, 2019.

⁵ Established on February 20, 2008, RA No. 11348, July 25, 2019.

⁶ Established on September 9, 1992, pursuant to Sec 11 of PD 1341, April 1, 1978.

⁷ Established on July 1, 1976, pursuant to Sec 11 of PD 1341, April 1, 1978.

⁸ Established on March 15, 1996, RA No. 11754, April 27, 2022.

⁹ Established on July 7, 2013, RA No. 11802, June 02, 2022.

¹⁰ Established on January 29, 1987, pursuant to Sec 11 of PD 1341, April 1, 1978.

¹¹ Established on January 28, 1992, pursuant to Sec 11 of PD 1341, April 1, 1978.

¹² Established on February 20, 2003, RA No. 11784, May 29, 2022.

¹³ Established on February 13, 1979, pursuant to Sec 11 of PD 1341, April 1, 1978.

¹⁴ Established on August 24, 1993, pursuant to Sec 11 of PD 1341, April 1, 1978.

¹⁵ Established on August 5, 1987, pursuant to Sec 11 of PD 1341, April 1, 1978.

¹⁶ Established on October 23, 2008, RA No. 11281, July 23, 2018.

¹⁷ Established on October 6, 2010, RA No. 11056, Aug 9, 2018.

¹⁸ Established on August 13, 1993, pursuant to Sec 11 of PD 1341, April 1, 1978. ¹⁹ Established on May 29, 2022, RA No. 11786, May 29, 2022.

research capabilities: *Provided*, That PUP shall comply with the policies, standards and guidelines of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the operation of campuses.

SEC. 4. *General Mandate.* – As a national polytechnic university, PUP shall adopt a polytechnic program of education designed to provide individuals with employable skills and managerial knowledge to bolster their creativity, productivity and self-reliance. The PUP shall also provide advanced education, higher technological, professional courses and training programs in accountancy, engineering, architecture, and applied sciences, law, education, interior design, psychology, business and management, among other disciplines, and promote applied research, advance studies, and progressive leadership in the stated fields.

SEC. 5. *Curricular Offering.* – The PUP shall offer undergraduate and graduate courses, advanced professional and technical instruction and training within its areas of specialization in the fields of accountancy, engineering and architecture, applied sciences, law, education, interior design, psychology, business management, and in other polytechnic areas: *Provided*, That PUP shall comply with the policies, standards and guidelines of CHED for the offering of courses and the introduction of new or revised programs.

PUP shall continue to operate and maintain a night school and to collect tuition and other fees in such amounts as may be fixed by the Board.

SEC. 6. *Administration.* — The PUP shall have the general powers of a corporation set forth in Republic Act No. 11232, otherwise known as the “Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines”. The exercise of its corporate powers shall be vested exclusively in the Governing Board, and the President of PUP.

SEC. 7. *Governing Board.* – The governing board of PUP shall be the Board of Regents, herein referred to as the Board, which shall be chaired and co-chaired by the Chairperson of CHED and the President of PUP, respectively, with the following as members:

- a. Chairperson of the Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education of the Senate;
- b. Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education of the House of Representatives;
- c. Secretary of Socioeconomic Planning;
- d. Secretary of Science and Technology;
- e. President of the PUP federation of faculty associations;
- f. President of the PUP federation of student councils;
- g. President of the PUP federation of alumni associations;
- h. President of the PUP non-teaching personnel association; and
- i. Three (3) prominent citizens from the private sector who have distinguished themselves in their professions or fields of specialization.

The Board shall appoint three (3) prominent citizens who shall be selected from a list of at least seven (7) qualified persons as recommended by a search committee constituted by the President of PUP, in consultation with the Chairperson of CHED and other members of the Board, based on the guidelines, qualifications and standards for the position set by the Board. They shall serve for a term of two (2) years from the date of appointment.

The presidents of the federations of faculty associations, student councils, alumni associations, and the president of the non-teaching personnel association of PUP shall be coterminous with their terms of office, as provided under their respective constitutions and bylaws.”

SEC. 8. *Powers and Duties of the Board.* – In addition to its general powers of administration and the exercise of powers granted to the Board of Directors of a Corporation under Section 35 of Republic Act No. 11232, the Board of PUP shall exercise and perform the following specific powers and duties:

- (a) Promulgate and implement policies in accordance with the declared state policies on education, pertinent provisions of the Constitution on

education, agriculture, science and technology, and the policies, standards and thrusts of CHED under Republic Act No. 7722, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Act of 1994”;

- (b) Approve the curricula, instructional programs, and rules on student discipline drawn by the Administrative and Academic Councils as herein provided;
- (c) Appoint, upon the recommendation of the President of PUP, the vice presidents, deans, directors, heads of the campuses, faculty members, and other similar officials of PUP;
- (d) Prescribe the salaries of faculty members and administrative officials and employees, subject to the provisions of Republic Act No. 11466, otherwise known as the “Salary Standardization Law of 2019”, civil service rules and regulations governing hours of service and other requirements and conditions, and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations;
- (e) Fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges, such as matriculation, graduation and laboratory fees, as the Board may deem proper to impose, after due consultation with the concerned sectors. The fees and charges, including government subsidies and other income generated by PUP, shall constitute its funds to be used exclusively in pursuit of its mandate as a state university, and shall be deposited in any authorized government depository bank. All interests that shall accrue therefrom shall form part of the same funds for the use of PUP.

The fees and charges collected by PUP, including government subsidies and proceeds from other income sources, as well as interests that would accrue therefrom, shall be retained by the PUP, and disbursed at the discretion of the Board for the professional growth and development, health, welfare, and other benefits of the students, faculty members and personnel; for the acquisition, construction, maintenance and repair of urgently needed instructional and auxiliary facilities, equipment, buildings

and other infrastructure; and for expenses necessary for the attainment of its purposes under its approved program of expenditures: provided, that all fiduciary fees shall be disbursed for the specific purposes for which they were collected.”

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Board may authorize, for such reasonable and legal purposes necessary and urgent for the attainment of the objectives of PUP, the use of:

1. any unexpended balance whose fiduciary character has been *ipso facto* removed pursuant to the grant of subsidy under Republic Act No. 10931, otherwise known as the “Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act”; and/or
 2. any appropriation for any project under the duly approved program of expenditures that PUP, for reasons beyond its control, would not be able to pursue: *Provided*, That funds collected from students for specific purposes shall not be realigned or reprogrammed to other expenditures;
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- (f) Adopt and implement a socialized scheme of tuition and other school fees for greater access of poor but deserving students in accordance with R.A. No. 10931;
 - (g) Establish professorial chairs in PUP and provide fellowships for qualified faculty members, and scholarships for deserving students;
 - (h) Receive and appropriate sums as may be provided by law for the support of PUP, and all other sums in the manner it may, in its discretion, determine to carry out the purposes and functions of PUP;
 - (i) Set the policies on admission and graduation of students;
 - (j) Award honorary degrees persons, in recognition of their outstanding contributions in the fields of education, public service, arts, science and technology, sports and human kinetics, or any field of specialization

within the academic competency of PUP, and authorize the awarding of certificates of completion of nondegree and nontraditional courses;

- (k) Establish research and extension centers to promote the development of PUP;
- (l) Develop academic arrangements for institutional capability building with appropriate institutions and agencies, whether public, private, local or foreign, and appoint experts or specialists as consultants, part-time, visiting or exchange professors, scholars or researchers, as the case may be;
- (m) Adopt modern and innovative modes of knowledge transfer for the promotion of greater access to education such as the use of information technology, dual training system, open distance learning, and community laboratory;
- (n) Collaborate with the governing bodies of other State Universities and Colleges within the Philippines, in restructuring PUP to make it more efficient, relevant, productive and competitive in consultation with CHED and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM);
- (o) Absorb non-chartered tertiary institutions within the Philippines as branches, extension or external centers, in coordination with CHED and in consultation with the DBM, and offer therein programs or courses to carry out the constitutional mandate of providing students with equal access to educational opportunities;
- (p) Authorize an external management audit of PUP, to be financed by CHED, subject to the rules and regulations of the Commission on Audit (COA), and institute reforms, including academic and structural changes, on the basis of the audit results and recommendations;
- (q) Develop consortia and other economic forms of linkages with local government units (LGU) as well as public, private, local or foreign

institutions and agencies for the furtherance of the purposes and objectives of PUP;

- (r) Import books or publications, instruments, equipment and apparatuses for economic, technical-vocational, scientific, medical, philosophical, historical, legal, or cultural purposes;
- (s) Enter into joint ventures with businesses and industries, after consultation with the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), for the profitable development and management of economic assets, the proceeds of which shall be used for the development and strengthening of PUP in accordance the law;
- (t) Receive, in trust, all legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal properties of all kinds and administer and dispose of the same, when necessary, for the benefit of PUP and subject to the limitations, directions and instructions of the donor, if any;
- (u) Extend the term of the PUP President beyond the age of retirement, but not beyond seventy (70) years of age, based on the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board: *Provided*, That such extension shall be subject to the term limits provided in Section 10 of this Act: *Provided, further*, That the President's performance has been rated by the Board as outstanding and the Search Committee has unanimously recommended such extension;
- (v) Delegate any of its powers and duties to the President and other university officials, as it may deem appropriate, so as to efficiently and effectively administer the affairs of PUP;
- (w) Establish policy guidelines and procedures for participative and transparent decisionmaking within PUP;

- (x) Where most advantageous to PUP, outsource the management of non-academic services such as health, food, building or grounds or property maintenance, and such other similar activities;
- (y) Authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machinery, equipment and other facilities, and the purchase and acquisition of real and personal property, including necessary supplies, materials, and equipment; and
- (z) Promulgate rules and regulations, as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes and functions of PUP.

SEC. 9. *Meetings of the Board.* – The Board shall regularly convene once every three (3) months. The Chairperson of the Board or the President of PUP may, however, call a special meeting whenever necessary: *Provided*, That members are notified in writing at least three (3) days prior to the conduct of said meeting.

A quorum of the Board shall consist of a majority of all its members holding office at the time of the meeting: *Provided*, That the Chairperson of the Board or the President of PUP is among those present in the meeting.

In case the Chairperson of CHED cannot attend a meeting of the Board, a CHED Commissioner, duly designated by the Chairperson of CHED as representative to the meeting, shall have all the rights and responsibilities of a regular member: *Provided*, That during the meeting, the President of the PUP, as Co-Chairperson, shall be the presiding officer; *Provided, further*, That this provision notwithstanding, the Chairperson of CHED may designate a CHED Commissioner as the regular Chairperson of the Board, in which case, the said CHED Commissioner shall act as the presiding officer.

In case the Chairpersons of the Senate Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education and the House Committee on Higher and Technical Education

cannot attend the Board meeting, they may designate their respective representatives, who shall have the same rights and responsibilities as regular members of the Board.

The members of the Board shall not receive any salary, but shall be entitled to reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses incurred, for their attendance to the meetings of the Board or in connection with other official business authorized by a resolution of the Board, subject to existing laws and regulations.

SEC. 10 *University President.* – The PUP shall be headed by a President who shall be appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines, qualifications and standards, and based on the recommendation of a search committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the President.

The President shall render full-time service and have a term of four (4) years and may be reappointed to another term: *Provided*, that in order to ensure the attainment of its distinctive and purposeful mandate as such, as declared and provided in this act, the incumbent president of PUP shall serve a new term as the first president of PUP as the National Polytechnic University of the Philippines and shall not be eligible for reappointment.

Within six (6) months before the expiration of the term of office of the of PUP President, the Board shall constitute the Search Committee for the Presidency, and shall ensure the appointment or reappointment of a President on or before the expiration of the term.

The powers and duties of the President of PUP, in addition to those specifically provided in this Act, shall include those usually pertaining to the Office of the President of similar state universities and colleges and those delegated by the Board.

The board shall determine the compensation of the President of the university in accordance with Republic Act No. 11466, or the “Salary Standardization Law of 2019”, and such other laws amendatory thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted.

In case of a vacancy in the Office of the President by reason of death, compulsory retirement, resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity to perform the functions of the office, the Board shall designate an Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the PUP, pending the appointment of a new President: *Provided*, That the OIC shall serve only during the unexpired portion of the term.

The PUP President shall be assisted by the following officials: Executive Vice President, the Vice President for Administration, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Vice President for Research and Extension, the Vice President for Planning and Development, the Vice President for Finance, the Vice President for External Affairs, the Secretary of the University and such other academic and administrative officials, whose positions and functions are deemed necessary to assist in the effective and efficient administration of PUP as may be determined by the Board. They shall all be appointed by the Board upon the recommendation of the President of PUP.

SEC. 11. *The University Secretary.* – The Board shall appoint a Secretary who shall serve as such for both the Board and PUP and keep all records and proceedings of meetings of the Board. The Secretary of PUP shall serve upon each member of the Board the appropriate notice of board meetings.

SEC. 12. *The University Treasurer.* – The Treasurer of the Philippines shall be the *ex officio* Treasurer of PUP.

SEC. 13. *The Administrative Council.* – There shall be an Administrative Council consisting of the President of PUP as Chairperson, and the vice presidents, deans, directors, and other officials of equal rank, as members. The Administrative Council shall review and recommend to the Board the policies that shall govern the administration, management, and development planning of the PUP.

SEC. 14. *The Academic Council.* – There shall be an Academic Council, which shall formulate academic policies. It shall be composed of the PUP President, who shall act

as chairperson, and all academic staff with the rank of at least an assistant professor, as members. The Academic Council shall have the power to review and recommend the curricular offerings and rules on student discipline, subject to the approval of the Board. It shall fix the requirements for the admission of students, as well as for their graduation and conferment of degrees, subject to the review and approval of the Board through the PUP President.

It shall exercise disciplinary power over the students of PUP and shall formulate rules and regulations on student discipline, subject to the approval of the Board.

SEC. 15. *Heads of University Campuses.* – The constituent campuses of PUP shall each be headed by a Campus Director who shall serve as head or administrator of each of the campuses and render full-time service for a term of two (2) years and may be reappointed to another term. The Campus Director shall be appointed or designated by the Board, upon the recommendation of the Search Committee and the PUP President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board: *Provided*, That upon the effectivity of this Act, the incumbent Campus Directors of the existing campuses of PUP shall continue to serve as such.

SEC. 16. *The faculty.* – The teaching staff of each college shall constitute its faculty. The College Faculty shall be presided over by a Dean. The Dean shall be appointed by the Board, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board, and upon the recommendation of the President of PUP, following a process of consultation with the constituents of the college concerned.

The powers and duties of the Dean of the College, in addition to those specifically provided in this Act, shall include those usually pertaining to the Office of the Dean of similar state universities and colleges and those delegated by the PUP President.

In case of vacancy in the Office of the Dean by reason of death, compulsory retirement, resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the Dean to perform the

functions of the Office, the Board shall, upon the recommendation of the PUP President, designate an Officer-in-Charge of the College, pending the appointment of a new Dean.

No political belief, sex, gender, cultural or community affiliation, ethnic origin, religious opinion or affiliation shall be a matter of inquiry in the appointment of faculty members of PUP: *Provided*, That said appointment shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board.

SEC. 17. *Faculty Sabbatical Leave.* – The PUP may grant sabbatical leave to deserving and qualified faculty for purposes of research or community engagement ranging from three (3) months to one (1) year, subject to the recommendation of the PUP President and upon approval of the Board.

Faculty on long-term sabbatical leave shall be temporarily relieved from their teaching duties to conduct research, write, and engage in scholarly or professional activity and required to submit a research output published in a reputable journal.

SEC. 18. *Academic Freedom.* – The PUP shall enjoy academic freedom pursuant to Article XIV, Section 5(5) of the Constitution.

SEC. 19. *Institutional Autonomy as the National Polytechnic University.* – As the National Polytechnic University, the PUP shall be treated with greater flexibility. It shall determine its teaching, research, extension services thrusts, plans, policies, programs, and standards consistent with its purpose, and according to the national goals and priorities, which shall be approved by the Board of Regents.

As the National Polytechnic University, the PUP shall enjoy institutional autonomy, pursuant to Paragraph 2, Section 5 of Article XIV of the Constitution, as well as the responsibility to maintain and enhance its high academic standards in the performance of its instruction, extension, and community service.

SEC. 20. *PUP Center for Artificial Intelligence, Computational Thinking, and Key Emerging Technologies.* – Pursuant to the national policy of advancing research and

development, technology, and innovation, the PUP Center for Artificial Intelligence, Computational Thinking, And Key Emerging Technologies, hereinafter referred to as the center, is hereby established.

The center shall have:

- (a) Suitable physical facilities for study and laboratory research of graduate and post graduate level in artificial intelligence, computational thinking, and key emerging technologies, including accessory facilities for related activities such as lectures, dissemination of information, communication, analytical and consultative service, instrumentation, and collaboration with other scientific organizations; and
- (b) A regular staff of scientists, technicians, academicians, and administrative personnel, to be augmented, as circumstances require, by guest researchers, special lecturers, and visiting technicians.

The center shall perform the following functions:

- (a) Undertake fundamental studies and research in artificial intelligence, computational thinking, and key emerging technologies, and disseminate the findings of such studies;
- (b) Collaborate with institutions and schools, both public and private, in the development and implementation of academic programs, research projects, and training initiatives related to artificial intelligence, futures thinking, and key emerging technologies;
- (c) Provide assistance, upon request and when feasible, to other public and private institutions;
- (d) Collaborate, upon request and when feasible, with other schools, organizations or individuals in the furtherance of scientific knowledge and research.

SEC. 21. *Scholarship Programs and Admission.* – The PUP shall provide scholarship programs and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students who qualify for admission to PUP.

No student shall be denied admission to PUP by reason of sex, gender, religion, cultural community affiliation, ethnic origin, or any other forms of discrimination.

SEC. 22. *Loan or Transfer of Supplies, Apparatuses, or Equipment, or Detail of Personnel.* – Heads of national government agencies and instrumentalities may, upon the request of the Board through the President of PUP, loan or transfer supplies, apparatuses, or equipment, or detail personnel to the PUP: *Provided*, that such loan, transfer or detail shall not be detrimental to public service.

The personnel to be detailed to PUP shall perform such duties as may be deemed required by the PUP President and the time spent for such duties shall be counted as part of the detailed personnel's regular service.

SEC. 23. *Assets, Liabilities, and Personnel.* – All assets, both real and personal, personnel and records of PUP, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall remain under the name of PUP: *Provided*, That the positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws shall be respected: *Provided, further*, That the incumbents occupying the positions shall remain in the same status until otherwise provided by the Board: *Provided, finally*, That PUP shall also accordingly upgrade or increase its human resource component as may be deemed appropriate by the Board.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by PUP and all its campuses are hereby declared as property of PUP and shall be titled under its name: *Provided*, That in case the PUP ceases to exist, or is abolished or should the aforementioned parcels of land are no longer needed by PUP, the same shall revert to

the local government units concerned or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

SEC. 24. *Duty and Tax Exemptions.* – The importation of books, publications, instruments, equipment and apparatuses which are for economic, technical-vocational, scientific, medical, philosophical, historical, legal or cultural purposes made by PUP shall, upon certification by CHED, be exempt from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise known as the “Customs Modernization and Tariff Act”.

All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and actually, directly, and exclusively for educational purposes by PUP shall be exempt from donor’s tax and considered as allowable deductions from gross income for purposes of computing the taxable income of the donor in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 8424 or the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.

SEC. 25. *Development Plan, Management Audit, and Organizational, Administrative, and Academic Structure.* – Within a period of one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, PUP shall accomplish the following:

- (a) Submit a five (5) year development plan, including its program budget to CHED for endorsement to the DBM;
- (b) Set up its organizational, administrative, and academic structure, including the appointment of key officials of PUP; and
- (c) Undertake a management audit in coordination with CHED.

SEC. 26. *Filing of Report.* – On or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the second (2nd) month after the opening of regular classes each year, the Board shall file a detailed report on the progress, condition, and needs of PUP with the Office of the President of the Philippines and both Houses of Congress, through the Chairperson of CHED.

SEC. 27. *Supplementary Application.* – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall have supplementary application to this Act.

SEC. 28. *Parity Clause.* – All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities, and limitations under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon PUP and its officials, whenever appropriate.

SEC. 29. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year’s appropriation of PUP. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SEC. 30. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).* – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with CHED, formulate rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 31. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall

SEC. 32. *Repealing Clause.* – Presidential Decree No. 1341, entitled “Converting the Philippine College of Commerce into a Polytechnic University, Defining its Objectives, Organizational Structure and Functions, and Expanding Its Curricular Offerings” is hereby repealed. Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 33. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,