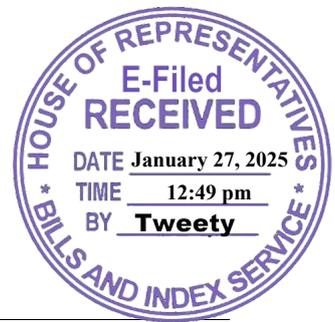


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1352

Submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, Appropriations, and Ways and Means on **January 27, 2025**.

Re: House Bill No. 11341

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2363, 6790, 6973, 8829, 8860, 9060, and 9632

Sponsors: Representatives Mark O. Go, Stella Luz A. Quimbo, Joey Sarte Salceda, and Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Higher and Technical Education, Appropriations, and Ways and Means to which were referred House Bill No. 8860, introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, and Jude A. Acidre, entitled:

“AN ACT  
AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1341, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
THE CHARTER OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES”;

House Bill No. 2363, introduced by Representative Charisse Anne C. Hernandez, entitled:

“AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE  
PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE CITY OF CALAMBA, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA,  
TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-CALAMBA CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 6790, introduced by Representative Lordan G. Suan, entitled:

“AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE  
PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF  
CAGAYAN DE ORO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS  
THE PUP-CAGAYAN DE ORO CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 6973, introduced by Representative Ching B. Bernos, entitled:

“AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE  
PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, PROVINCE OF  
ABRA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-ABRA CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 8829, introduced by Representative Edwin L. Olivarez, entitled:

“AN ACT  
AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED 1341, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE  
PHILIPPINES”;

House Bill No. 9060, introduced by Representatives Ralph Wendel P. Tulfo, Jocelyn P. Tulfo, Erwin T. Tulfo, Eric Go Yap, and Edvic G. Yap, entitled:

“AN ACT

AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED 1341, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES”;

and House Bill No. 9632, introduced by Representative Eduardo “Bro. Eddie” C. Villanueva, entitled:

“AN ACT  
AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBER 1341, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 11341, entitled:

“AN ACT  
STRENGTHENING THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, DECLARING IT AS THE NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2363, 6790, 6973, 8829, 8860, 9060, and 9632 and with Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Mark O. Go, Jude A. Acidre, Ralph Wendel P. Tulfo, Jocelyn P. Tulfo, Erwin T. Tulfo, Eric Go Yap, Edvic G. Yap, Eduardo “Bro. Eddie” C. Villanueva, Charisse Anne C. Hernandez, Lordan G. Suan, Ching B. Bernos, Mary Mitzi L. Cajayon-Uy, Edwin L. Olivarez, Christopherson “Coco” M. Yap, Raoul Danniell A. Manuel, Joselito “Joel” S. Sacdalan, Edsel A. Galeos, Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., Laarni Lavin Roque, Lani Mercado-Revilla, Ruth Mariano-Hernandez, Stella Luz A. Quimbo, Joseph Gilbert F. Violago, Rachel Marguerite B. Del Mar, Maria Angela S. Garcia, Jaime R. Fresnedi, Albert S. Garcia, Ron P. Salo, Joey Sarte Salceda, Ambrosio C. Cruz, Jr., Rosanna “Ria” V. Vergara, Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay, Sergio C. Dagooc, Ray T. Reyes, Wilter Y. Palma, Gerardo P. Valmayor, Jr., Christian Tell A. Yap, Anthony Rolando T. Golez, Jr., Antonio B. Legarda, Jr., Rosemarie Conejos Panotes, Romeo S. Momo, Sr., Anna Victoria Veloso-Tuazon, Joseph Gilbert F. Violago, Christopher V.P. De Venecia, Maria Angela S. Garcia as authors thereof.

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**AN ACT**  
**STRENGTHENING THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES,**  
**DECLARING IT AS THE NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, AND**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

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

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4           **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - The Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) is  
5 hereby strengthened into the Country's National Polytechnic University. In order to execute its  
6 mandate, it is hereby declared as the National Polytechnic University. As such, the PUP shall provide  
7 support to other polytechnic state universities and colleges in the development and delivery of  
8 professional and technical programs.  
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10           **SEC. 3. Purpose.** – As the National Polytechnic University, the PUP shall primarily offer  
11 higher occupational, technical, and professional instruction and training programs in the fields of  
12 engineering and architecture, applied sciences and other polytechnic programs.  
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14           To address the pressing social and economic needs of individuals and communities, the  
15 PUP shall also offer undergraduate and graduate programs accountancy, law, education, business,  
16 management, and other fields of study where it has established niches and continues to excel. It shall  
17 also promote applied research, advanced studies, and progressive leadership in the stated fields.

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**SEC. 4. PUP Campuses and Other Units.** – The PUP is composed of the following existing regular campuses: PUP-Main Campus in the City of Manila, National Capital Region (NCR); PUP-Quezon City Campus in Quezon City, NCR; PUP-San Juan Campus in San Juan City, NCR; PUP-Taguig City Campus in Taguig, NCR; PUP-Parañaque City Campus in Parañaque City, NCR; PUP-Caloocan City North Campus in the City of Caloocan, NCR; PUP-Maragondon Campus in the Municipality of Maragondon, Province of Cavite; PUP-Alfonso Campus in the Municipality of Alfonso, Province of Cavite; PUP-Bansud Campus in the Municipality of Bansud, Province of Oriental Mindoro; PUP-Bataan Campus in the Municipality of Mariveles, Province of Bataan; PUP-Cabiao Campus in the Municipality of Cabiao, Province of Nueva Ecija; PUP-Sta. Rosa Campus in the City of Sta. Rosa, Province of Laguna; PUP-Sto. Tomas Campus in the Municipality of Sto. Tomas, Province of Batangas; PUP-Unisan Campus in the Municipality of Unisan, Province of Quezon; PUP-Mulanay Campus in the Municipality of Mulanay, Province of Quezon; PUP-Ragay Campus in the Municipality of Ragay, Province of Albay; PUP- Sablayan Campus in the Municipality of Sablayan, Province of Occidental Mindoro; and PUP-Leyte Campus in the Municipality of Leyte, Province of Leyte.

The PUP is also composed of the following extension campuses: PUP-Lopez Branch in the Municipality of Lopez, Province of Quezon; PUP-General Luna Campus in the Municipality of General Luna, Province of Quezon; PUP-San Pedro Campus in the City of San Pedro, Province of Laguna; PUP-Biñan, Laguna Campus in the Municipality of Biñan, Province of Laguna; PUP-Calauan Campus in the Municipality of Calauan, Province of Laguna; PUP-Pulilan Campus in the Municipality of Pulilan, Province of Bulacan; and PUP-Sta. Maria Campus in the Municipality of Sta. Maria, Province of Bulacan.

The PUP may create regular and extension campuses, as it may deem necessary: *Provided*, That the required land to be used as campus site and infrastructure shall be in place prior to the effectivity of the establishment and operation of the new campus: *Provided, further*, That the PUP shall ensure that the minimum requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the establishment operation of regular and extension campuses, including those related to their course offerings, are fully complied with.

The PUP may open extension classes in consortium with other academic institutions, as it may deem necessary, to improve access to quality education, promote innovation and progress in the academe, and advance its research capabilities, subject to applicable memoranda with other institutions: *Provided*, That the PUP shall comply with the policies, standards, and guidelines of the CHED for the operation of extension classes.

The existing reasonably-sized laboratory junior and senior high school shall continue to operate under the supervision of the College of Education of the PUP to serve the in-campus requirements of its students.

**SEC. 5. General Mandate.** – The PUP shall primarily provide advanced education, higher technological training, and professional courses in various technical programs focusing on hands-on practical, and applied education in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). It shall design curricula that are aligned with the Philippine Qualifications Framework and that promote technological innovation. It shall also take the lead in developing the skills and competencies of students in various fields and in addressing the gap between education/skills and work/industry needs. It shall also undertake research and extension services, as well as production activities, in support of the socio-economic development of the country.

1           **SEC. 6. Curricular Offerings.** – The PUP shall primarily offer diploma, undergraduate and  
2 graduate programs, advanced professional and technical instruction, and high-level technical training  
3 programs in STEM and other applied sciences, as well as provide cutting-edge innovations in  
4 technology through industry-aligned programs. It shall also offer diploma and degree programs in  
5 engineering, information and communications technology, office management technology, business  
6 administration, public administration, other social and natural sciences and technology, accountancy,  
7 agriculture, forestry, fisheries, education, law, medicine and allied health sciences, and, maritime  
8 education, among others, within its areas of specialization and according to its capabilities, as the  
9 Board of Regents may deem necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives, and those which  
10 respond to the human resource development needs of the country: *Provided*, That the PUP shall  
11 comply with the policies, standards, and guidelines of the CHED for the offering of courses and the  
12 introduction of new or revised programs: *Provided, further*, That polytechnic programs shall  
13 comprise more than fifty percent (50%) of its program offerings in all campuses.  
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15           **SEC. 7. Administration.** – The PUP shall have the general powers of a corporation set forth  
16 in Republic Act (RA) No. 11232, otherwise known as the “Revised Corporation Code of the  
17 Philippines.” The exercise of its corporate powers shall be vested exclusively in the Board of  
18 Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, and the President of the PUP.  
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20           **SEC. 8. The Governing Board.** – The governing body of the PUP shall be the Board of  
21 Regents, which shall be chaired by the Chairperson of the CHED with the President of the PUP as  
22 vice-chairperson, and the following as members:  
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- 24           a. Chairperson of the Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education of the  
25           Senate;
- 26           b. Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education of the House of  
27           Representatives;
- 28           c. Secretary or representative of the National Economic and Development Authority  
29           (NEDA);
- 30           d. Secretary or representative of the Department of Science and Technology;
- 31           e. President of the federation of alumni associations of the PUP;
- 32           f. President of the federation of faculty association of the PUP representing all teaching  
33           personnel, elected by the said personnel in accordance with the rules and qualifications  
34           set out by the same constituency;
- 35           g. President of the student regent association, elected by the students in accordance with  
36           the rules and qualifications set out by said constituency;
- 37           h. Representative of the nonteaching personnel association; and
- 38           i. Two (2) prominent citizens from the private sector who have distinguished themselves  
39           in their professions or fields of specialization.  
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41           The Board shall appoint two (2) prominent citizens who shall be selected from a list of five  
42 (5) qualified persons as recommended by a Search Committee constituted by the President of the  
43 PUP, in consultation with the Chairperson of the CHED and other members of the Board, based  
44 on the guidelines, qualifications and standards for the position set by the Board. They shall serve  
45 for a term of two (2) years from the date of appointment.  
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47           The term of office of the Presidents of the federation of faculty associations, federation of  
48 student councils, federation of alumni associations, and the Representative of the nonteaching  
49 personnel association of the PUP shall be coterminous with their terms of office, as provided under  
50 their respective constitutions and bylaws.  
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1 The members shall serve without compensation, but they shall be reimbursed for necessary  
2 expenses incurred in attending Board meetings or in connection with their official business  
3 authorities by resolution of the Board.  
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5 In case of vacancy in the Board, such vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as provided  
6 for the predecessor and such appointee shall hold the office only for the unexpired portion of the  
7 term. In the case of Members representing a particular sector, their membership shall cease upon  
8 suspension, separation, or recall.  
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10 **SEC. 9. Powers and Duties of the Board.** – The administration of the PUP and the exercise of  
11 its corporate powers are vested in the Board, which shall have the following specific powers and  
12 duties in addition to its general powers of administration and the exercise of all the powers granted  
13 to the board of directors of a corporation under Section 35 of the RA No. 11232, the Board shall  
14 have the following specific powers and duties:  
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16 a. Promulgate and implement policies in accordance with the declared State policies on  
17 education, other pertinent provisions of the Constitution on education, agriculture, science, and  
18 technology, and the policies, standards, and thrusts of the CHED under RA No. 7722, otherwise  
19 known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994";  
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21 b. Approve the curricula, instructional programs, and rules on student discipline drawn by the  
22 Administrative and Academic Councils, as herein provided;  
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24 c. Appoint, upon the recommendation of the President of the PUP, the vice presidents,  
25 chancellors, deans, directors, heads of the campuses, faculty members, and other officials of the  
26 PUP;  
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28 d. Prescribe the salaries of faculty members and administrative officials and employees, subject  
29 to the provision of existing compensation laws, Civil Service rules and regulations governing hours  
30 of service and such other requirements and conditions, other pertinent laws, rules and regulations;  
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32 e. Fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges, such as matriculation fees, graduation  
33 fees, and laboratory fees, as the Board may deem proper to impose, after due consultation with the  
34 concerned sectors. The fees and charges, including government subsidies and other income  
35 generated by the PUP, shall constitute its funds to be used exclusively in the pursuit of its mandate  
36 as a National Polytechnic University and shall be deposited in any authorized government depository  
37 bank. All interests that shall accrue therefrom shall form part of the same funds for the use of the  
38 PUP.  
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40 The fees and charges collected by the PUP, including government subsidies and proceeds from  
41 other income sources, as well as interests that would accrue therefrom, shall be retained by the PUP:  
42 *Provided*, That in no case shall the said income be used for the payment of allowances and other  
43 benefits not authorized by law: *Provided, further*, That all fiduciary fees shall be disbursed for the  
44 specific purpose for which they were collected.  
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46 If the PUP, for reasons beyond its control, would not be able to pursue any project for which  
47 funds have been appropriated and allocated under its approved program of expenditures, the Board  
48 may authorize the use of said fund for any reasonable purpose for which it deems necessary and  
49 urgent for the attainment of the objectives of the PUP: *Provided*, That funds collected from students  
50 for specific purposes shall not be realigned or reprogrammed to other expenditures;  
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1 f. Adopt and implement a socialized scheme of tuition and other school fees for greater access  
2 of poor but deserving students in accordance with RA No. 10931, otherwise known as the “Universal  
3 Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act”;

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5 g. Establish professorial chairs in the PUP and provide fellowships for qualified faculty  
6 members, and scholarships to deserving students;

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8 h. Receive and appropriate sums as may be provided for by law for the support of the  
9 University, and all other sums in the manner it may, in its discretion, determine to carry out the  
10 purposes and functions of the PUP;

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12 i. Set the policies on admission and graduation of students;

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14 j. Award honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of their outstanding contributions in the  
15 fields of education, public service, arts, science and technology, sports, and human kinetics or any  
16 field of specialization within the academic competency of the PUP, and authorize the awarding of  
17 certificates of completion of nondegree and nontraditional courses;

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19 k. Establish research and extension centers to promote the development of the PUP;

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21 l. Develop academic arrangements for institutional capability building with appropriate  
22 institutions and agencies, whether public, private, local or foreign, and appoint experts or specialists  
23 as consultants, part-time, visiting or exchange professors, scholars or researchers, as the case may  
24 be;

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26 m. Adopt modern and innovative modes of transferring knowledge to allow greater access to  
27 education such as the use of information technology, online programs, the dual training system, open  
28 distance learning, and community laboratory;

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30 n. Collaborate with the governing bodies of other state universities and colleges under the  
31 supervision of the CHED and in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management  
32 (DBM), in restructuring the University to make it more efficient, relevant, productive, and  
33 competitive;

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35 o. Absorb non-chartered tertiary education institutions within their respective provinces as  
36 branches, extension campuses, and external centers, in coordination with the CHED and in  
37 consultation with the DBM, and offer therein programs or courses to carry out the constitutional  
38 mandate of providing equal access to educational opportunities;

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40 p. Authorize an external management audit of the PUP, to be financed by the CHED, subject  
41 to the rules and regulations of the Commission on Audit, and institute reforms, including academic  
42 and structural changes, on the basis of the audit results and recommendations;

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44 q. Develop consortia and other economic forms of linkages with local government units, as well  
45 as public, private, local, or foreign institutions and agencies for the furtherance of the purposes and  
46 objectives of the PUP;

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48 r. Import books or publications, instruments, equipment, and apparatuses for economic,  
49 technical-vocational, scientific, medical, philosophical, historical, legal, or cultural purposes;

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51 s. Enter into joint ventures with the business industry, after consultation with the NEDA for the

1 profitable development and management of economic assets, the proceeds of which shall be used  
2 for the development and strengthening of the PUP;

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4 t. Receive, in trust, all legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal properties of all kinds  
5 and administer and dispose of the same, when necessary, for the benefit of the PUP and subject to  
6 the limitations, directions, and instructions of the donor, if any;

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8 u. Extend the term of the President of the PUP beyond the age of retirement, but not beyond the  
9 age of seventy (70), based on the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the Board: *Provided,*  
10 That such extension shall be subject to the term limits provided in Section 10 of this Act: *Provided,*  
11 *further,* That the President's performance has been rated by the Board as outstanding and a unanimous  
12 recommendation for such extension has been decided upon by the Search Committee for the  
13 Presidency;

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15 v. Delegate any of its powers and duties to the President and other officials of the PUP, as it may  
16 deem appropriate, so as to expedite the administration of the affairs of the PUP;

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18 w. Establish policy guidelines and procedures for participative and transparent decision-making  
19 within the PUP;

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21 x. Where most advantageous to the PUP, outsource the management of nonacademic services  
22 such as health, food, building or grounds or property maintenance, and other similar activities;

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24 y. Authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machinery, equipment, and other  
25 facilities, and the purchase and acquisition of real property, including the necessary supplies,  
26 materials, and equipment; and

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28 z. Promulgate rules and regulations, as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes and functions  
29 of the PUP.

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31 **SEC. 10. Meetings of the Board.** – The Board shall regularly convene once every three (3)  
32 months. The Chairperson of the Board may, however, call a special meeting whenever necessary:  
33 *Provided,* That members are notified in writing at least three (3) days prior to the conduct of said  
34 meeting.

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

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

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48 In case the Chairpersons of the Senate Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational  
49 Education and the House Committee on Higher and Technical Education cannot attend the Board  
50 meeting, they may designate their respective representatives who shall have the same rights and  
51 responsibilities as regular members of the Board.

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2 The members of the Board shall serve without compensation other than reimbursements for  
3 actual and necessary expenses incurred, either for their attendance to the meetings of the Board or in  
4 connection with other official business authorized by resolutions of the Board, subject to existing  
5 laws and regulations.  
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7 **SEC. 11. *The President.*** – The PUP shall be headed by a President who shall be appointed  
8 by the Board, subject to its guidelines, qualifications, and standards, and based on the  
9 recommendation of a search committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the President.  
10 The PUP President shall render full-time service for a term of four (4) years and may be reappointed  
11 to another term: *Provided*, That in order to ensure the attainment of its distinctive and purposeful  
12 mandate as such, as declared and provided for in this Act, the incumbent President of the PUP shall  
13 serve a new term as the first President of the PUP as the National Polytechnic University and shall  
14 not be eligible for reappointment.  
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16 Within six (6) months before the expiration of the term of office of the incumbent President  
17 of the PUP, the Board shall constitute the Search Committee for the Presidency, and shall ensure the  
18 appointment or reappointment of a President on or before the expiration of the term.  
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20 The powers and duties of the President of the PUP, in addition to those specifically provided  
21 in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the Office of the President of colleges and those  
22 delegated by the Board.  
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24 The salary of the President of the PUP shall be in accordance with existing compensation  
25 laws, and on the joint circular for state universities and colleges' leveling instruments, and guidelines  
26 of the CHED and the DBM.  
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28 In case of vacancy in the Office of the President by reason of death, compulsory retirement,  
29 resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the President to perform the functions of the office,  
30 the Board shall designate an Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the PUP, pending the appointment of a new  
31 President: *Provided*, That the OIC shall serve only during the unexpired portion of the term.  
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33 The President of the PUP shall be assisted by the following officials: Executive Vice  
34 President; Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs, Administration, Research, Planning and  
35 Development, Finance, Student Affairs, and External Affairs. They shall be appointed by the Board  
36 upon the President's recommendation without prejudice to the appointment of additional vice  
37 presidents when so warranted.  
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39 **SEC. 12. *The Secretary.*** – The Board shall appoint a Secretary who shall serve as such for  
40 both the Board and the University and shall keep all records and proceedings of the Board in addition  
41 to other duties and responsibilities. The Secretary of the University shall serve upon each member of  
42 the Board the appropriate notice of Board meetings.  
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44 **SEC. 13. *The Treasurer.*** – The Treasurer of the Philippines shall be the *ex officio* Treasurer  
45 of the University.  
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47 **SEC. 14. *The Administrative Council.*** – There shall be an Administrative Council consisting  
48 of the President of the PUP, as Chairperson, and the vice-president, deans, director, and other officials  
49 of equal rank, as members, whose duty is to review and recommend to the Board such policies  
50 governing the administration, management, and development planning of the PUP.  
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1           **SEC. 15. *The Academic Council.*** – There shall be an Academic Council consisting of the  
2 President of the PUP, as Chairperson, and all academic staff with the rank of at least an assistant  
3 professor, as members, which shall formulate academic policies.  
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5           The Academic Council shall review and recommend the curricular offerings and rules on  
6 student discipline, fix the requirements for the admission of students, as well as for their graduation  
7 and conferment of degrees, exercise disciplinary power over the students and formulate rules and  
8 regulations on student discipline, subject to the review and approval of the Board through the  
9 President of the PUP.  
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11           It shall have disciplinary power over the students of the PUP and shall formulate rules and  
12 regulations on student discipline, subject to the approval of the Board.  
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14           **SEC. 16. *Academic Freedom.*** – The PUP shall enjoy academic freedom pursuant to  
15 Paragraph 2, Section 5 of Article XIV of the Constitution. Taking into account national goals and  
16 priorities, it shall determine its teaching, research, and extension thrusts, plans, policies, programs,  
17 and standards consistent and in accordance with the policies, standards, guidelines, and other  
18 requirements promulgated by the CHED.  
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20           **SEC. 17. *Heads of Campuses.*** - The PUP campuses shall be headed by a Campus Director  
21 who shall render full-time service for a term of two (2) years and may be reappointed to another term.  
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23           The Campus Director shall be appointed or designated by the Board, upon the  
24 recommendation of the Search Committee and the PUP President, subject to the guidelines,  
25 qualifications and standards set by the Board: *Provided*, That upon the effectivity of this Act, the  
26 incumbent Campus Directors of the existing campuses of the PUP shall continue to serve as such.  
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28           **SEC. 18. *The Faculty.*** – No political belief, sex, gender preference, cultural or community  
29 affiliation, ethnic origin, or religious opinion or affiliation shall be a matter of inquiry in the  
30 appointment of faculty members of the PUP: *Provided*, That said appointment shall be subject to the  
31 guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the Board: *Provided, further*, That no member of the  
32 faculty shall teach for or against any particular religious denomination.  
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34           **SEC. 19. *Scholarship Programs and Admission.*** – The PUP shall provide scholarship  
35 programs and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students who qualify for  
36 admission to the University. No student shall be denied admission to the PUP by reason of sex,  
37 gender, religion, cultural community affiliation, or ethnic origin, or any other forms of discrimination.  
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39           **SEC. 20. *Assets, Liabilities, and Personnel.*** – All assets, both real and personal, personnel  
40 and records of the PUP, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be titled under or named after the  
41 PUP pursuant to the provisions of this Act.  
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43           All parcels of land belonging to the government that shall be occupied by the PUP shall be the  
44 property of the PUP, and titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the PUP cease to exist or be  
45 abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the PUP, the same  
46 shall revert to the local government unit concerned or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case  
47 may be.  
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49           **SEC. 21. *Duty and Tax Exemptions.*** – The importation of books or publications,  
50 instruments, equipment and apparatuses which are for economic, technical-vocational, scientific,  
51 medical, philosophical, historical, legal or cultural purposes made by the PUP, upon certification by

1 the CHED, shall be exempt from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of RA No. 10863,  
2 otherwise known as the “Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA)”.

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4 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and used  
5 actually, directly, and exclusively for educational purposes by the PUP, shall be exempt from donor’s  
6 tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deductions from gross income for purposes of  
7 computing the taxable income of the donor in accordance with the provisions of the National Internal  
8 Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.

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10 **SEC. 22. *Development Plan and Organizational Structure.*** - Within one hundred twenty  
11 (120) days after the approval of this Act, the PUP shall accomplish the following:

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13 a. Submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its corresponding program budget  
14 to the CHED and the DBM;

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16 b. Submit the revised Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan in accordance with  
17 RA No. 11396, otherwise known as the “SUCs Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan  
18 (LUDIP) Act”;

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20 c. Undergo a management audit in cooperation with the CHED; and

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22 d. Set up its organizational, administrative as well as academic structure, including the  
23 designation of the key officials and other administrative personnel of the PUP.

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25 **SEC. 23. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act  
26 shall be charged against the current year’s appropriation of the PUP. Thereafter, such amount shall  
27 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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29 **SEC. 24. *Suppletory Application.*** – The provisions of RA No. 8292, otherwise known as the  
30 “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this Act.

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32 **SEC. 25. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from the approval  
33 of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules and regulations to  
34 implement its provisions.

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36 **SEC. 26. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is  
37 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected are in full force  
38 and effect.

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40 **SEC. 27. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules  
41 and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended, repealed, or  
42 modified accordingly.

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44 **SEC. 28. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
45 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*