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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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;

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
24 may 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;

1 (r) Import books or publications, instruments, equipment, and apparatuses for economic,
2 technical-vocational, scientific, medical, philosophical, historical, legal, or cultural purposes;
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4 (s) Enter into joint ventures with the business industry, after consultation with the NEDA for the
5 profitable development and management of economic assets, the proceeds of which shall be used for the
6 development and strengthening of the PUP;
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8 (t) Receive, in trust, all legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal properties of all kinds
9 and administer and dispose of the same, when necessary, for the benefit of the PUP and subject to
10 the limitations, directions, and instructions of the donor, if any;
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12 (u) Extend the term of the President of the PUP beyond the age of retirement, but not beyond the
13 age of seventy (70), based on the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the Board: *Provided*,
14 That such extension shall be subject to the term limits provided in Section 10 of this Act: *Provided*,
15 *further*, That the President's performance has been rated by the Board as outstanding and a unanimous
16 recommendation for such extension has been decided upon by the Search Committee for the
17 Presidency;
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19 (v) Delegate any of its powers and duties to the President and other officials of the PUP, as it may
20 deem appropriate, so as to expedite the administration of the affairs of the PUP;
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22 (w) Establish policy guidelines and procedures for participative and transparent decision-making
23 within the PUP;
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25 (x) Where most advantageous to the PUP, outsource the management of nonacademic services
26 such as health, food, building or grounds or property maintenance, and other similar activities;
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28 (y) Authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machinery, equipment, and other
29 facilities, and the purchase and acquisition of real property, including the necessary supplies,
30 materials, and equipment; and
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32 (z) Promulgate rules and regulations, as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes and functions
33 of the PUP.
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35 **SEC. 10. Meetings of the Board.** – The Board shall regularly convene once every three (3)
36 months. The Chairperson of the Board may, however, call a special meeting whenever necessary:
37 *Provided*, That members are notified in writing at least three (3) days prior to the conduct of said
38 meeting.
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40 A quorum of the Board shall consist of a majority of all its members holding office at the time
41 of the meeting: *Provided, however*, That the Chairperson of the Board or the President of the PUP is
42 among those present in the meeting.
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44 In case the Chairperson of the CHED cannot attend a meeting of the Board, a CHED
45 Commissioner duly designated by the Chairperson of the CHED as representative to the meeting,
46 shall have all the rights and responsibilities of a regular member: *Provided*, That during the meeting,
47 the President of the PUP, as Vice Chairperson, shall be the presiding officer: *Provided, further*, That
48 this provision notwithstanding, the Chairperson of the CHED may designate a CHED Commissioner
49 as the regular Chairperson of the Board, in which case, the said CHED Commissioner shall act as the
50 presiding officer.

1 In case the Chairpersons of the Senate Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational
2 Education and the House Committee on Higher and Technical Education cannot attend the Board
3 meeting, they may designate their respective representatives who shall have the same rights and
4 responsibilities as regular members of the Board.
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6 The members of the Board shall serve without compensation other than reimbursements for
7 actual and necessary expenses incurred, either for their attendance to the meetings of the Board or in
8 connection with other official business authorized by resolutions of the Board, subject to existing
9 laws and regulations.
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11 **SEC. 11. *The President.*** – The PUP shall be headed by a President who shall be appointed
12 by the Board, subject to its guidelines, qualifications, and standards, and based on the
13 recommendation of a search committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the President.
14 The PUP President shall render full-time service for a term of four (4) years and may be reappointed
15 to another term: *Provided*, That in order to ensure the attainment of its distinctive and purposeful
16 mandate as such, as declared and provided for in this Act, the incumbent President of the PUP shall
17 serve a new term as the first President of the PUP as the National Polytechnic University and shall
18 not be eligible for reappointment.
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20 Within six (6) months before the expiration of the term of office of the incumbent President
21 of the PUP, the Board shall constitute the Search Committee for the Presidency, and shall ensure the
22 appointment or reappointment of a President on or before the expiration of the term.
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24 The powers and duties of the President of the PUP, in addition to those specifically provided
25 in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the Office of the President of colleges and those
26 delegated by the Board.
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28 The salary of the President of the PUP shall be in accordance with existing compensation
29 laws, and on the joint circular for state universities and colleges' leveling instruments, and guidelines
30 of the CHED and the DBM.
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32 In case of vacancy in the Office of the President by reason of death, compulsory retirement,
33 resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the President to perform the functions of the office,
34 the Board shall designate an Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the PUP, pending the appointment of a new
35 President: *Provided*, That the OIC shall serve only during the unexpired portion of the term.
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37 The President of the PUP shall be assisted by the following officials: Executive Vice
38 President; Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs, Administration, Research, Planning and
39 Development, Finance, Student Affairs, and External Affairs. They shall be appointed by the Board
40 upon the President's recommendation without prejudice to the appointment of additional vice
41 presidents when so warranted.
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43 **SEC. 12. *The Secretary.*** – The Board shall appoint a Secretary who shall serve as such for
44 both the Board and the University and shall keep all records and proceedings of the Board in addition
45 to other duties and responsibilities. The Secretary of the University shall serve upon each member of
46 the Board the appropriate notice of Board meetings.

1 **SEC. 13. The Treasurer.** – The Treasurer of the Philippines shall be the *ex officio* Treasurer
2 of the University.
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4 **SEC. 14. The Administrative Council.** – There shall be an Administrative Council consisting
5 of the President of the PUP, as Chairperson, and the vice-president, deans, director, and other officials
6 of equal rank, as members, whose duty is to review and recommend to the Board such policies
7 governing the administration, management, and development planning of the PUP.
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9 **SEC. 15. The Academic Council.** – There shall be an Academic Council consisting of the
10 President of the PUP, as Chairperson, and all academic staff with the rank of at least an assistant
11 professor, as members, which shall formulate academic policies.
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13 The Academic Council shall review and recommend the curricular offerings and rules on
14 student discipline, fix the requirements for the admission of students, as well as for their graduation
15 and conferment of degrees, exercise disciplinary power over the students and formulate rules and
16 regulations on student discipline, subject to the review and approval of the Board through the President
17 of the PUP.
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19 It shall have disciplinary power over the students of the PUP and shall formulate rules and
20 regulations on student discipline, subject to the approval of the Board.
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22 **SEC. 16. Academic Freedom.** – The PUP shall enjoy academic freedom pursuant to
23 Paragraph 2, Section 5 of Article XIV of the Constitution. Taking into account national goals and
24 priorities, it shall determine its teaching, research, and extension thrusts, plans, policies, programs,
25 and standards consistent and in accordance with the policies, standards, guidelines, and other
26 requirements promulgated by the CHED.
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28 **SEC. 17. Institutional Autonomy.** – As the National Polytechnic University, the PUP shall be
29 treated with greater flexibility. It shall determine its teaching, research, extension services, thrusts, plans,
30 policies, programs, and standards consistent with its purpose, and according to the national goals and
31 priorities, which shall be approved by the Board of Regents.
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33 **SEC. 18. Heads of Campuses.** – The PUP campuses shall be headed by a Campus Director
34 who shall render full-time service for a term of two (2) years and may be reappointed to another term.
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36 The Campus Director shall be appointed or designated by the Board, upon the
37 recommendation of the Search Committee and the PUP President, subject to the guidelines,
38 qualifications and standards set by the Board: *Provided*, That upon the effectivity of this Act, the
39 incumbent Campus Directors of the existing campuses of the PUP shall continue to serve as such.
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41 **SEC. 19. The Faculty.** – No political belief, sex, gender preference, cultural or community
42 affiliation, ethnic origin, or religious opinion or affiliation shall be a matter of inquiry in the
43 appointment of faculty members of the PUP: *Provided*, That said appointment shall be subject to the
44 guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the Board: *Provided, further*, That no member of the
45 faculty shall teach for or against any particular religious denomination.
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47 **SEC. 20. Scholarship Programs and Admission.** – The PUP shall provide scholarship
48 programs and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students who qualify for
49 admission to the University. No student shall be denied admission to the PUP by reason of sex,
50 gender, religion, cultural community affiliation, or ethnic origin, or any other forms of discrimination.

1 **SEC. 21. *Assets, Liabilities, and Personnel.*** – All assets, both real and personal, personnel
2 and records of the PUP, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be titled under or named after the
3 PUP pursuant to the provisions of this Act.
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5 All parcels of land belonging to the government that shall be occupied by the PUP shall be the
6 property of the PUP, and titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the PUP cease to exist or be
7 abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the PUP, the same
8 shall revert to the local government unit concerned or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case
9 may be.
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11 **SEC. 22. *Duty and Tax Exemptions.*** – The importation of books or publications,
12 instruments, equipment and apparatuses which are for economic, technical-vocational, scientific,
13 medical, philosophical, historical, legal or cultural purposes made by the PUP, upon certification by
14 the CHED, shall be exempt from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of RA No. 10863,
15 otherwise known as the “Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA)”.
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17 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and used
18 actually, directly, and exclusively for educational purposes by the PUP, shall be exempt from donor’s
19 tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deductions from gross income for purposes of
20 computing the taxable income of the donor in accordance with the provisions of the National Internal
21 Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.
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23 **SEC. 23. *Development Plan and Organizational Structure.*** – Within one hundred twenty
24 (120) days after the approval of this Act, the PUP shall accomplish the following:
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26 (a) Submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its corresponding program budget
27 to the CHED and the DBM;
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29 (b) Submit the revised Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan in accordance with
30 RA No. 11396, otherwise known as the “SUCs Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan
31 (LUDIP) Act”;
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33 (c) Undergo a management audit in cooperation with the CHED; and
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35 (d) Set up its organizational, administrative as well as academic structure, including the
36 designation of the key officials and other administrative personnel of the PUP.
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38 **SEC. 24. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act
39 shall be charged against the current year’s appropriation of the PUP. Thereafter, such amount shall
40 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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42 **SEC. 25. *Suppletory Application.*** – The provisions of RA No. 8292, otherwise known as the
43 “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this Act.
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45 **SEC. 26. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** –Within sixty (60) days from the approval
46 of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules and regulations to
47 implement its provisions.

1 **SEC. 27. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is
2 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected are in full force
3 and effect.

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5 **SEC. 28. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules
6 and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended, repealed, or
7 modified accordingly.

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9 **SEC. 29. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
10 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,