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Republic of the Philippines
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nineteen hundred and sixty-five.

[**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4196**]

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MANILA TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE CITY OF MANILA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby authorized the establishment in the City of Manila, within the powers and limitations hereinafter specified, of a university which shall be known as the University of the City of Manila (Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila), the same to be organized as a corporation under the same name.

SECTION 2. The purposes of this university shall be: (1) to advance human knowledge through basic study and research; (2) to fully develop the Filipino intellect and promote Filipino culture; (3) to give professional training in public affairs as well as in scientific, cultural, technological, industrial and vocational fields; (4) to introduce in its curricula studies which do not at present receive sufficient emphasis in existing institutions of higher learning in the country.

SECTION 3. No student shall be denied admission to this university by reason of age, sex, nationality, religious belief, or political affiliation. However, all students seeking admission must be subject to the regulations for admission prescribed by the Board of Regents.

SECTION 4. The government of the said university is vested in a board of regents to be known as the Board of Regents of the University of the City of Manila (Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila). The Board of Regents shall be composed of the president of the university and five members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Manila, with the consent of the Municipal Board: Provided, that of the six members appointed by the Mayor, one shall come from the faculty, another from the alumni of the said university when such alumnus shall be available, and one of the others to be a recognized educator or authority in the field of education. The Superintendent of Schools for the City of Manila shall be *ex-officio* member of the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents shall elect their own chairman from among themselves.



Of the six members first appointed as above provided, the Mayor shall designate one to serve for one year, one to serve for two years, one to serve for three years, one to serve for four years, one to serve for five years and one for six years. Thereafter, the successors of such members shall hold office for a term of six years or until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. In case of vacancy in the Board of Regents by reason of resignation, death or other incapacity of one or more of its members, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor of the City of Manila, with the consent of the Municipal Board, and the appointee shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term. All members of the Board of Regents shall be citizens of the Philippines. No person in the employ of or with financial interest in any educational institution in any capacity whatsoever, except those exercising purely professional functions, shall be eligible for membership in the Board. The members shall serve without compensation other than allowances for attendance at the meetings of the Board or on other official business authorized by resolution of the Board.

SECTION 5. The University of the City of Manila shall have the general powers set out in Section thirteen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine and such other functions as are necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation and administration of the said university, and the exercise of its corporate powers are hereby vested exclusively in the Board of Regents and the president of the university insofar as authorized by the said Board.

SECTION 6. Subject to existing laws, the Board of Regents shall have the following powers and duties, in addition to its general powers of administration and the exercise of the powers of the corporation:

- (a) To receive and appropriate to the ends specified by ordinance of the City of Manila such sums as may be provided therein for the support of the university;
- (b) To provide for the establishment of the necessary undergraduate and graduate colleges in the fields of education, science, technology, in the priority of community needs;
- (c) To confer honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of learning, statesmanship, and service in the government and eminence in philosophy, science, literature, and community service;
- (d) To establish chairs in the colleges hereinbefore mentioned, and to provide for the maintenance or endowment of such chairs, as well as to provide for such other professors, associate professors, assistant professors, instructors and lecturers as the progress of instruction may make necessary and to fix the compensation pertaining to such positions;
- (e) To appoint, on the recommendation of the president of the university, professors, instructors, lecturers and other employees of the university; to fix their compensation, hours of service, and such other duties and conditions as it may deem proper; to grant to them in its discretion, leaves of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any other provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding, and to remove them for cause after an investigation and hearing shall have been had;



(f) To approve the courses of study and rules of discipline drawn up by the university council as hereinafter provided; to fix the tuition fees required of graduate students, as well as matriculation fees, graduation fees and fees for laboratory courses, and all special fees; and to remit the same in special cases;

(g) To provide fellowships, and scholarships, and to award the same to students having special evidence of merit;

(h) To prescribe rules for its own government, and to enact for the government of the university such general ordinances and regulations as are consistent with the purposes of the university as defined in Section two of this Act; and

(i) To receive in trust, legacies, gifts, land grants and donations of real and personal property of all kinds tax-free, and to administer the same for the benefit of the University or of a department thereof, or for aid to any student or students, in accordance with the direction or instructions of the donor and, in default thereof, in such manner as the Board of Regents may in its discretion determine.

SECTION 7. A quorum of the Board of Regents shall consist of a majority of all the members holding office at the time the meeting of the Board is called. All processes against the Board of Regents shall be served on the president or the secretary thereof.

SECTION 8. The Board of Regents shall file with the Department of Education, the Mayor, and the Municipal Board an annual detailed report, setting forth the progress, condition, and needs of the University.

SECTION 9. There shall be a university council, consisting of the president of the university and of all the members of the faculty of the university holding the rank of professor, associate professor, and assistant professor. Subject to existing laws, the council shall have the power to prescribe the courses of study and rules of discipline, provided these matters are first approved by the Board of Regents. Subject to the same limitations, it shall fix the requirements for admission to any college of the university as well as for graduation and the conferment of degrees. The council alone shall have the power to recommend students or others to be recipients of degrees. Through its president or committees, it shall have disciplinary powers over the students within the limits prescribed by the rules of discipline approved by the Board of Regents. The powers and duties of the president of the university, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the president of the university.

SECTION 10. The president shall be elected by the Board of Regents with a salary of twenty-six thousand four hundred pesos per annum for a term of six years renewable for another term of six years unless sooner removed for incapacity, incompetence, dishonesty and/or conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude.

SECTION 11. The body of professors and instructors of each college shall constitute its faculty, and as presiding officer of each faculty there shall be a dean elected by the Board of Regents on nomination by the president of the university. In the appointment of professors, instructors, and other personnel of the university, no religious tests shall be required, nor shall their religious



opinions or affiliations be made a matter of examination or inquiry: Provided, however, that no professor or instructor or any other personnel in the university shall inculcate sectarian tenets in any of the teachings, nor attempt, either indirectly or directly, under penalty of dismissal by the Board of Regents, to influence students or attendants at the university for or against any particular church or religious sect. The university shall enjoy academic freedom.

SECTION 12. Professors, instructors and other personnel of the university shall be exempt from any civil service examination, regulation or requirement as a requisite to appointment.

SECTION 13. There shall be a secretary of the university appointed by the Board of Regents. He shall be the secretary of such Board and also of the university, and shall keep such records of the university as may be designated by the Board of Regents.

SECTION 14. The Mayor, Vice-Mayor and the members of the Municipal Board of Manila shall constitute a board of visitors of the university, whose duty it shall be to attend commencement exercises of the university, and to make visits at such other time as it may deem proper, to examine the property, course of study, discipline, the state of finances of the university, to inspect all books and accounts of the institution, and to make reports to the Municipal Board upon the same, with such recommendations as it may favor.

SECTION 15. The Municipal Board of the City of Manila shall appropriate the funds for the operation of the university.

SECTION 16. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Senate

CORNELIO T. VILLAREAL
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Finally passed by the Senate on
June 7, 1965.

This Act, which originated in the
House of Representatives, was finally
passed by the same on May 12, 1965.

REGINO S. EUSTAQUIO
Secretary of the Senate

INOCENCIO B. PAREJA
Secretary of the House of Representatives

Approved: June 19, 1965

DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL
President of the Philippines