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[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11694]

AN ACT DECLARING THE BATANGAS STATE UNIVERSITY
AS THE NATIONAL ENGINEERING UNIVERSITY AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Revised Batangas State University Charter”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State shall promote quality education that is accessible and relevant to the changing needs of the people and society. It shall also strengthen the curricula of the various engineering fields of study consistent with standards set by the world’s leading institutions of learning.

To this end, the Batangas State University (BatStateU) is hereby declared as the national engineering university.

campus shall be designated by the Board upon recommendation of the President of the BatStateU. The Chancellor shall report to the President of the BatStateU, and shall perform the duties and functions elsewhere stated in this Act, and all the usual, necessary, and related functions of the Office of the Chancellor subject to the policies and rules prescribed by the Board.

SEC. 27. *The Faculty.* – The teaching staff of each college shall constitute its faculty. The College Faculty shall be presided over by a Dean, who shall be designated by the Board upon recommendation of the President of the BatStateU.

No political belief, gender preference, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin, nor religious opinion or affiliation shall be a matter of inquiry in the appointment of faculty members of the BatStateU: *Provided*, That said appointment shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board: *Provided, further*, That no member of the faculty shall teach for or against any particular church or religious sect.

SEC. 28. *Student Affairs.* – There shall be established in the BatStateU the following student councils: for every college, a college student council; and for every constituent campus, a campus student council; and for the BatStateU, a federation of all student councils.

The university student council shall be composed of students from constituent campuses and their extension campuses elected to represent the studentry thereat. The student council shall serve as the primary student body that shall advance the interests, welfare, and aspirations of the students of the BatStateU. It shall have the power to adopt internal rules of procedure consistent with the provisions of this Act.

Subject to due and comprehensive consultation with the students, there shall be a student publication established in every constituent campus to be funded by student fees. Freedom of expression and autonomy in all matters of editorial and fiscal policy shall be guaranteed especially in the selection of its editors and staff.

SEC. 29. *Land Grants and Other Real Properties of the BatStateU.* – The State may support the BatStateU as the national engineering university in the form of a lump sum amount in the annual General Appropriations Act and other financial benefits, and in kind, through land grants and donations and use