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SENATE

s.B. No. 1226



# Introduced by SENATOR WIN GATCHALIAN

#### AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES IN BARANGAY LUMBIA, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES-LUMBIA CAMPUS", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTSP) is a state university established on August 16, 2016 by virtue of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10919 through the amalgamation of the Mindanao University of Science and Technology (MUST) in Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental and the Misamis Oriental State College of Agriculture and Technology (MOSCAT) in Claveria, Misamis Oriental. Both campuses are located in Northern Mindanao, the gateway to Mindanao, which offers a strategic location to train and develop students from all the other regions in Mindanao. The proposed campus will be located in Barangay Lumbia in the 1st District

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines, Official Website (See <a href="https://www.ustp.edu.ph/#">https://www.ustp.edu.ph/#</a>)

of Cagayan de Oro City which is a fast-growing barangay where business establishments, government institutions, and private offices are currently located. The establishment of the proposed campus will encourage the youth of Lumbia and the neighboring areas to pursue tertiary education.<sup>2</sup>

This bill seeks to establish a campus which shall be headed by a Campus Administrator. The provisions of R.A. No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of this Act and shall serve as the governing charter of the USTSP. All assets, personnel and records of the proposed campus, as well as its liabilities, shall be named after the state university and should the campus cease to exist, it shall revert to the concerned local government unit or the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

WIN GATCHALIAN

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Explanatory Note, House Bill No. 9653 by Rep. Rolando "Klarex" A. Uy, 18th Congress



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

- Section 1. This Act shall be known as the "University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines-Lumbia Campus Act".
  - Sec. 2. There is hereby established a campus of the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTSP) in Barangay Lumbia, City of Cagayan De Oro, Province of Misamis Oriental, which shall be known as the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines-Lumbia Campus.
  - Sec. 3. The USTSP-Lumbia Campus shall primarily provide short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of

competency and specialization, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives, and those which respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of Misamis Oriental and Region X.

The USTSP-Lumbia Campus is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and production activities in support of socio-economic development and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

Sec. 4. The USTSP-Lumbia Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and shall be appointed by the Board, subject to qualifications standards prescribed by the Board, and based on the recommendation of the search committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Administrator.

Sec. 5. The USTSP-Lumbia Campus shall comply with the minimum requirements for its operation and program offerings, as prescribed by the Commission on Higher Education.

Sec. 6. All liabilities and obligations shall be in the name of the USTSP and the personnel, records and assets, both real and personal, including all parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the USTSP-Lumbia Campus shall be titled under the USTSP: *Provided*, That should the campus cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the USTSP, the same shall revert to the concerned local government unit or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

Sec. 7. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of this Act.

Sec. 8. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this

Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 9. If any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 10. All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, administrative orders, rules and regulations, issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Sec. 11. Notwithstanding the non-issuance of the IRR, this Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,