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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A. 1323rd BOR Meeting, 16 December 2016

1. **At the request of Regent Farolan for a list of programs in the University (UP System and CUs) that directly relate to the anti-illegal drugs, anti-corruption, anti-crime and DRRM thrusts of the Duterte Administration**

On 4 January 2017, President Pascual issued Memorandum No. PAEP 17-01 enjoining the Chancellors and Vice Presidents to submit a list of programs and projects in support of President Rodrigo R. Duterte's flagship programs, as requested by Regent Farolan at the November 2016 and December 2016 meetings of the Board.

Highlights of the Discussion

1. President Pascual manifested his submission to the Board of a 40-page report, listing down the projects, programs, and activities supportive of the four (4) priority goals of President Duterte's administration. He requested the Secretariat to email a copy of the report to the Regents.
2. Regent Jimenez informed the Board that Regent Farolan requested him to follow-up on the request but after seeing the report he will inform Regent Farolan that the submission is in order.

Board Action: NOTED

B. 1322nd BOR Meeting, 24 November 2016

1. **Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines and the Anflo Management and Investment Corporation (ANFLOCOR) for the University of the Philippines Professional School for Agriculture and the Environment (UP PSAE)**

Project:

Establishment of the University of the Philippines Professional School for Agriculture and the Environment (UP PSAE) in Anflo City, Panabo, Davao Del Norte.

The Property:

ANFLOCOR, together with its affiliate DAMOSA LAND, INC. (DLI), has agreed to cede, transfer and convey, by way of donation to the UNIVERSITY all of its rights, title and Interests to the THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND (31,000) SQUARE METERS aggregate area of land located in Anflo City, Panabo, Davao del Norte, for the UNIVERSITY's exercise of its mandate under its Charter and in the service of the country.

The Development Project:

The Development Project involves the design, development and construction of the buildings and facilities of the University's proposed campus in the Property as specified in the Terms of Reference [TOR] and Project Specifications.

Commencement, Implementation and Completion of the Project:

The timetable for the donation of the Property and of the buildings and facilities thereon shall be provided in the TOR, which shall be mutually and reasonably agreed upon by the UNIVERSITY and ANFLOCOR, provided that at all times the donation of the Property or the portions thereof shall be done ahead of or at least simultaneous with the donation of the buildings and facilities erected or constructed thereon.

The donation shall be implemented via Deed/s of Donation, which shall be subject to the approval of the UNIVERSITY's Board of Regents (BOR) and ANFLOCOR. Upon execution of the Deed of Donation, the UNIVERSITY shall issue Certificates of Donation for (1) the Property, as defined in Article I, and [2] the buildings and facilities, as defined in Article II. The Deed of Donation shall state that the donation is covered by Section 25 of Republic Act No. 9500.

Effectivity: *Shall take effect upon signing of the Memorandum of Agreement*

Highlights of the Discussion

- a. Regent Jimenez recalled that in the last Board meeting, he asked the team to come up with the milestones of the program and lay down the plans for the eventual transfer to UP Mindanao. While he was not expecting the details to be presented now, he assured the team that he is happy with the presentation. He understands the situation in UP Mindanao and UPLB's initiatives, and does not see any further objection to approving the MOA.
- b. Student Regent Manuel recalled that when UP PSAE was first presented to the Board, it was mentioned that the initiative started with the donation and to maximize this, UP decided to build the school. However, the introductory part of the MOA implies that UP initiated the establishment of the school but because of limited resources, it looked for a potential donor. He added that the team also mentioned in the last Board meeting that the donation came first. The Student Regent suggested revising the introductory part of the MOA to be more accurate.
- c. President Pascual said that he urged UPLB before to start bringing the study of agriculture to UP Mindanao. Then this opportunity from ANFLOCOR came and UP was ready to venture into an agreement. There were intentions on the part of UP and when an offer of a campus came that matched those intentions, the UP administration grabbed the opportunity.
- d. Chancellor Sanchez said that they would do the necessary revisions to the MOA.

- e. Faculty Regent Arinto said that the revisions are important because the University should not appear as though it is simply reacting to an offer. She surmised from President Pascual's explanation that UP would accept an offer of a campus donation only if there is a convergence between the interests of the University and those of the donor. President Pascual pointed out that there have also been instances when he turned down offers of donations to UP.
- f. Dean Jose Camacho, Jr. of the UPLB Graduate School said that this initiative is a perfect convergence because UPLB, with its niche in agriculture, wanted to expand its reach by offering off-campus graduate programs and ANFLOCOR presented an appropriate property on which to establish a UPLB extension campus for the proposed academic programs.
- g. As there were no more objections, the Board approved the MOA with ANFLOCOR, subject to the recommended revisions.
- h. Chancellor Sanchez invited the members of the Board to attend the MOA signing with ANFLOCOR on 30 January at the UP Board Room.

Board Action: APPROVED subject to recommended revision.

2. UP Visual Identity Guidebook

The Board of Regents was requested to approve the proposed UP Visual Identity Guidebook (UP VIG) as revised according to its comments at the 1322nd BOR Meeting held on 24 November 2016.

The UP VIG, also known as the UP brand book or corporate identity manual, is needed to serve as a guide for all UP units in using the various signs and symbols that represent UP as the country's premiere institution of higher education and sole national university.

Highlights of the Discussion

- a. Asst. Prof. San Valentin sought the approval of the Board so the team can proceed to the next phase of preparing the materials for dissemination.
- b. Chair Licuanan said that if there are no issues with the presentation, then the Board can give the go signal for them to proceed as planned.
- c. With regard to the image of the eagle on the UP Seal, Mr. Viriña presented to the Board the visual evolution of the seal. He said that the version proposed initially has been tweaked to give a stronger impression. The Board agreed with the enhanced version of the UP Seal.
- d. Staff Regent Mejia asked whether the template for the One University ID is already incorporated in the proposed VIG. Mr. Viriña confirmed that the standardized design for the UP ID is already incorporated in the document.

- e. President Pascual said that the Board does not need to approve the individual components like the ID because it could change depending on the evolution of technology.
- f. Mr. Viriña clarified that while the official font of the University will be the *Padayon* font face as prepared by the VIG team, the font used inside the UP Logo will remain as Times New Roman. The difference between the two (2) fonts is that the *Padayon* font is a bit thicker so it can easily be read.

Board Action: APPROVED

C. 1308th BOR Meeting, 28 May 2015

1. Contract Agreement between the University of the Philippines and SOSA JB Property Management Corporation for the property management of the UP Bonifacio Global City (UP BGC)

When the Board of Regents approved the Operational Governance Framework for the University of the Philippines Bonifacio Global City (UP BGC) at its 1308th meeting held on 28 May 2015, it was made clear that the UP BGC will be headed by a Director or Executive Director from UP, and will be operated by a contracted professional Property Manager that will ensure that UP units do not fall over each other in making use of the facility and that the facility is properly maintained. Under the proposed contract, UP will engage SOSA as the UP BGC Property Manager.

Highlights of the Discussion

- a. President Pascual recalled that the Board approved the operational governance framework of the UP BGC at its 1308th Meeting held last 28 May 2015. Part of the approval is to allow UP BGC to contract a property manager to oversee the management of the building including the hiring of security and janitorial services. Through competitive bidding, a prospective property manager has been identified and is now going through negotiated contract. What is now being presented to the Board is a draft MOA.
- b. Faculty Regent Arinto sought clarification on the provision allowing the property manager to make improvements. President Pascual explained that any plan for improvements, such as adding partitioning of certain offices, shall be submitted to the Office of Design and Planning Initiatives (ODPI) for further review and approval. No improvements will be made without prior approval from UP.
- c. Student Regent Manuel raised the possibility of hiring a property manager who is already connected with the University instead of outsourcing it. President Pascual explained that there had been a long discussion about the hiring of a property manager at the 1308th BOR meeting and the proposal at hand was to implement the earlier decision of the Board. He recalled that the suggestion was to implement external

management for five (5) years but with the involvement of people from UP who would learn the job and eventually undertake the management of the UP BGC facilities.

- d. Regent Laurel inquired about the process of selecting a property manager. President Pascual said it was a long procurement process that included two failed biddings. Vice President Zamora added that there were a lot of interested parties during the pre-bidding but when they specified what UP wanted to do and indicated the budget, nobody submitted a bid. The prospective property manager actually participated in the second public bidding but failed for some reason so now they are going through a negotiated contract.
- e. Regent Jimenez asked about the issues impeding the University from achieving successful public biddings. President Pascual said one possible reason is that the allowed budget is not commensurate to the scope of work demanded by the University. He also noted that one of the aspects of the job is to be involved in looking for renters during idle times. The incoming President may develop an incentive system for renting out different spaces.
- f. Chair Licuanan said that since UP BGC is a new campus, UP should closely observe the developments.
- g. Student Regent Manuel registered his abstention because he was uncomfortable with the concept.

Board Action: APPROVED

D. 1305th BOR Meeting, 29 January 2015

1. UP President's Report on Key Strategic Initiatives

Highlights of the Discussion

- a. Regent Jimenez noted that the key strategic initiatives in the past six years reported by President Pascual were in the name of the Board of Regents. But since he was not a member of the Board until very recently, he made a manifestation that he accedes to the authorship of the programs and initiatives.
- b. Student Regent Manuel informed the Board that the student body had a lot of agreements and disagreements with President Pascual. However, one major issue that students have with the administration is the Socialized Tuition System, which was cited as one of three factors that have to be considered in democratizing access to UP, based on a report of a study group that was commissioned by the President himself. Students believe that there is enough basis for the following aspects in order for the University to democratize access to education: UPCAT and admission; 2) socialized tuition and other fees; and 3) living expenses.

He said that students are glad that the President has done something about the first and third factors. He commended the President for having taken steps to ensure that all students from public schools and from rural areas will be aware of UP's existence. To truly democratize access, he said that focus must be placed not just on selected factors but on all three which are synergistic and not isolated from one another. He said that the students will put pressure on the next administration to work on and heed the call of the students to consider what has to be done for the socialized tuition system and the other school fees.

Board Action: NOTED

REPORT of the PRESIDENT and other SECTORAL REGENTS

A. Report of the President

*(A copy of the report is attached as **Annex A**, pages 39-43.)*

B. Report of the Faculty Regent

*(A copy of the report is attached as **Annex B**, pages 44-45.)*

C. Report of the Student Regent

*(A copy of the report is attached as **Annex C**, pages 46-47.)*

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL BY THE BOARD

The President endorsed the following:

GENERAL GOVERNANCE

A. Final Draft of the UP Anti-Sexual Harassment Code

According to President Pascual, the final draft has gone through an extensive review and discussion by the representative of the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs, Atty. Ricardo Lapesura of the Diliman Legal Office, and the Committee to Create the Final UP System Draft of the Anti-Sexual Harassment Code.

The Committee is composed of UPD Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Prof. Neil Martial R. Santillan; Atty. Ma. Luz Raneses-Raval, Chief Legal Officer of the UP Diliman Legal Office; Prof. Evelyn (Leo) Battad of the College of Law; Prof. Rowena Daroy-Morales, Director of the Office of Legal Aid, College of Law; Prof. Teresa Paula S. de Luna, Coordinator

NOTE: *In all resolutions adopted by the Board, it is understood that any disbursement of funds must be subject to all existing government accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.*

of the UPD Office of Anti-Sexual Harassment; and Prof. Maria Odine M. de Guzman, Director of the CWGS.

The final draft of the UP Anti-Sexual Harassment Code is now the product of the collective work of the members of the different Constituent Universities of the UP, as it built on the initial drafts of UP Diliman (2014) and of the University Center for Women's Studies, which prepared a draft that resulted from a series of consultations and workshops with the CU Gender Offices/Women's Studies Centers that culminated in 2015.

This is the revision to the 1998 UP Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Anti-Sexual Harassment Law of 1995, to ensure the University's commitment to address, and eradicate all forms of sexual harassment within the University system.

Board Action: APPROVED

B. Proposal for the Revision of the Organizational Structure of the Philippine Genome Center (PGC)

These proposed revisions were approved in a meeting of the PGC Executive Committee in Tagaytay on 27 November 2016. VPAA Gisela P. Concepcion made the following presentation:

a. Place the Administrative Services Section under the supervision of the Executive Director.

It is essential for a cohesive coordination of the many complex operations of the PGC that the executive director has a broad and integrated knowledge of, particularly of their interrelationships.

b. Integrate the present DNA Sequencing Core Facility (DSCF) and Core Facility for Bioinformatics (CFB) and rename it as "DNA Sequencing and Bioinformatics Facility" (OSBF).

With the proposed integration, sequencing services will now be offered with bioinformatics analysis in a single work pipeline. This is standard practice in major international genomic centers such as BGI, Macrogen and First Base. Furthermore, research activities of the CFB will be subsumed in a proposed program on 'computational genomics and systems biology'.

c. Re: PGC-Agriculture, create a subprogram on 'forestry genomics'.

Forestry genomics research is active in UPLB as demonstrated in a recent forest canopy genomics workshop sponsored by the PGC at the Mt. Makiling Botanic gardens on November 19, 2017. Active and close Agro-Forestry research interactions are a natural consequence of the proximity of the researchers in the UPLB campus. Most importantly, forestry genomics researchers wish to integrate with PGC-Agri.

d. Integrate the current Biodiversity Program and the current Forensics & Ethnicity Program into a single "Biodiversity and Ethnicity" Program.

Biodiversity Genomics, as defined by pioneering international organizations, covers all living things, including humans. Generally, the tools and methods of the two abovementioned current PGC programs are the same (and in fact, the two current program directors - Drs. Fontanilla and Ungria -- are collaborating in some projects). The 'Ethnicity' part of the name of the proposed combined program pays special attention to Filipinos -- here, the PGC aims to muster comprehensive genomics tools to understand ourselves as a people of various genomic backgrounds.

e. Create a new "Computational Genomics and Systems Biology" Program.

The PGC DSCF is currently generating massive amounts of data daily, using its next generation sequencing machines. Globally, the deluge of big sequencing datasets could be trillions and trillions more in magnitude compared to what we have. Computational scientists all over the world are scrambling to catch up with necessary software analysis tools. The proposed new program shall focus on the creation and development of innovative bioinformatics software. Filipino computational scientists (i.e., computer scientists, engineers, mathematicians, physicists) shall have the opportunity to participate in this new PGC program. The 'systems biology' part of the new program's name refers to analytical and modeling approaches to integrating genomics data within the context of how an organism (the 'system') functions.

f. Terminate the ELSI (Ethical, Legal and Social Issues) Program.

Although we believe that the PGC has a most important responsibility of informing and educating its ultimate benefactors and clients (the taxpayers and Filipino society), the limited resources (including human resources) of the PGC precludes maintaining a 5th "R & D" program devoted to policy issues. In place of ELSI, the PGC shall conduct seminars, workshops and town hall meetings, featuring ELSI experts as speakers -- regularly scheduled throughout the year or when news of local or global significance arise.

Highlights of the Discussion

1. Upon inquiry from Chair Licuanan on financial implications involved in the reorganization, Vice President Concepcion confirmed that the merger of the two (2) core facilities will yield savings because there will be fewer Program Directors.

Board Action: APPROVED

C. Reorganization of the National Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (BIOTECH), University of the Philippines Los Baños

Dr. Marilyn Brown, Deputy Director of UPLB BIOTECH, made the following presentation:

BIOTECH is a center for biotechnological R & D that capitalizes on the country's resources in developing alternative solutions to energy, food and environmental problems.

To date, the Institute has developed 40 products/technologies and services that contribute significantly to instruction, training/extension, resource generation, and public service programs of the University, and most especially to national development. The creation of another Deputy Director will unload the current Deputy Director. He/She will be the Deputy Director for Operations who will spearhead the upgrade/rehabilitation, maintenance and development of the 37-year old research infrastructure of the Institute.

This reorganization will not require additional budget from the University. Existing qualified personnel within the Institute or from the University, if needed, will be assigned/redeployed for this purpose.

Summary of proposed revisions:

CURRENT	PROPOSED	JUSTIFICATION
One (1) Director	One (1) Director	
One (1) Deputy Director	Two (2) Deputy Directors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy Director for Research, Development and Extension (RDE) Deputy Director for Operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expanding activities and scope of the Institutes' RDE programs/projects requires a devoted Deputy Director for RDE to focus on non-operation and administrative concerns Responsible for the upgrade, maintenance and development of research infrastructure due to expansion of research activities
Four (4) Research and Development (RD) Programs One (1) Technology Transfer (TT) Program One (1) Services Program	Four (4) RD Programs One (1) TT Program One (1) Services Program	
The Philippine National Collection of Microorganisms (PNCM) and National Immunological Testing Laboratory (NITL) are under the Technical Services Program	The PNCM and NITL will be directly under the Deputy Director for RDE	PNCM and NITL have special mandates which are national in scope. Being of national stature, these laboratories require substantial additional budget from the national government to fulfil their mandates.
	Special laboratories/projects under the Deputy Director for RDE	Creation of special laboratories to respond to new developments and priority areas of science and technology

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The Administrative Services Unit (ASU) includes financial supply and property and records management; human resources development, library, IT/statistical and general administrative/clerical services, as well as engineering services (civil/mechanical/electrical), grounds maintenance; transport, security and janitorial services	The Administrative Services Unit (ASU) will only include the financial, supply and property and records management; human resources development, library, IT/statistical and general administrative/clerical services. The engineering, grounds maintenance; transport, security and janitorial services will be under the Deputy Director for Operations	ASU is overloaded due to expanding institutes' activities
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Board Action: APPROVED

D. Appointment of University Officials

Upon resumption of the meeting following the executive session, the BOR **APPOINTED** the following:

UP Diliman

Prof. MICHAEL L. TAN as Chancellor, UP Diliman, effective 02 March 2017 until 01 March 2020

Prof. ARMIN B. SARTHOU, JR. as Dean, College of Architecture, UP Diliman, effective 26 January 2017 until 25 January 2020

Prof. MARIO R. DELOS REYES as Dean, School of Urban and Regional Planning, UP Diliman, effective 01 June 2015 until 31 May 2018

UP Open University

Prof. RICARDO T. BAGARINAO as Dean, Faculty of Education, UP Open University, effective 01 February 2017 until 31 January 2020

UP Mindanao

Prof. DOMINICA DM. DACERA as Dean, College of Science and Mathematics, UP Mindanao, effective 26 January 2017 until 25 January 2020

UP Cebu

Atty. Francis Michael C. Abad as Vice Chancellor for Administration, UP Cebu, effective 1 January 2017 to serve at the pleasure of the Chancellor

ACADEMIC MATTERS

A. Request of the UP Manila College of Medicine for Proposed Amendments to Its Admission Policy

In September 2014, the College of Medicine convened a Commission to review the admission policy of the college to increase the number of applicants admitted and to determine the number of students to be admitted under the different categories (i.e., academic and special). In the course of the review, measures were considered to equalize admission opportunities to the college, as well as improving long-standing processes in student selection.

The following motions were presented to the College Council on 14 October 2016 and to the University Council on 16 January 2017, and were approved by majority of the attendees in both meetings. Dr. Agnes D. Mejia, Dean of the UP Manila College of Medicine, made the following presentation:

Proposal 1: Increase the number of students from 160 to 180 per batch

- A. By providing separate slots for admission of the 10 MD-PhD candidates, there will be greater flexibility in course work.*
- B. The increase in the number of academic slots is (a) consistent with infrastructure improvement and rationalization of faculty load; and (b) will increase admission of qualified students for those ranked in the borderline.*

Proposal 2: Admit 6 international students for LU3, including 2 slots reserved for children of UPCM alumni who are residing overseas

Proposal 2a: International students shall be subject to compliance with Return Obligations as set by the College

- A. This is consistent with the UP Mandate (RA 9500, UP Charter 2008) and UP Admission Policy (www.up.edu.ph).*
- B. This will enable UPCM to adjust to ASEAN Integration (ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint, 2009-2015).*
- C. This will improve international ranking (Quacquarelli Symonds [QS] Top University Ranking, 2016).*

Proposal 3: Utilize an Adjustment Factor

An Adjustment Factor will equalize opportunities for admission of students coming from different courses and campuses. It aims to correct differences in grading standards without necessarily ranking courses or schools by quality. The application of an adjustment factor will be integrated in the pre-med GWA and NMAT Score and will consider the 5-year NMAT and GWAG performance history of a particular school and course to include the performance of the applying batch. The numerical value will be computed every year.

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Proposal 4: Modify the interview process

The characteristics of the learners will be re-thought and be more congruent to the outcome of the college.

THESE AMENDMENTS will be effective beginning Academic Year 2017-2018. The amendments on International Students (motion 2 & 2a) will supersede the provision in the Return Service Agreement (RSA) of the UPCM Return Service Programs (Regionalization & Return Service Obligation Programs) that only those of "Filipino Citizenship" will be accepted.

Highlights of the Discussion

1. Dr. Heizel Manapat-Reyes, Head of the Medical Educational Unit of the College of Medicine, explained that the team conducted a 24-year review of all students admitted to the College of Medicine in terms of admission characteristics and performance, among others. She said that there seems to be a clear shift in rank in terms of how they were rated when they come in and how they rank within the class when they finish the five-year program. They found out that students from some campuses who did not rank so well upon entry to the College of Medicine graduated at a higher rank. There are students from certain courses whose rank is not that high but they end up performing exceptionally well in the five-year medical course. The same can be said for those admitted under the special categories. This proposal will then provide levelling off of opportunities for the students.
2. Faculty Regent Arinto sought clarification about the different GWA requirement for male and female applicants. Dean Mejia explained that the cut-off grade is 2.5 regardless of sex. However, when they rank the applicants, the slots allotted for the females (50%) get filled up by those with a grade of 1.5 or higher while the slots allotted for males (50%) get filled up by those with a grade slightly lower than 1.5. This is what they meant about the 1.5 and 1.6 average GWA of the female and male applicants, respectively.
3. Upon inquiry from Regent Jimenez, Dr. Reyes explained that the "lateral entrance" is the entry point of those who have obtained a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree or any Baccalaureate course. Meanwhile, the direct entrants refer to students admitted to the Integrated Arts Medicine Program (INTARMED) program.
4. Regent Jimenez asked how many people go abroad after graduation. Dean Mejia said that during the 80's, almost the whole class would leave after graduating from medical school. The college thus implemented the Regionalization Program in 1986 wherein students admitted under this program should undergo residency or post-graduate training in his/her region for at least five (5) years. In 2008, the Board approved the Return Service Obligation for UP Manila graduates to serve in the Philippines for a number of years to be specified by the colleges.

5. Dean Mejia said that they are doing their best to monitor their graduates but it is one of the most difficult tasks to do. They are trying to track them all but they can only do so if the graduates respond to them. Chair Licuanan was impressed with the proposal but said that an increase of 20 students seemed quite small considering that UP Manila College of Medicine is the premier medical school in the country. Dean Mejia said they are specifying 20 for now because (a) the pedagogical methods are for small groups; (b) so as not to overtax the resources available in the University; and (c) one of the strengths of the College of Medicine is the student-faculty ratio.

Board Action: APPROVED

B. Request of the College of Music, UP Diliman for the naming of the following buildings:

1. UP Center for Ethnomusicology to Jose Maceda Hall
2. Chamber Music Hall to Andrea O. Veneracion Hall

The College of Music is requesting for the naming of these spaces as a reminder of the priceless legacies of two of their distinguished teachers in the past, also national Artists in Music, who significantly contributed to the propagation of excellence in the field of professional music making and scholarship and have inspired students who are now continuing their excellence in teaching, performance, and research.

Board Action: APPROVED

C. Motions of the U.P. Integrated School (UPIS) for AY 2017-2018:

1. To admit at most 10 slots under the UPIS Varsity Athletic Admissions System (VAAS)

The proposal follows the guidelines set for VAAS (per Memo of Chancellor Emerlinda R. Roman in March 2003) that limit the VAAS slots to 10 per Academic Year.

2. That a minimum of 10-15 slots be reserved for lateral entrants.

These slots will replace those vacated by Grade 6 students who qualify for admission to the Philippine Science High School (PSHS).

Highlights of the Discussion

- a. Faculty Regent Arinto sought clarification as to why the UP Integrated School is seeking approval of the Board when there is already a rule establishing the VAAS. President Pascual said there is a policy that allows the UPIS to give out VAAS slots but it is the Board that sets the number. He moved to approve the request, but to send advice to the UPIS to come up with a more regular policy that can tide them over year to year.

- b. Vice President Concepcion explained that the number of slots under the special circumstances are being regulated in order to maintain the quality of the students that are admitted.

Board Action: APPROVED

D. Requests of the Cesar E.A. Virata School of Business (UP VSB), UP Diliman, on the offering of graduate programs at the University of the Philippines Bonifacio Global City (UP BGC):

- 1. UP VSB will offer new part-time programs in Master in Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Science in Finance (MS Finance) at UP BGC effective Academic Year 2017-2018.**
- 2. Tuition fee is proposed at Php4,500.00 per unit for the two UP VSB programs at UP BGC.**
- 3. Graduate program teaching enhancement honoraria rates is proposed for full-time faculty members, professor emeriti, and part-time lecturers teaching VSB graduate courses in UP BGC.**

Highlights of the Discussion

- a. Student Regent Manuel requested a breakdown of the utilization of the tuition fee of Php 4,500 per unit, which rate he finds quite high. President Pascual said that the rate was benchmarked against other MBA programs around the area of UP BGC.
- b. Regent Jimenez said that the rate should not be fixed on the basis of the MBA programs of other universities because UP is a state university. President Pascual responded that the MBA program in UP BGC caters to professionals working in that area, and the prevailing market rates and operating expenses in that place are higher.
- c. Vice President Florendo said that aside from delivering quality business education in the heart of the business center, VSB's presence will improve the student profile and facilitate recruitment of professional lecturers from the private sector.
- d. Faculty Regent Arinto said that the basis for setting tuition rates for UP programs should not be the rates charged by other schools. President Pascual agreed that if they will set rates based on what other schools are charging, it could be much higher than what is being proposed.
- e. Regent Laurel said that there is no hard and fast rule on setting rates. One has to look at what the competition is doing in relation to what we can do and what we think is reasonable. Since it is operating as a professional school, UP has to position itself in relation to the competition.
- f. Regent Jimenez said he shared the query of the Faculty Regent on how the proponents arrived at the additional Php2,000 from what is currently being charged at UP Diliman VSB. This may be the initial rate to feel the depth of the water but eventually, it will be subjected to review based on actual experience (e.g., number of enrollees).

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- g. Student Regent Manuel reiterated that he is not comfortable with the fact that the rate was set based on the rates of other universities.
- h. Faculty Regent Arinto called the attention of the Board to the tables indicated in the proposal. Table 1 is a comparison of tuition fees of the MBA program in different schools while Table 2 shows the utilization of the fees. The proposal also has a section about the utilization of income for improvement of the graduate program (e.g., teaching enhancement, honoraria rates). She also clarified that based on the proposal, the tuition rate is not market-driven.
- i. Student Regent Manuel said that beyond the breakdown on how tuition fees will be utilized, a greater concern is that there should be a framework on how UP sets its tuition rates. He still believes that the proposed tuition is market-driven because the courses offered are being compared like products of other private universities which prices are based on economic factors. He registered his objection to the approval of the proposal.

Board Action: APPROVED

E. Endorsement of UP Diliman University Council Committee on Student Admissions, Progress, and Graduation (UC-CSAPG) for waiver of two-year residence rule immediately prior to graduation (with honors) in favor of Mr. Christ John Rhoie C. Palacol, BS in Mining Engineering student of the College of Engineering

Mr. Palacol was admitted to Bachelor of Science in Materials Engineering program in the first semester AY 2010-2011 and shifted to Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering program in the second semester AY 2011-2012. He filed Leave of Absence (LOA) in the first semester AY 2015-2016 because of health reasons. Mr. Palacol was included in the list of graduates for the second semester AY 2015-2016.

Per Revised UP Code Article 412, "Students who are candidate for graduation with honors must have completed in the University System at least 72 percent of the total number of academic units or hours for graduation and must have been in residence therein for at least two years immediately prior to graduation." At its meeting on 22 August 2016, the Committee deferred action and requested the student to submit medical certificate of illness certified by UP Diliman's University Health Service.

The Committee endorses Mr. Palacol's appeal to the Board of Regents for consideration.

Board Action: APPROVED

F. Endorsement of UP Diliman University Council Committee on Student Admissions, Progress, and Graduation (UC-CSAPG) for waiver of enrolment in residency in First Semester AY 2016-2017 in favor of Ms. Ni Lar Wynn, PhD Environmental Engineering student of the College of Engineering

Ms. Wynn was admitted to PhD Environmental Engineering program in the second semester AY 2011-2012, completed 24 units but lacks dissertation. She had to return to her home country because of health and financial reasons.

The Committee endorsed Ms. Wynn's appeal to the Board of Regents for consideration, provided that she submits the bound copies of her dissertation and complete all her other deficiencies by 06 January 2016.

Board Action: APPROVED

G. Recommendation of the Faculty of Management and Development Studies, UP Open University, to revoke the Master of Arts in Nursing (MAN) degree that was conferred on Mr. Michael Anthony D. Samaniego in 2015

Mr. Samaniego has been alleged of committing an act of intellectual dishonesty by fabricating data used in his thesis, which was successfully defended on 6 June 2015 and which became one of the basis for the award of the degree of Master of Arts in Nursing on 25 July 2015 by the UP Open University. A fact finding committee was constituted on 26 January 2016 to investigate his case. Based on the evidence presented against him, coupled with his admission of the act, he was found guilty of committing intellectual dishonesty described in the Student Code 2010 under Section 2.a., to wit: "Any form of cheating in examinations or any act of dishonesty in relation to his studies."

Consequently, Prof. Inocencio E. Buot, Jr., former Dean of the Faculty of Management and Development Studies, recommended that Mr. Samaniego be suspended for two (2) years, his grade for N300 (Master's thesis) shall be changed to Fail, and his degree of Master of Arts in Nursing be revoked without prejudice to his statement as a consequence of the second recommendation.

At its 52nd meeting held on 14 December 2016, the UPOU University Council approved the recommendation of the faculty to revoke the degree of Master of Arts in Nursing that was conferred on Mr. Samaniego in 2015.

Highlights of the Discussion

1. Requested for a comment on the case as a member of the UP Open University, Faculty Regent Arinto assured the Board that all necessary procedures were followed in the case of Mr. Samaniego.
2. Regent Jimenez inquired whether the student could still get a degree. Faculty Regent Arinto said it is possible but it would be very difficult for him because he has to do a new thesis.
3. Chair Licuanan suggested that the Board should trust the mechanisms that were followed by the unit and approve its recommendation.

Board Action: APPROVED

H. Establishment of the UPVSB Centennial Faculty Grant at the UP Cesar E.A. Virata School of Business, UP Diliman

The UP Cesar E.A. Virata School of Business (UPVSB) proposes to award its full time faculty members and professors emeriti teaching in graduate programs the UPVSB Centennial Faculty Award for the period CY 2009 to CY 2016. A Centennial Faculty Award covers publication outputs for the period CY 1998 to CY 2008 when UP celebrated its Centennial in 2008.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of business education in the University, the UP Cesar E.A. Virata School of Business wishes to reward meritorious service of its faculty by utilizing a portion of the UPVSB Graduate Program Trust Fund (GPTF) (TF No. 1511-884- 952-005-439) for the payment of cash award to deserving UPVSB faculty (to be called UPVSB Centennial Faculty Awardees). The estimated maximum amount to be charged against the UPVSB GPTF for the UPVSB Centennial Faculty Awards is PHP 3.2 million.

Board Action: APPROVED

I. Establishment of the “Vicente T. Paterno Mechanical Engineering Centennial Professorial Chair” at the College of Engineering, UP Diliman

Donor: Paz Pilar P. Benares; Maria Elena P. Locsin; Maria Teres P. Dickinson & Maria Cristina Paterno

Support fund: The donor commits to remit to the Donee the total amount of PHP120,000.00 per year from 2018 until 2021 (on or before June 30 every year)

Beneficiary unit: College of Engineering, UP Diliman

Others: Donated sum shall be utilized solely and exclusively for the purpose intended by the Donor.

Fund Management: U.P. Engineering Research and Development Foundation, Inc. (UPERDFI)

Board Action: APPROVED

J. Establishment of the “Quintin K. and Norma S. Calderon Professorial Chair in Civil Engineering” at the College of Engineering, UP Diliman

Donor: Rosario S. Calderon

Support fund: The donor commits to remit to the Donee the total amount of PHP120,000.00 per year for at least five (5) years commencing Academic Year 2017-2018

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- Beneficiary unit:* College of Engineering, UP Diliman
- Others:* Donated sum shall be utilized solely and exclusively for the purpose intended by the Donor.
- Fund Management:* U.P. Engineering Research and Development Foundation, Inc. (UPERDFI)

Board Action: APPROVED

- K. Graduation of students who completed all the requirements for their respective degrees/titles as of the end of Third Trimester AY2015-2016 and Mid-Year AY2015-2016, or as of the end of the term specified, as recommended by their respective University Councils, except those with pending disciplinary cases**

- *UP Open University (approved by the UPOU University Council at its 52nd meeting held on 14 December 2016)*

Board Action: APPROVED

- L. Graduation with Latin honors, magna cum laude, of Ms. Maria Gabriela Magpusao who is a candidate for graduation with a degree of BS in Multimedia Studies, UP Open University, as of the end of Third Trimester AY2015-2016**

The UPOU University Council in a Special Meeting on 11 January 2017 approved the graduation with honors of Ms. Magpusao.

Board Action: APPROVED

NOTE: The Board gave an omnibus approval for item nos. B, E, F, and I-L under ACADEMIC MATTERS.

FISCAL MATTERS

- A. Deed of Donation between the University of the Philippines and SM Investments Corporation (SMIC) for the University of the Philippines Bonifacio Global City (UP BGC) Building and Facilities**

The Building and facilities are valued at PHP 397,083,759.65 based on the project cost certified by the Donor and endorsed by the UP Assistant Vice President for Development and Office of Design, Planning and Initiatives (ODPI) Director, Prof. Cristopher S.P. Espina.

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The Deed of Donation is premised upon the Memorandum of Agreement executed by and between the University of the Philippines and SMIC on 14 February 2014 (MOA approved by the Board of Regents at its 1295th meeting on 06 February 2014 and confirmed by the BOR at its 1296th meeting on 27 February 2014).

Legal clearance and endorsement have been secured per OVPLA Memorandum No. HDDU-2016-C-695 dated 20 December 2016 with the recommendation that the Deed of Donation be submitted first to the BOR for its approval.

Board Action: APPROVED

- B. On the request of University of the Philippines (UP) President Alfredo E. Pascual for funding assistance from the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) for the reconstruction of road network with draining and lighting system at the UP Visayas-Tacloban College (UPVTC), Brgy. Santa Elena, Tacloban City, in the amount of P218,920,000.00**

The letter of UP President Alfredo E. Pascual to former DPWH Secretary Rogelio L. Singson requesting for funding assistance for the reconstruction of road network with draining and lighting system at the UP Visayas-Tacloban College (UPVTC), Brgy. Santa Elena, Tacloban City was endorsed by the DPWH to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) for funding assistance.

The NDRRMC is requesting for CHED's comments and recommendations as to whether to endorse or not the said project for funding consideration from the Yolanda Rehabilitation Reconstruction Program (YRRP) Fund, Article XXXIX of the FY 2016 NDRRM Fund of the FY 2016 GAA.

Highlights of the Discussion

1. President Pascual explained that the request for funding was made as an offshoot of the Typhoon Yolanda in order to build roads that will connect the new UP campus in Tacloban City, Leyte to the highway and the major roads.
2. Chair Licuanan said that the Commission on Higher Education needs the approval of the UP Board before it will endorse the same to the National Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC).

Board Action: APPROVED

- C. Proposal to allow UP Fellows to pay back obligations through other forms of payment**

The University of the Philippines, in its bid to boost its faculty profile, supports the graduate studies of its faculty which is the primary goal of the University's faculty development program. Units prioritize, and through stringent criteria, select the best faculty to be granted fellowships. It is unfortunate that in the case of several fellows, for various personal reasons, they opted to discontinue the fellowship and leave the University for other endeavors.

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To date, for the 217 fellows with unsettled contractual obligations worth ~PhP335 Million Pesos, the University has only collected ~PhP21 Million Pesos. In the BOR-approved guidelines on How to Make it Easier to Collect Obligations of Reneging Fellows (1228th BOR, 19 December 2007), the only form of payment is cash, but it would be beneficial to the University if there would be more ways that the fellows can pay back their contractual obligations.

It is therefore proposed that reneging fellows who have settled half of their contractual obligations before interest be allowed to settle the remaining balance through cash payment and other forms through University programs with equivalent monetization.

Highlights of the Discussion

1. Vice President Concepcion explained that there are 217 Fellows in the University, including those from the College of Medicine, with unsettled contractual obligations amounting to about P335 Million. Of this amount, the University has only collected so far about P21 Million. Due to the poor collection rate, she said that reneging fellows who have settled half of their contractual obligations before interest may be allowed to settle the remaining balance through cash payment and other forms through University programs with equivalent monetization.

In the previous BOR approval (1228th BOR meeting, 19 December 2007), the only form of payment is cash, but it would be beneficial to the University if there would be more ways for the Fellows to pay back their contractual obligations. These Fellows may be tapped by the University to be involved in its various programs with monetary awards or compensation from which they can deduct from the amount of their contractual obligations.

2. The proposal was already discussed at the Academic Affairs Committee meetings composed of the Vice Chancellors for Academic Affairs of the different constituent universities (CUs) and at the President's Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings composed of the Chancellors and the Vice Presidents. The comments and recommendations from the meetings have been incorporated in the proposal.
3. Regent Jimenez asked if the proposed scheme had been tried out in other universities in the country and abroad. Vice President Concepcion said that there were already precedent cases approved by the Board wherein some UP campuses have allowed Fellows to pay back their debts in kind (i.e., books, equipment, or services).
4. Regent Laurel supported the proposal because he believes that the University will benefit from this policy, deriving knowledge from professors who are experts in their own fields.
5. President Pascual requested the Board to authorize the President to develop the finer details of the implementation of this policy.

Board Action: APPROVED

- D. Reprogramming of UP System Administration's unexpended balances of prior years' obligations in the amount of Sixty Nine Million Pesos (PhP69,000,000.00), as certified available by the System Budget and System Accounting Offices, for the following purposes:**

Purpose	Amount
Quality Assurance and Assessment of Degree Programs (MOOE)	12,000,000.00
To augment EO/CO funds for System Offices / Constituent Universities	57,000,000.00
TOTAL	PhP69,000,000.00

The validity of the allotted budget for this project will end after two (2) years upon approval by the Board of Regents, after which any unexpended balances shall be reverted back to the general UPSA Reprogrammed Funds for MOOE/CO/EO.

It is understood that any obligations/disbursements that will be made against these appropriations shall be subject to the usual accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

Board Action: APPROVED

- E. Reprogramming of UP Visayas' unexpended balances of prior years from the General Fund in the amount of Twenty Four Million Seven Hundred Eighty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Four Pesos and 11/100 (PhP24,784,904.11), duly certified as available by the Chiefs, Budget and Accounting Offices, for the following purposes:**

Maintenance & Other Operating Expenditures To augment MOOE needs including payment of utilities and fixed expenses, repair and maintenance of facilities including insurance of building and equipment	PhP22,784,904.11
Equipment Outlay To purchase some pieces of equipment for various units of the University	2,000,000.00
TOTAL	PhP24,784,904.11

It is understood that the disbursements from this reprogrammed funds shall be subject to the usual accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

Board Action: APPROVED

- F. Direct Contracting for Servicing the LiDar Systems (Pegasus and Gemini)**

This refers to the procurement of a service. The University - acting via the National Engineering Center - wishes to obtain an overall systems inspection and damage check, with repair, calibration and re-certification of two (2) Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) systems designated Pegasus and Gemini.

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Direct contracting was done in accordance with Article XVI, Sections 48 and 50, Republic Act No. 9184, considering that the service obtained is sold by an exclusive dealer or manufacturer, with no sub-dealers. The Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs (OVPLA) has examined the accompanying documents in support of this procurement and noted that the matter appears to be in order and contains, among others, a certification that funds are available.

Considering the contract amount of PhP29,764,710.00, OVPLA advised that the approval of the Board of Regents be obtained before the President of the University affixes his signature to the resolution of the Bids and Awards Committee and the Notice of Award.

Board Action: APPROVED

G. Grant of Cash Award in the amount of PhP8,000.00 each to employees of the Office of Admissions

The Office of Admissions (OA) believes that the early release of UPCAT results again this year aligns with the mandate of providing access to high quality UP education. The early release allows UPCAT Qualifiers, whose first choice is UP, to avoid paying non-refundable confirmation fees for second choices, out of fear that they will not be admitted to UP.

Like last year, the OA received many thanks from UPCAT applicants and their parents within minutes after the release of UPCAT results at the office lobby last December 20, 2016 at 8:30 pm. The OA also posted the results online after midnight in the UPCAT website and 2 mirror sites to enhance safety (after the attempted hacking of the UPCAT website the previous year).

Despite the relatively low number of applicants, the OA again faced new challenges this year in administering the UPCAT nationwide and processing the data because of the variety of types of students. Unlike the applicants of UPCAT 2016 who were mostly 4th year high school students coming from K-12 "transition programs", the UPCAT 2017 applicants were a mix of students in transition programs and those currently in "senior high schools" taking subjects from many different "academic tracks".

In recognition of the commitment of the office staff that made an early release possible, OA is requesting for the granting of PhP8,000 cash award to each OA employee as provided by the Board of Regents' approval of such an award in its 1256th and 1275th meetings in relation to UPCAT cycles with less than 65,000 UPCAT applicants and the release of UPCAT results not later than the 2nd working week of January.

Board Action: APPROVED

H. Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines and Upsilon Sigma Phi Alumni Association Incorporated

Project: Construct and donate a Legacy project in the area fronting Gonzalez Hall in UP Diliman Campus, to serve as a promenade for the use of the University's students, faculty and personnel

Amount: PhP15,000,000.00

Duration: Shall commence construction of the Project no later than April 2017 and shall complete the project within a period of twelve (12) months from issuance of the permits or, effective from the date of signing by the parties

Board Action: APPROVED

I. Construction Agreement between the University of the Philippines and Accuracy Builder Enterprise through Negotiated Procurement for the proposed completion of the School of Statistics Building, UP Diliman

Project: Proposed completion of School of Statistics Building

Amount: PhP23,115,439.02

Duration: Ninety (90) calendar days

Board Action: APPROVED

J. Request of UP Los Baños for the grant of the following requirements for its bid for Direct Membership to Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM):

- 1. A Board Resolution authorizing UPLB's participation in the WESM as a Direct Member-Contestable Customer;*
- 2. A Board Resolution designating the Chancellor as the signatory and Main Contact in all transactions and agreements related to UPLB's participation in WESM as a Direct Member – Contestable Customer; and*
- 3. A Board Resolution designating the Chancellor as the Billing/Settlement Contact and the Land Bank of the Philippines bank account of UPLB to be submitted as the official bank details of UPLB for collection and bill settlement.*

Highlights of the Discussion

1. President Pascual briefly explained that the aforementioned requests are allowed under the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) of 2001 (RA 9136) which unbundled the electricity sector so that certain big customers can go directly to power generating companies.

Board Action: APPROVED

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K. Memorandum of Agreement among the University of the Philippines (UP), University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), and the Young Men's Christian Association of Los Baños, Inc. (YMCA-LB)

This draft MOA has passed through the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs (OVPLA) and has incorporated the needed revisions discussed in consultations/dialogues with the YMCA Board of Directors. The revisions are based on the rationale for the MOA, which is to preserve the integrity of the national university as mandated by Section 13 of RA 9500.

The MOA aims to enhance the cooperation between UP/UPLB and YMCA Los Baños, especially in providing affordable dormitories for the students. It also recognizes the longstanding partnership between the two institutions.

Highlights of the Discussion

1. President Pascual briefly explained that the Young Men's Christian Association of Los Baños, Inc. (YMCA-LB) owns a tract of land inside the UP Los Baños campus. In recent years, the YMCA-LB implemented some development projects without a Memorandum of Agreement with the University. This put the University at a disadvantage because the contractors brought in and out construction materials and the heavy loads caused damage to the roads of UP Los Baños without any provision for compensating the University. To resolve this issue, the proposed MOA will provide the rules and guidelines on the type of development that may be pursued by the YMCA-LB.
2. Vice President Danny Uy added that the YMCA-LB entered into a contract with a contractor to put up a condotel on its land to be sold to outside parties. However, the construction was interrupted by two (2) events. The first interruption was due to the refusal of UP Los Baños to give the permit to the construction, which resulted in a case filed at the Office of the Ombudsman against the UPLB Chancellor but the case was dismissed. The second interruption was due to a court case between the YMCA and its contractor. However, the new administration of YMCA-LB would like to enter into an agreement with the University to establish the rules for its future developments because the condotel project is already the subject of litigation between YMCA-LB and the contractor.
3. Faculty Regent Arinto inquired how the proposed MOA will address the issue of the condotel project, and whether the MOA includes some manifestation of goodwill that the use of the YMCA-LB property will not contravene the interests of the University.
4. President Pascual said that the property is owned by a private entity and the owner has the right to develop its property. The University cannot do anything about the condotel project because it is already under litigation. The good thing about the new administration of YMCA-LB is that it is willing to enter into an agreement with the University to determine what kinds of development are allowed in their property going forward.

5. Regent Jimenez said that he has no objection to the MOA but he suggested looking into the possibility of a property swap—that the University offer the YMCA-LB a bigger space somewhere farther from the campus. Vice President Zamora said that property swap is not allowed under the UP Charter because the University cannot dispose of any of its property.
6. Regent Jimenez said that there can be legislative measures to do it. President Pascual said that going back to Congress for an amendment to the UP Charter may open the door to all sorts of changes. He said that another way to address it is to have a donor buy the property and donate it to the University.

Board Action: APPROVED

L. Request of UP Manila and PGH for permission to continue implementing the grant of a maximum Php100,000.00 benefit per year under the Enhanced Hospitalization Program (eHOPE) for the Faculty, REPS, and Administrative Staff

The Board of Regents, at its 1310th meeting on 17 August 2015 approved the UPM-PGH Health incentive Program proposal giving a maximum of Php100,000.00 benefit per year which can be used to pay for hospital confinement at PGH within the year. This is on top of the FAPHE benefit which is being enjoyed by all UP personnel.

In November 2016, the Board of Regents approved at its 1322nd meeting the Enhanced Hospitalization Program (eHOPE) for the Faculty, REPS, and Administrative Staff for the whole UP System which shall provide financial assistance for hospitalization expenses incurred during the confinement up to an accumulated maximum amount of Php80,000.00 per year. This benefit automatically covers the UPM-PGH personnel.

*While the UPM-PGH 2015 proposal stated that this benefit will be discontinued once the UP System provides a similar benefit, UP Manila is requesting permission to allow UPM-PGH to continue implementing the grant of a maximum of P100,00.00 benefit for its personnel considering the fact that they have been implementing the same since its approval. The 80% as provided by the BOR November 2016 approval of eHOPE will be implemented plus the **additional 20% which shall be covered by the funds that UP Manila allotted last year.** The approval of this request will redound to non-diminution of benefits of UPM and PGH employees.*

Highlights of the Discussion

1. President Pascual elaborated that prior to the approval by the Board of the enhanced UP Hospitalization Programme (eHOPE), the UP Manila and the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) already introduced the health incentive program that allows up to Php100,000.00 hospitalization expenses per year. The limit set in the approved eHOPE was only Php80,000.00 per year per qualified employee applicable to the whole system. Since this limit is lower than the existing provision in UP Manila and PGH, the two units propose to continue using the ceiling of Php100,000.00 by supplementing the difference from their income.

Board Action: APPROVED

NOTE: In all resolutions adopted by the Board, it is understood that any disbursement of funds must be subject to all existing government accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

M. BAC Resolution and Notice of Award for the design, supply, and installation of upgraded mechanical, electrical and ancillary works for the Philippine Genome Center (PGC)

A copy of the BAC resolution and the Notice of Award is on file at the OSU.

Board Action: APPROVED

NOTE: The Board gave an omnibus approval for item nos. A, D-I, and M under FISCAL MATTERS.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- A. Request of Prof. Maragtas S.V. Amante, Professor from the School of Labor and Industrial Relations and concurrent Vice President for Administration of the UP System, for the correction of his rank in the 2014 Merit Promotions**

FROM: Professor 10 (SG 29-7)
TO : Professor 12 (SG 29-8)

Aside from the UP Diliman recommendation for promotion from Professor 10 (SG 28-8), UP President Alfredo E. Pascual recommended on 21 October 2016 an additional step promotion equivalent to Professor 12 (SG 29-8) for Prof. Maragtas S.V. Amante of the School of Labor and Industrial Relations and concurrent Vice President for Administration as provided in the existing rules and regulations on merit promotion.

The President's recommendation was inadvertently not included in the merit promotions 2014 round approved by the UP BOR.

This corrective action will complete the records with respect to the merit promotion 2014 round for Professor Amante.

Highlights of the Discussion

1. President Pascual explained to the Board that the Vice President for Administration realized that his own merit promotion was not included in the approval by the Board in 2014.
2. Vice President Amante confirmed that he only realized it when he found the document bearing the approval and endorsement by the President while he was clearing his table for the turnover.
3. President Pascual reminded the Board that it is not the first time it has approved corrections in the merit promotion. There have been other cases in the past.

Board Action: APPROVED

NOTE: *In all resolutions adopted by the Board, it is understood that any disbursement of funds must be subject to all existing government accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.*

- B. Automatic promotion of Asst. Prof. Joselito G. Florendo, Cesar E.A. Virata School of Business, from his current rank of Assistant Professor 7 (SG 21-7) to the next higher position of Associate Professor 1 (SG 22-4) as part of the entitlements for the 2016 Dangal ng Bayan bestowed on him by the Civil Service Commission**

Per Civil Service Commission rules, Dangal ng Bayan awardees are entitled to an automatic promotion to the next higher position which shall be effective on the date of the conferment of the award subject to the provisions of Section 6, Paragraph 3 of Republic Act No. 6713, otherwise known as the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees. The automatic promotion is effective on the date of the award conferment, which is on 19 December 2016.

Highlights of the Discussion

1. President Pascual informed the Board that Vice President Florendo has been recently awarded by the Civil Service Commission the *Dangal ng Bayan* award and part of the award is an automatic promotion to the next higher salary grade.

Board Action: APPROVED

- C. Reclassification of an administrative position in the Cashier's Office, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Administration, UP Los Baños**

From : Administrative Assistant II (SG 8-6)
To : Administrative Assistant V (SG 11-1)

Justifications:

- *The reclassification shall provide an enabling condition for higher motivation to motivate the incumbent staff to work for for internal promotion within the UPLB Cashier's Office;*
- *Authorized by DBM Circular Letter No. 2004-7 issued on 25 March 2004 on "Budget & Management Flexibilities for SUCs", and by DBM Circular Letter No. 2005-5 issued on 16 August 2005 on "Reclassification of Positions"*
- *Previous proposals for reclassification in UP System offices were approved by the UP BOR*
- *UPLB Chancellor Fernando C. Sanchez Jr. has endorsed the proposal for reclassification*
- *Funding required: PhP47,295.00 to be sourced from lump sum funds*

NOTE: Subject to rules and regulations for reclassification of positions and DBM's subsequent issuance of Notice of Organization, Staffing and Compensation Action (NOSCA)

Highlights of the Discussion

1. Vice President Amante said that the Board previously approved proposals of units and offices that were ready for reclassification of positions under existing Department of Budget and Management (DBM) circulars. The reclassification of the Cashier's Office, under the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Administration, has been endorsed by the UP

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Los Baños Chancellor subject to issuance by the DBM of the Notice of Salary and Compensation Action (NOSCA).

2. Faculty Regent Arinto inquired whether the Board should approve reclassification of positions on a per request basis. Vice President Amante confirmed that this is one way of doing it but he would defer to the opinion of the Vice President for Planning and Finance Joselito Florendo.
3. Vice President Florendo said that reclassification of positions should be done System-wide for consolidation in one proposal to be submitted to the DBM. He clarified that previous reclassification proposals approved by the Board came with a strong justification.

Board Action: APPROVED

D. Proposal of UP Manila College of Arts and Sciences for the creation of the position of Associate Dean for Research and Extension

Justifications:

- *The proposal meets the requirements of at least 50 regular faculty and at least 200 students to justify an Associate Dean (BOR 970th meeting, 30 August 1984).*

Recommendations:

- *Use the generic term "public service" as specified in the UP Charter of 2008 (RA 9500) rather than the outdated term "extension", i.e., Associate Dean for Research and Public Service*
- *New UP Manila CAS organizational structure, functional chart and people chart need to be attached as part of the BOR approval.*
- *Funding source for the proposed P657,000+ per year budget for the Associate Dean's office need to be specified.*
- *UP Manila staff from other units could be reassigned to the new CAS Associate Dean's office.*

Highlights of the Discussion

1. Vice President Amante recommended changing the term 'extension' to 'public service' for alignment with the mandate of the University as specified in the UP Charter.
2. Chair Licuanan said that there may be a need to standardize the nomenclature in the future but the term extension is still being used in some areas since it refers to the utilization of research to solve problems on the ground. President Pascual concurred with Chair Licuanan regarding use of the term extension since the term public service has many other components.

Board Action: APPROVED

E. Request for temporary waiver of Faculty Tenure Rules in favor of the following:

UP Los Baños

Asst. Prof. **RIAFLOR M. ALCABEDOS**, Assistant Professor 1, Institute of Biological Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, effective 01 January 2017 until 31 July 2017

Asst. Prof. **VERNANS V. BAUTISTA**, Assistant Professor 4, Institute of Biological Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, effective 01 January 2017 until 31 July 2017

Assoc. Prof. **EDUARDO C. CUANSING**, Associate Professor 3, Institute of Mathematical Sciences and Physics, College of Arts and Sciences, effective 01 January 2017 until 31 July 2017

Asst. Prof. **ANTHONY L. CUENO**, Assistant Professor 4, Institute of Mathematical Sciences and Physics, College of Arts and Sciences, effective 01 January 2017 until 31 July 2017

Asst. Prof. **RODERICK C. JAVAR**, Assistant Professor 4, Department of Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, effective 01 January 2017 until 31 July 2017

Asst. Prof. **LERMA SJ. MALDIA**, Assistant Professor 3, College of Forestry and Natural Resources, effective 01 January 2017 until 31 July 2017

Asst. Prof. **ROZANO S. MANIAOL**, Assistant Professor 1, Institute of Computer Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, effective 01 January 2017 until 31 July 2017

Asst. Prof. **THERESE JULIENNE T. MEDINA**, Assistant Professor 1, Institute of Biological Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, effective 01 January 2017 until 31 July 2017

Asst. Prof. **EVANGELINE D. PASCUAL**, Assistant Professor 1, Institute of Biological Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, effective 01 January 2017 until 31 July 2017

UP Open University

Asst. Prof. **QUEENIE R. RIDULME**, Assistant Professor 2, Faculty of Management and Development Studies, effective 01 January 2017 until 31 July 2017

Board Action: APPROVED

F. Appointment of Faculty

Note: These proposed appointments have gone through the standard University peer review process from the Department to the College, the Constituent Universities concerned, and the University System. In cases where there was doubt about the process followed or about the fairness of the recommendations, the papers were returned to the unit concerned for review and recommendation.

F.1 Transfer to Permanent Status

UP Diliman

Asst. Prof. **MANUEL LEONARD F. ALBIS**, Assistant Professor 3, School of Statistics, effective 26 January 2017

Asst. Prof. **REGINA R. TADURAN**, Assistant Professor 1, College of Education, effective 26 January 2017

UP Los Banos

- Asst. Prof. **EFRAIM D. ROXAS**, Assistant Professor 1, College of Human Ecology, effective 26 January 2017
- Asst. Prof. **NICOLA LOUISE T. TIMBAS**, Assistant Professor 1, College of Agriculture, effective upon approval
- Asst. Prof. **DIA NOELLE F. VELASCO**, Assistant Professor 1, College of Economics and Management, effective 26 January 2017

UP Manila

- Asst. Prof. **MARGARITA M. GUTIERREZ**, Assistant Professor 1, College of Pharmacy, effective 26 January 2017
- Asst. Prof. **JENNIFER T. PAGUIO**, Assistant Professor 1, College of Nursing, effective 26 January 2017
- Assoc. Prof. **FRANCISCO P. TRANQUILINO**, Associate Professor 3, College of Medicine and Attending Physician, Philippine General Hospital, effective 26 January 2017

UP Open University

- Asst. Prof. **ANA KATRINA T. MARCIAL**, Assistant Professor 1, Faculty of Education, effective upo26 January 2017
- Asst. Prof. **ROJA L. RIVERA**, Assistant Professor 1, Faculty of Education, effective 26 January 2017
- Asst. Prof. **REINALD ADRIAN DL. PUGOY**, Assistant Professor 1, Faculty of Information and Communication Studies, effective 26 January 2017

Board Action: APPROVED

NOTE: The Board gave an omnibus approval for ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS from Item Nos. E-F, including sub-items.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR CONFIRMATION BY THE BOARD

The Board CONFIRMED the following:

A. Agreements/Contracts

Note: These agreements have gone through the standard University processes from the Constituent Universities (CUs) concerned and the University System. In cases where there were irregularities in the processes, the documents were returned for review of or to exact compliance by the concerned.

UNIT		TITLE	PROJECT / AMOUNT / DURATION
UP System	1	Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines and the Japan ERS Technology (JET) Corporation	<p>Project: UP Experimental Energy Resource Management Project (EERMP)</p> <p>Amount: The estimated value of the 2-ton demo ERS machine is PhP53,718,831</p> <p>Implementing unit: Office of the Vice President for Administration, UP Diliman Office of the Vice Chancellor for Community Affairs and College of Engineering</p> <p>Duration: Effective upon signing and shall continue to be effective for five (5) calendar years unless sooner terminated by either parties</p>
UP System	2	Memorandum on Academic Cooperation between the University of the Philippines and Makati Medical Center	<p>Project: Academic cooperation</p> <p>Duration: Valid for five (5) years from the date of signing by the representatives of both party</p> <p>Implementing unit: UP Diliman & Philippine Genome Center, UP Manila</p>
	3	Memorandum of Agreement among the University of the Philippines, Ateneo De Manila University, and De La Salle University	<p>Project: Academic cooperation</p> <p>Duration: Shall take effect upon signing by the parties and shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years</p>

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UP Diliman	1	Memorandum of Understanding between the University of the Philippines Diliman and Bulacan State University through the Center for Bulacan Studies (CBS)	Project: Research cooperation Duration: Effective upon signing and shall continue for a period of one (1) year Implementing unit: Archaeological Studies Program
	2	Memorandum of Understanding (First Renewal) between the University of the Philippines Diliman and Florence University of the Arts (FUA), Italy	Project: Academic cooperation Duration: Valid for a period of three (3) years from the date of signature by the representatives of both institutions Implementing unit: UP Cesar E.A. Virata School of Business
	3	Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines Diliman and the Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD)	Project: Development of a Cost-Effective Colorimetric Packaged/ Frozen Fish Freshness Sensor Using Food-Compatible Materials Amount: PhP4,845,675.10 Duration: Effective upon signing of the parties Implementing unit: National Institute of Physics
	4	Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines Diliman and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA)	Project: “A Shinsaku: Noh Staging of Ericson Acosta’s “Monumento”, A Play In The Life of Andres Bonifacio” Amount: PhP400,000.00 from NCCA Duration: Effective on January 2, 2016 and shall continue to be in force until December 30, 2016 Implementing unit: Center for International Studies

NOTE: In all resolutions adopted by the Board, it is understood that any disbursement of funds must be subject to all existing government accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

UP Diliman	5	Memorandum of Agreement on Academic Cooperation and Internship between the University of the Philippines Diliman and the Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT)	<p>Project: Academic Cooperation and Internship</p> <p>Duration: Effective upon signing by the parties and shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years</p> <p>Implementing unit: National Institute of Physics</p>
	6	Agreement between the University of the Philippines Diliman and Riken, Japan	<p>Project: International Joint Graduate School Program</p> <p>Duration: Effective upon signing of both parties and remain valid for a period of five (5) years</p> <p>Implementing unit: National Institute of Physics</p>
UP Open University	1	Memorandum of Understanding between the University of the Philippines Open University and the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA)	<p>Project: Cooperation in the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joint education, training and research program for cooperatives; 2. Consultancy and other technical services; and 3. Resource and information sharing <p>Duration: Shall be effective on and after the date of signing by the respective authorized signatories of both parties and shall remain in force until terminated by either party</p>

Highlights of the Discussion

On the MOA with Japan ERS Technology

1. Vice President Amante said that the machine to be lent by the Japan ERS will be used by the Campus Maintenance Office but it is the College of Engineering that will take care of its operation to observe and ensure that it can produce the required kilowatt-hour energy from solid waste materials.
2. Regent Jimenez asked whether the machine will be donated to the University. Vice President Amante said that the understanding is that Japan ERS will have the machine back but should the company decide to donate it to the University, there will be a separate Deed of Donation and Deed of Acceptance.

NOTE: In all resolutions adopted by the Board, it is understood that any disbursement of funds must be subject to all existing government accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

3. In response to Regent Laurel's query, Vice President Amante said that the donor will be responsible for shipping the machine to the University. Regent Jimenez reminded the Board that machines can be imported tax-free as stipulated under the UP Charter.

NOTE: The Board gave an omnibus confirmation for all items under Matters for Confirmation although there were clarifications made on some items.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION OF THE BOARD

The Board NOTED the following:

A. Proposed schedule of BOR meetings for 2017

A copy of the schedule for the year 2017 is on file at the OSU.

B. Delegated Authority to the President subject to INFORMATION of the Board:

1. Proposed University of the Philippines Open University (UPOU) Semestral and Trimestral Academic Calendars for AY 2017-2018

The academic calendar was approved by the President on 11 January 2017.

2. Contracts/Agreements

(Delegated Authority to the President subject to information of the Board [cost not exceeding P150 Million Pesos, 1312th BOR Meeting, 29 October 2015])

Note: These agreements have gone through the standard University processes from the Constituent Universities (CUs) concerned and the University System. In cases where there were irregularities in the processes, the documents were returned for review of or to exact compliance by the concerned.

CU		Title of Parties to the Contract/s	PROJECT / AMOUNT / DURATION
UP System	1	Amended Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines and Helios Solar Energy Corporation <i>The Parties have agreed as follows: 1. The new donor under the abovementioned MOA shall, by virtue of this Amended MOA, be the HELIOS</i>	Project: Helios Solar Energy Corporation Scholarship Grant Amount: The donor shall remit to the University the amount of PhP70,000.00 at the start of each semester for the duration of the grant

NOTE: In all resolutions adopted by the Board, it is understood that any disbursement of funds must be subject to all existing government accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

UP System		<p><i>SOLAR ENERGY CORPORATION as represented by its President, Christopher Walter E. Lim.</i></p> <p>2. <i>All other terms and conditions of the abovementioned MOA between the parties hereof shall continue to be valid and binding between the said parties.</i></p>	<p>Duration: Shall be effective for the Academic Year 2015-2016</p>
	2	<p>Amended Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines System and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)</p>	<p>Project: “Coastal Assessment for Rehabilitation Enhancement: Capability Development and Resiliency of Ecosystems (CARE-CaDRES)”</p> <p>Amount: PhP210,997,484.00 from DENR</p> <p>Duration: Shall remain valid and effective for a period of one (1) year from the date of signing</p>
UP Diliman	1	<p>Deed of Donation between the University of the Philippines through the UP Engineering Research and Development Foundation, Inc. (DONEE) and Paz Pilar P. Benares; Maria Elena P. Locsin; Maria Teres P. Dickinson & Maria Cristina Paterno</p>	<p>Project: Establishment of the “<i>Vicente T. Paterno Mechanical Engineering Centennial Professorial Chair</i>” at the College of Engineering, UP Diliman</p> <p>Amount: PhP120,000.00 per year from 2018 until 2021 (on or before June 30 every year)</p> <p>Beneficiary unit: College of Engineering, UP Diliman</p>
UP Diliman	2	<p>Deed of Donation between the University of the Philippines through the UP Engineering Research and Development Foundation, Inc. (DONEE) and Rosario S. Calderon</p>	<p>Project: Establishment of the “<i>Quintin K. and Norma S. Calderon Professorial Chair in Civil Engineering</i>” at the College of Engineering, UP Diliman</p> <p>Amount: PhP120,000.00 per year for at least five (5) years commencing Academic Year 2017-2018</p>

NOTE: In all resolutions adopted by the Board, it is understood that any disbursement of funds must be subject to all existing government accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

			Beneficiary unit: College of Engineering, UP Diliman
UP Manila	1	Deed of Donation and Acceptance between the University of the Philippines Manila (Donee) and Engr. Ruel B. Ramirez (Donor)	Donation: Engineering Designs for UP Baler Project Amount: PhP387,000.00 Implementing unit: Office of the Vice Chancellor for Administration, UP Manila
UP Open University	1	General Construction Agreement between the University of the Philippines Open University and Golden Deer Enterprises	Project: Construction of elevator shaft at the UPOU Administration Building Amount: PhP1,170,025.86 Duration: One hundred twenty (120) calendar days
	2	General Construction Agreement between the University of the Philippines Open University and R.C. De Villa Construction and Development Corporation	Project: Provision of additional solar power system at the UPOU Community Hub Building Amount: PhP2, 286,340.75 Duration: Sixty (60) calendar days

NOTE: The Board gave an omnibus notation for most items under Matters for Information although there were clarifications made on some items.

OTHER MATTERS

- A. Resolutions of the University of the Philippines Alumni Association (UPAA) calling the University of the Philippines to:**
- Promote tolerance and respect for diversity so that violent extremism is prevented;**
 - Formulate a Comprehensive Strategic Communication Plan for state and corporate governance under a climate of freedom; and**

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3. Nurture child and adolescent development amidst unplanned urbanization and excessive reliance on technology

Board Action: NOTED

B. Request of UP Los Baños for the balling of trees at the UPLB Graduate School project site in connection with the planned construction of the UPLB Graduate School International Student and Cultural Center

The trees to be balled are two (2) Mahogany and three (3) Narra trees, which will be relocated within the area of the project site.

Highlights of the Discussion

1. President Pascual informed the Board that the new administration of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has set new requirements with respect to cutting and balling of trees which has caused a delay in the construction of the Graduate School International School and Cultural Center in UP Los Baños.

Board Action: APPROVED

C. Update on the Dr. Tanqueco and Mr. Palanca case

Highlights of the Discussion

1. Staff Regent Mejia requested an update on the case of Dr. Tanqueco and Mr. Palanca of UP Los Baños as requested also by Regent Farolan at the December 2016 BOR meeting.
2. Vice President Uy informed the Board that he has spoken to Regent Farolan about the matter and he offered to give Regent Farolan a summary of the dates on how the case came to reach the University of the Philippines (UP). The complaint was actually filed with the Civil Service Commission (CSC) but the CSC endorsed it back to as the first level of exhaustion of administrative remedies. The University appointed an investigator from UP Manila to do the preliminary investigation into the case. The decision of the President will be based on the recommendation of the investigator.

Board Action: NOTED

D. On the implementation of the Data Privacy Act of 2012 in the University of the Philippines

Highlights of the Discussion

1. Regent Jimenez sought information about whether the University of the Philippines has made any preliminary action towards the implementation of the Data Privacy Act. He said that the law has a very specific requirement which holds the heads of agencies liable for any data leaks for example through hacking. He expressed concern because the University

has a lot of important private data. He requested for a brief presentation on the steps taken so far by the University with respect to the implementation of the Data Privacy Act.

2. President Pascual recalled that he updated the Board at the last meeting that the University has already submitted a draft manual based on a framework prepared by the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) of Malacañan. Regent Jimenez clarified that the manual is for the Freedom of Information (FOI), which is a different matter. He said that there are some protests and concerns raised by the research sector concerning their freedom to do research and collect data under the data privacy law. He said that the University can conduct a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) and review the data handling procedures in the University.
3. Chair Licuanan noted the request of Regent Jimenez and asked the UP President to present at the next meeting a more thorough report on the ramifications of the two (2) new laws.

Board Action: NOTED

NOTE: The agenda item on the implication to UP of the Free Tuition Bill was not discussed due to lack of time.

U.P. PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS

16 December 2016 – 25 January 2017

MOA Signing for the Waste to Energy Project

After successfully obtaining a grant through ODA from the Government of Japan, we are now ready to execute the Waste to Energy Project (now named UP Experimental Energy Resource Management Project or UP EERMP) with Japan ERS Technology (JET). This is part of our efforts for our Green UP strategic initiative.

We signed an agreement under which JET will provide and set up brand new two-ton demonstration machines for the UP EERMP worth P53.7M. The technology from JET uses a patented species of bacteria and involves a contained breakdown of solid waste, producing sufficient heat for a boiler to drive electricity generators. The agreement is effective for five calendar years.

UP faculty members, researchers, and students will have the opportunity to undergo training in the technology and are expected to work on the development of the technology that is more suitable for our local conditions. The project will also showcase practical solutions to the urban garbage problem in the country and can perhaps encourage local government units to collaborate with UP in the development of viable plans for solid waste management in Philippine cities.

The experimental plant will be under the management of the UP Diliman Office of the Vice Chancellor for Community Affairs – Task Force on Solid Waste Management (OVCCA-TF SWM). The UPD College of Engineering, specifically the Department of Mechanical Engineering will provide the framework for R&D, design, and data gathering/monitoring.

Inauguration of the PNOC-RC Solar Panels in UP Diliman

Another program we have under our Green UP initiative is our partnership with the Philippine National Oil Company Renewables Corporation (PNOC RC). This is part of PNOC RC's Solar Rooftop Program in Government Agencies. We signed an agreement in February last year for the installation of Rooftop Solar PV Panels in three buildings in UP Diliman: Quezon Hall, Palma Hall, and Melchor Hall.

On 21 December 2016, we had a ceremonial Switch-On of the solar panels in Quezon Hall. In attendance were officials from UP and PNOC RC. A similar ceremonial Switch-On was held in Melchor Hall yesterday, 25 January, and is scheduled to be held in Palma Hall tomorrow, 27 January.

UAAP Presidents Meeting

Last 12 January, the Presidents of the eight (8) member universities of the University Athletics Association of the Philippines (UAAP), attended a meeting of the UAAP Board of Directors (composed of athletic officials representing the member universities) convened at the University of Santo Tomas (UST). With me was the incoming UP President Danilo L. Concepcion. Present also were UP Diliman Chancellor Michael L. Tan and CHK Dean Ronualdo Dizer, our two representatives on the UAAP Board.

At the meeting, the UAAP Board approved in principle the restructuring of the UAAP governance. This involves mainly the creation of a Board of Trustees (BOT), composed of the university Presidents, to serve as the highest governing and policy making body of UAAP. The current UAAP Board of Directors will be converted into the Board of Managing Directors (BMD), which will continue to be responsible for the operational aspects of the UAAP games.

This governance restructuring of UAAP was an initiative I launched over 3 years ago together with some of the other university Presidents. The main motivation was to strengthen the capability of the UAAP for self-regulation through the direct involvement of the university Presidents, who currently do not have an official role in the management and operation of the UAAP. The new governance structure now being implemented will enable UAAP to achieve greater transparency among member schools and to manage reputational risks more effectively. To formalize the restructuring, the constitution and by-laws of UAAP will be amended.

Memorandum on Academic Cooperation Signing with the National Taiwan University System

I signed a Memorandum on Academic Cooperation last 13 January with the National Taiwan University (NTU) System here in UP. With this agreement, our faculty and students will have another set opportunities to collaborate and pursue exchange programs with the NTU System, which consists of three universities.

As I have previously reported, Taiwanese universities are actively engaging academic institutions in the Southeast Asian region for academic cooperation in line with the current Taiwan President's "Southbound" policy.

MOA Signing for the Donation of the College of Architecture Auditorium

Last 19 January, I signed a memorandum of agreement for the donation of the College of Architecture Auditorium with the New Golden City Builders and Development Corporation to cost P50 million. The auditorium will be named in honor of Benito Sy Pow, the father of the President of the donor corporation.

Topping-Off Ceremony for the new College of Architecture Building

Also last 19 January, I led the Topping-Off Ceremony of the College of Architecture's new Studio Lab Building. It is a building that incorporates green design features that will enable the college to manage its electricity consumption efficiently.

CHTE Fourth Regular Meeting on Student Financial Assistance Measures

The Committee on Higher and Technical Education held its Fourth Regular Meeting last 21 January which served as the initial deliberations on 50 bills on various student financial assistance programs. These bills cover free tuition in SUCs, free college education for public high school graduates, free education for the poor, free college education in ICT, college scholarships for IPs, for agriculture and dependents of farmers and fisher folk, for teachers and education students, future doctors, and many more. In addition, there is a move to create a scholarships agency or body to administer these various assistance programs and consolidate the government effort.

I attended the meeting with the incoming President, the Vice President for Public Affairs, and other concerned UP System officials.

Dangal ng Bayan Award received by Vice President for Planning and Finance Joselito G. Florendo

The Civil Service Commission held its Honor Awards Rites last 19 December 2016 at the Heroes Hall of Malacañang. The ceremony presented various awards for outstanding government officials and public servants under the Honor Awards Program (HAP) of the Commission. I congratulate our Vice President for Planning and Finance, Joselito G. Florendo, for his 2016 Dangal ng Bayan Award.

Remaining Events before the End-of-Term

Before the end of my term on 9 February, we still have some very important events coming up to which I would like to invite the Regents to attend.

On 30 January, we will have the Gawad Pangulo: Award for Excellence in Public Service. This will be at the Executive House from 2pm to 5pm. The following UP public service initiatives will be recognized: Corn-based Farmer-Scientists Research, Extension, and Development Training Program, College of Agriculture, UP Los Baños; Business Incubator for Information Technology, UP Cebu; rCHITS-Real Time Community Health Information Tracking System, National Institutes of Health, UP Manila; RISE: Rehabilitation for Island Sustainability and Empowerment, Center for West Visayan Studies, UP Visayas; Clinical Legal Education Program, Office of Legal Aid, College of Law, UP Diliman; and Economic Upliftment of the Indigenous Peoples Community through Agricultural Projects, Land Reservation Management Office, UP Mindanao.

At the same event on 30 January, the UP System's Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) Handbook will be launched. The DRRM Handbook includes chapter contributions from 25 UP faculty members. The project leader is Prof. Ferdinand Llanes of UP Diliman CSSP.

At 6pm also on 30 January, we will have the 2nd UP Gawad Pangulo Choral Competition at the Cine Adarna, UP Film Institute. The cocktail reception will start at 4:30pm at the lobby. Several choirs from all over the UP System will perform and compete on that night. Last year, a new ensemble from UP Los Baños called the Makiling Chamber Singers won the competition.

On 7 February, 6pm at the UP Bonifacio Global City, we will be holding the UP Gawad Oblation Awarding Ceremonies prepared by the Office of the Vice President for Public Affairs. As discussed in previous Board meetings, the Gawad Oblation is an award of appreciation that the UP President will bestow on a select group of alumni and friends who have given or facilitated significant support to the University.

Lastly, on 9 February, the UP Center for Integrative and Development Studies (UCIDS) which has been a very active research and public service unit of the UP System under the current administration, will take the lead in a *Pag-uulat at Pasasalamat* event of the UP System administration. This will be held at the Institute of Biology auditorium, UP Diliman, 9am to 12nn.

Other Activities

16 Dec – I delivered a speech at the *Parada ng mga Parol 2016* in UP Diliman.

21 Dec – I attended the UPMAS 2016 Homecoming Benefit Ball at the Shangri-La, Fort Bonifacio.

3 Jan – I administered the oath-taking of the new Faculty Regent Patricia Arinto at OP.

12 Jan – I visited UP Diliman Extension Program in Pampanga (UPDEPP) and was briefed by Director Grace Jamon and Prof. Lou Nepomuceno for updates in UP Pampanga.

13 Jan – I presided over the first meeting of CIFAL Philippines Board of Representatives held at the UP Board Room.

16 Jan – I delivered a speech for the ceremonial MOA Signing with the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) at its office in Quezon Avenue.

18 Jan – We held another brunch session at which three (3) ICT-driven projects of the University were presented to the media. These were the VISSER project, TVUP project, and CoST project (Communicating Science & Technology).

- 18 Jan – I attended the oath taking of the members of the Diliman Emergency Response Team, a volunteer group of UP faculty and staff. This was held at the Executive House.
- 23 Jan – I was honored by the College of Fine Arts faculty and alumni with a tribute and dinner at the Executive House.
- 24 Jan – I was honored by the UP Open University and the UP Los Baños with programs as tribute to the achievements of my administration.

Upcoming Activities

Before I step down as President on 9 February 2017, I still have to attend / undertake the following activities:

- 26 Jan – I will sign an agreement with the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) for UP to conduct the Certified Public Procurement Specialist Course for government offices.
- 27 Jan – I will take the lead in launching of the UP Alabang @Lab Innovation Hub.
- 27 Jan – I will attend the launching of the Pascual Pharma Core Laboratory at the UPLB Center for Technology Transfer and Entrepreneurship. This is a significant pioneering activity in UPLB.
- 30 Jan – I will sign an MOA for the UP Professional Schools for Agriculture and Environment at Panabo. This will be held in the UP Board Room.
- 30 Jan – I will preside over a management review of UP's application for a Quality Management System (QMS) accreditation.
- 30 Jan – I will attend and do the awarding at the Gawad Pangulo Award for Excellence in Public Service and at the Gawad Pangulo Choral Competition.
- 31 Jan – I will be honored by UP Baguio with a tribute program and will inaugurate the UP Baguio Museum.
- 1 Feb – I will be honored with "Pasasalamat Concert" by the UP College of Music.
- 2 Feb – I will be honored with a tribute prepared by UP Cebu.
- 3 Feb – I will be honored with a testimonial program by UP Mindanao and will inaugurate the P100M Multi-purpose Human Kinetics Building.
- 6 Feb – I will sign the agreement and participate in the Groundbreaking for the Promenade Project being donated by the Upsilon Sigma Phi Alumni Association. This will be built in front of the UP Diliman Main Library (Gonzalez Hall).
- 6 Feb – I will preside over the soft inauguration of the new building of the School of Urban and Regional Planning (SURP).
- 6 Feb – I will be honored with a tribute by UP Manila.
- 7 Feb – I will attend the inauguration the new UP School of Statistics building.
- 7 Feb – I will do the awarding at the 1st UP Gawad Oblation ceremony to be held at the UP BGC.
- 8 Feb – I will be hosting a dinner for about 40 visiting officials of the Southern Taiwan Universities Alliance. This will be held at the Executive House.

9 Feb – I will participate in the Pag-uulat at Pasasalamant event of the UP System administration. This will be held at the Institute of Biology auditorium, UP Diliman, 9am to 12nn.

10 Feb – We will have the Ceremony for the Turnover of the UP Presidency from the 20th to the 21st President to be held at the Quezon Hall lobby at 8am.



Alfredo E. Pascual
President

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OFFICE OF THE FACULTY REGENT

Report of the Faculty Regent January 2017

Oath-taking as Faculty Regent for 2017-2018

On 3 January, I took my oath of office before President Alfredo E. Pascual at the Office of the UP President. Vice-President for Planning and Finance Joselito Florendo and Vice-President for Development Elvira Zamora witnessed the oath-taking ceremony.

Consultations with UP Diliman Faculty

From 5 to 25 January I had informal meetings with UP Diliman faculty, singly and in groups, during which they articulated their perspectives on the search for the next chancellor of UP Diliman. These informal meetings included junior and senior faculty from various colleges.

At their request, I also met with the three nominees for the chancellorship. At these one-on-one meetings the nominees discussed their plans and positions on various issues.

Visit to UPV Tacloban College

On 9-10 January I facilitated the BA Communication Arts curriculum review workshop of the Division of Humanities and Physical Education of UPV Tacloban College. A total of 14 faculty members, including Professor Emeritus Merlie Alunan, participated in the workshop, which was organized by the Division Chair Prof. Irma Tan. Also present as resource person was Assoc. Prof. Antonino De Veyra of UP Mindanao. Both Assoc. Prof. De Veyra and myself are alumni of UPV Tacloban College and graduates of the program reviewed.

I also had a two-hour consultation meeting with around 25 UPV Tacloban faculty led by the Associate Dean Arvin De Veyra. This was intended as a 'meet-and-greet' activity after the curriculum review workshop, rather than a formal consultation. (A formal consultation meeting with the faculty will be scheduled in the coming weeks.) Nonetheless, a number of concerns were raised, and I intend

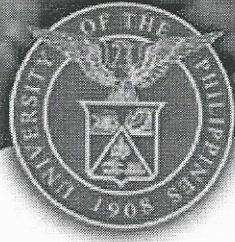
to take these up with the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs and other officials during my visit to UPV on 30 January to 2 February.

(The upcoming trip to Iloilo is in connection with a seminar-workshop on interdisciplinary teaching and module development that the UPV Teaching and Learning Resource Center has requested me to conduct for UPV faculty. I shall also be holding two consultation meetings with the faculty in the Miag-ao campus and the Iloilo City campus.)

Other Activities

- On 19-20 January I facilitated a workshop at UP Open University headquarters in connection with the implementation of the independent learning track in the Diploma in Science Teaching program of the UPOU Faculty of Education.
- On 24 January I attended the UPOU tribute to President Pascual dubbed #Pasasalamat.

Patricia B. Arinto, EdD
Faculty Regent
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UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES OFFICE OF THE STUDENT REGENT

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REGENT

1324th Regular Meeting of the UP Board of Regents
26 January 2017, Quezon Hall, UP Diliman

KASAMA sa UP National Councils Meet

The Katipunan ng mga Sangguniang Mag-aaral sa UP (KASAMA sa UP) is the first, broadest, and only student council alliance in the UP System. It also acts as the campaign and coordination arm of the OSR.

On 3-5 January, student leaders from all over the UP System gathered for the National Councils Meet of the KASAMA sa UP, held at UP Visayas Tacloban College and bearing the theme "Kilos Tayo: Magkaisa at Makibaka tungo sa Makatarungang Kapayapaan!" The event gave the present student councils the chance to tackle relevant issues inside and outside the university and find ways to address these issues.

43rd Convention of the GASC

The OSR convened and presided over the General Assembly of Student Councils (GASC) which is recognized by the UP Charter as the highest student council of the UP System. Its 43rd meeting was held on 6-7 January, also at UP Visayas Tacloban College.

The Convention of the GASC was productive for the delegates were able to talk about the task of student councils and the potential of student unity. During the same Convention, the OSR delivered its midterm report while the student councils of the autonomous and regional units presented the status of their respective campuses.

The OSR is glad to report that the councils were able to reach many points of unity, including (1) condemnation of historical revisionism and the burial of Marcos at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, (2) campaigning for the release of all political prisoners, (3) reaffirmation of support to the GRP-NDF peace talks, (4) a demand to the Duterte administration to end contractualization, (5) promotion of free, quality and accessible education for all, and (6) a comprehensive declaration of students' rights.

Class Enlistment for Second Semester

The OSR has received reports from UP Diliman students stating that class enlistment for the second semester of academic year 2016-2017 is relatively smooth and entailed less long lines compared to the previous semesters. This can be attributed to the further development of the Computerized Registration System of the campus. The OSR commends this initiative of enhancing the online systems produced by the university through our rich human resource.

Free Public Higher Education


The OSR has actively participated in nationwide gatherings of student leaders in line with the call for free public higher education. This includes the January 14 State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) Caucus and the January 21 SUC Student Leaders National Assembly.


The OSR supports House Bill 4800 (Comprehensive Free Public Education Bill) filed by Kabataan Party-list on 23 January, and welcomes all initiatives in both houses of Congress that seek to remove the expensive cost of education as one major barrier towards access to this basic human right.

The OSR is gravely disappointed with the remark of Commission on Higher Education Chairperson Patricia Licuanan that free tuition will not benefit the poor. Nevertheless, we sincerely hope that the guidelines to be formulated by the Commission for the use of the Php8.3 billion free tuition fund will not lead to the conditional implementation of free tuition in SUCs, including UP.

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