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DEPARTMENT OF
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President, Visayas State University

THRU: **DR. ROTACIO S. GRAVOSO**

VP for Academic Affairs

Chairman, VSU Scholarship Committee

Dear Dr. Yepes,

Good day!

I am Ian Dave B. Custodio, currently serving as an instructor and one of the junior faculty members of the Department of Economics here at VSU. I am writing this letter to appeal for reconsideration on some changes with regard to my pursuit for PhD studies this coming 1st semester of SY 2024-2025.

In the month of March this year, I wrote a letter requesting to pursue PhD studies which conforms to our Faculty Development Plan. In the said letter, I've mentioned the degree program and the school in which I intend to enroll. Specified therein, I've mentioned that I wish to pursue a PhD in Economics degree from the University of Santo Tomas. However, after submission of the required documents for admission to the said degree program and school since May of this year, I haven't heard any feedback from them. I also tried to communicate via e-mail to their office of admissions and their graduate school several times, but still, I got no response from them. As of writing, there's still no response coming from the UST Admissions Office or from their Graduate School Office.

Fortunately, at that time, I simultaneously sought admission to another school in more or less the same degree program, specifically in the University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P) under their PhD in Business Economics degree program. Just recently, I received an e-mail signifying that I am qualified to enroll in the said PhD program and that I may proceed with enrollment to their school. Attached herewith is the letter of acceptance from UA&P.

With this, may I humbly request from your good office to allow me to pursue my PhD studies at the University of Asia and the Pacific under their PhD in Business Economics program, in lieu of the previous plan. The change of school and degree program still conforms to the Department's Faculty Development Plan and does not have any substantial bearing on it.

Hoping for your favorable approval on this academic endeavor. Thank you very much and God bless!



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