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Proposal: Fifty Percent (50%) ROTC Enrollment for NSTP Students

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Subject: Revised NSTP Enrollment Distribution (50% ROTC / 50% CWTS/LTS)

I. Introduction

This proposal advocates for a revised enrollment distribution wherein **50% of NSTP students** register for the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and **50% for Civic Welfare Training Service (CWTS) or Literacy Training Service (LTS)**. This measure addresses urgent national security needs, institutional capacity constraints, and student safety concerns.

II. Rationale

A. National Security Imperative

1. Defense Preparedness Requirement:

- The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) relies on a **70% reserve force**, per 804th Community Defense Center, 8RCDG
- Only ROTC graduates qualify for this reserve, per RA 9163 otherwise known as the NSTP Act of 2001. Current enrollment trends risk understaffing national defense reserves.
- *Impact:* Redirecting 50% of NSTP students to ROTC ensures a sustainable pipeline for AFP reserves.

B. Institutional Capacity Limitations

2. Resource Optimization:

- CWTS/LTS components will soon integrate into college curricula, competing with academic courses for schedules, faculty, and facilities.
- *Impact:* A 50% enrollment cap prevents overextension of limited university resources.

C. Student Safety Enhancement

3. Risk Mitigation in Community Immersion:

- Large CWTS/LTS groups conducting off-campus activities face elevated safety risks (travel, fieldwork).
- Smaller groups improve supervisor-to-student ratios, reducing hazards.
- *Impact:* The 50% cap enables safer, more manageable community engagements.



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