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Thru: **Dr. Rotacio S. Gravoso**  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Dear Dr. Yepes,**

Greetings!

We are writing to respectfully appeal the recent decision of the Scholarship Committee regarding the approval of attendance of Ms. Babylyn C. Lambert and yours truly to the Leyte Business Conference on *official time only*, which excluded the provision of transportation and per diem for the faculty.

I wish to emphasize the following points that warrant reconsideration:

1. **Directive from the Office of the President and the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs (see attached official communications and email thread):**

The attendance of faculty from the Department of Economics to the Leyte Business Conference was undertaken following a directive from the Office of the President. This instruction implied support for the necessary funding associated with the participation, including transportation and per diem. As such, the faculty acted in good faith, assuming the provision of logistical and financial requirements aligned with the directive.

2. **Timeliness of Communication and Approval Assumptions:**

The request for attendance and related funding was deliberated during a meeting on October 20, 2024 by the Scholarship Committee, and formally communicated to our unit on November 5, 2024. During this interval, it was reasonably presumed that the directive from the President's Office effectively granted approval for funding. Please note that the conference was conducted last October 28-29, 2024. This understanding was consistent with prior communications and practices.

The Leyte Business Conference is a significant event that aligns with the professional development goals of our faculty and the strategic objectives of our department. By reconsidering the decision to deny transportation and per diem, the committee not only reinforces the university's commitment to faculty development but also ensures alignment with directives from higher administration.



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