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Proposal to Conduct a 10-day Joint Training for ROTC Cadet Officer Qualifying Course (COQC) of VSU-Main, VSU-Villaba, and VSU-Isabel Campuses for the First Semester, School Year: 2023-2024

RATIONALE

Republic Act 9163 (NSTP Law of 2001) provides that the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) is designed to provide military training to tertiary level students in order to motivate, train, organize and mobilize them for national defense preparedness. As mandated, the Unit is committed to implement the ROTC program to produce quality graduates that will be the source of AFP regular force and/or fill-up the Ready Reserve Units. In practice, we open the Cadet Officer Qualifying Course (COQC) for the aspiring cadet/cadette to become ROTC Officers. The COQC is the strategy to develop aspiring trainees to lead their batchmates and future trainees.

Moreover, COQC is a pre-requisite for the cadets/ cadettes before they can proceed to ROTC Summer Camp Training (RSCT) and the Philippine Army Advance ROTC Academic Phase Training (PAARAPT). The COQC will prepare the aspirants on the rudiments of ROTC training, i.e., leadership principles, physical organization, among others.

This proposed training is special because this is the first time that VSU-Isabel Campus will organize their ROTC Unit. Since the implementation of RA 9163, VSU-Isabel offered CWTS component only. However, due to national government's effort to make the ROTC a mandatory, it is essential to prepare and establish its VSU-Isabel ROTC Unit. The Chancellor – Dr. Luzviminda Tajos opted to cross-enrol those who will choose ROTC to VSU-Villaba because of proximity to the campus. Since VSU-Villaba is affiliated to VSU-Main Campus, a joint training will consolidate the resources needed to help the VSU-Isabel Campus establish their ROTC Unit.

Through the years VSU-ROTC Unit has consistently produced fine cadet officers who are serving the Filipino people through the Philippine military. Because of the excellent transition from candidate course to advance officer, the VSU ROTC Unit has the following notable accomplishment during the tactical inspection:

- 2001 – RAATI national champion
- 2002- 2007 – RAATI regional champion
- 2008-2015 – first placer RAATI regional
- 2016 - RAATI regional champion
- 2017-2019 – runner-up RAATI
- 2023 - runner-up RAATI

