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Dr. Prose Ivy G. Yepes
President
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Through: **Dr. Rotacio S. Gravoso**
VP for Academic Affairs

Dear **President Yepes**,

Warm greetings!

With your permission, we are planning to request CHED to reconsider our application for a Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) for the MS in Development Sociology program.

In June 2022, ISRDS submitted its application for COPC to CHED Regional Office VIII. A year later, on September 26-28, 2023, the CHED Technical Panel on Sociology including an official from CHED-CO and CHED-R08 came to VSU to conduct an Ocular Inspection and Evaluation of the program. However, we were not able to respond to the recommendation on hiring necessary and required faculty members as it is beyond the capacity of the Institute to provide. As such, we requested the Academic Personnel Board to help us comply with the faculty requirement in January 2024. Unfortunately, it was not favorably responded to. The APB approved only one Instructor position which was for the replacement of an instructor who resigned effective June 1, 2024. On March 21, 2024, we made a follow-up request to change the Instructor position to Associate Professor to entice qualified people to apply for the job considering that there is a dearth of Ph.D. degree holders in the country. Again, our request was denied but we were allowed to hire a part-time Instructor.

We are positive that we can comply with the COPC requirements this year if we can hire a faculty member with a Ph.D. Sociology degree to meet the requirements of CMO 15 s. 2019. We hope that the APB and the administration will support us in meeting the basic faculty requirements of a program set by the CHED.

Enclosed in this letter is the summary of the evaluators' comments with the corresponding Action Taken, Time Frame, and Support needed from the various VSU Offices.

We hope for your favorable support of this request.

Thank you for being ever supportive of our programs and projects.



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