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**Dear Sir:**

I would like to appeal the decision of the Dean of the Graduate School to disapprove the minor revision of my final thesis title and order me to re-conduct my study on the basis of this minor revision.

The original title of my approved thesis outline "Growth, Yield and Nutrient Uptake of Sweetpotato (*Ipomoea batatas* (L.) Lam) var. Kasapad to levels of potassium in acidic soils" was slightly revised by my GAC during my thesis defense to "Growth, Yield and NPK Uptake of Sweetpotato (*Ipomoea batatas* (L.) Lam) var. Kasapad to levels of potassium application". My GAC suggested to just specify NPK instead of the general term nutrient and just delete the word acidic soil since it was only a slightly acidic.

My original plan last year was to conduct my thesis research here at VSU but due to the lockdown due to the COVID pandemic, I had no other choice but to conduct my thesis in Gandara, Samar, my homeplace, as allowed by the university through the **pro-student Memorandum No. 425 series of 2020 dated 21 September 2020 (Arrangement for Student Interns and Thesis Students to Complete their Final Output in AY 2020-2021)**.

I conducted my thesis following my approved outline from the collection of my acid soil potting medium to the gathering and analysis of my data. My GAC chairman and adviser, Dr. Luz G. Asio, tried her best to supervise me through regular virtual meetings and consultation. In fact, during the collection of my acid soil potting medium, she advised me to look for a red soil since red soils are generally acidic.

But whether the soil was really acidic or not could not be confirmed since it was not possible to send my soil samples to VSU for analysis due to the lockdown. It was only in the middle of this year when the lockdown was relaxed that I was able to come to Baybay City to deliver my soil samples (with the help of my friend) to the Central Analytical Services Laboratory for analysis. The late lab analysis revealed that the soil I used was slightly acid with a pH of 6.4.

I learned from my GAC and other professors that minor revisions of thesis titles has been a good practice and cherished academic tradition at the Academic Council meetings here at