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T O: All Faculty, Staff and Students
R E: Use of Open Fire & Fireworks

It has come to the attention of this office that some university and class-related activities (including celebrations, performances and presentations) involve the use of open fire and fireworks. Please be informed of the following sections of the Fire Code of the Philippines 2008:

SECTION 10 .2. 8.12 STAND BY FIREMEN

- A. The City/Municipal Fire Marshal having jurisdiction whenever in his judgment, it is essential for public safety to deploy standby firemen in any place of public assembly, or any other place where people congregate, due to the number of persons, or the nature of the performance, exhibition, display contest or activity, is authorized to detail standby firemen at such place.
- B. The said firemen shall be in uniform and remain on duty during the time such places are open to the public, or when the activity is being conducted. Before each performance or the start of the activity, the said firemen shall inspect the required fire appliances provided, to see that they are in proper place and in good working order, and shall keep diligent watch for fires during the time such place is open to the public or such activity is being conducted and take prompt measures for the extinguishment of fire that may occur

SECTION 10.2.8.18 OPEN FLAME

No person shall cause or permit any open flame to be used in any place of public assemblage, or drinking or eating establishments, except when used in conjunction with approved heating or cooking appliances or under a written permit from the City/Municipal Fire Marshal having jurisdiction.

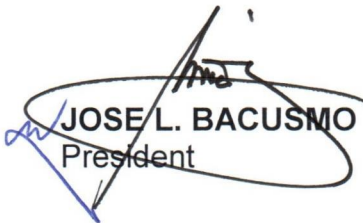
SECTION 10.4.6.7 REQUIREMENTS FOR FIREWORKS EXHIBITION

- A. That a permit to possess and display fireworks shall first be secured from the Philippine National Police;
- B. That fireworks be fired at a distance of one hundred feet (100 ft) away from people;
- C. That all fireworks shall project upwards;
- D. That a responsible person of at least twenty one years (21 yrs) and with adequate knowledge of handling fireworks shall be assigned to supervise fireworks display;
- E. That sufficient approved type of first aid fire protection equipment shall be on hand at the site during fireworks exhibitions; and
- F. That the nearest fire station shall be notified of such exhibitions.

All units of the university are hereby directed to inform the Office of the VSU President conduct of any activities that will involve open fire, fireworks and any potential fire hazard gadgets and equipments.

The above cited requirements of the Fire Code of the Philippines 2008 must be complied before any university or class-related activities involving potential fire hazards will be conducted at or by VSU.

For strict compliance.


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