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R E: Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate the Ms. Camela Rose U. Mazo Case

With Dr. Nelen P. Lambert as Chairperson, please constitute yourselves into an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate the incident involving Ms. Camela Rose U. Mazo. Attached is a letter from the College of Nursing for your reference.

Please submit your report to this office on or before April 30, 2012.

JOSE L. BACUSM President

February 01, 2012

DR. OSCAR B. POSAS VP for Academic Affairs

Dear Sir,

Alanda alaboration for a freshman

This is an explanation letter regarding the case of a freshman student Ms. Camela Rose U. Mazo who is doubtfully suspected of being pregnant.

Last January 30, 2012 (Monday), two of the Clinical Instructors namely Ms. Krishna Rae Almeria and Ms. Raza Crecia Meneses approached me confidentially regarding their observations about this certain student who happened to be their student on a particular course (subject). As the College-Based Guidance Facilitator, I was the one designated by the Dean to approach the student for it is also the responsibility of the office to protect the welfare of the students especially if they will soon be exposed to the Clinical area for duty this summer 2012. With the permission of the Dean, I secretly approached the student for counseling (in which Ms Almeria accompanied her to the office). I asked her about the observations of the two (2) Clinical Instructors which she said is untrue. I advised her not to tell anyone and assured her of the confidentiality.

The next day (Jan. 31, 2012 (Tuesday), Dr. Rolando Arpilleda, the guardian of Ms. Mazo came in and talked with the Dean and gave his permission to do pregnancy test just to prove that his granddaughter is not pregnant with the condition that it will be done discreetly. After our class in Anatomy and Physiology, at around three o'clock in the afternoon, Ms. Mazo went to the office and willfully told us (me and the Dean) that she will be willing to subject herself for a pregnancy test which is scheduled the following day at the office. Immediately, I went to USSO to have a consultation with Ms. Carmencita Reyes being the University Guidance Coordinator. She advised me about confidentiality and if possible I will let her know the updates so that she can extend help in any ways she can.

Wednesday (Feb. 01, 2012), early in the morning I went to USSO again for some clarifications for I am unsure if I will push through the pregnancy test because I am quite afraid since Ms. Mazo is a minor (16 years old). Ms. Reyes then told me if we have the permission of the legal guardian and the student herself then there will be no problem.

At approximately past 12 o'clock noon in the middle of our regular meeting, Dr. Arpilleda came in the office and seems to be very angry because of an incident that happened. According to her granddaughter (Ms. Mazo), the morning during their class with Mrs. Priscilla V. Ventula, she surprisingly asked her questions pertaining to the issue (impregnation) in front of whole class. Classmates are now asking if it's true. Dr. Arpilleda wants to clarify the incident and verbalizes: "Kinsa mana nga CI (Clinical Instructor)? Wala ba siya Nursing Ethics nga iya man gipakaowawan ako apo sa atobangan sa klase?"

This part needs an investigation, since by mere reading this statement Ms. Vintulla committed an act of harassing the student esp. she has prior knowledge w/ this case. So, a comm, mount be created to investigate this matter.

During our conversation with Sir Arpilleda (me and the Dean) , the College of Nursing asked for an apology for what had happened and will do the best that we can to help and resolve the issue. Again, Dr. Arpilleda agreed to do the pregnancy testing and was done at the office using a pregnancy kit and the result was negative and that could prove that Ms. Mazo is definitely not pregnant.

The confrontation ended up with the Dean's decision to let Ms. Mazo make an incident report of what had happened since the day I confronted her until yesterday's incidence. And also the existence of this letter explains what really has occurred during the past days.

THANK YOU and MORE POWER!

Respectfully yours,

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College-Base Guidance Facilitator

Noted by

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