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## Office of the President

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**MEMORANDUM NO. 298**

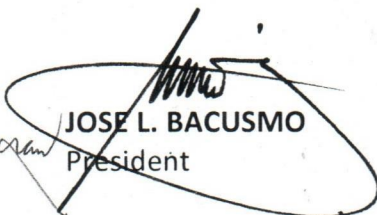
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**T O: Dr. Antonio L. Acedo, Jr.  
Ms. Catherine C. Renegado  
Dr. Feliciano G. Sinon  
Ms. Asteria A. Sevilla**

**R E: Formal Investigation for the Offense of Simple Neglect of Duty**

With Dr. Antonio L. Acedo, Jr. as Chairperson and Ms. Asteria A. Sevilla as Secretary, please constitute yourselves into a Formal Investigation Committee to conduct investigation on the offense of Simple Neglect of Duty allegedly committed by Dr. Buenaventura B. Dargantes, et. al. Attached is a copy of the Formal Charge and their corresponding Answer.

Please submit your report and recommendation to this office the soonest time possible.

  
**JOSE L. BACUSMO**  
President

cc: Legal Office  
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DR. BUENAVENTURA B. DARGANTES  
MS. CHIME MORA GARCIA  
MS. HEREMEROSE E. MATUTES

Adm. Case No. 27

Re: Simple Neglect of Duty

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## FORMAL CHARGE

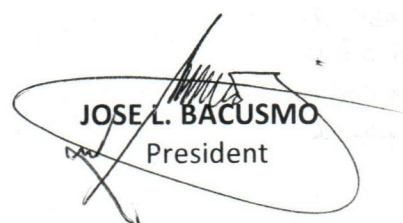
Dr. Buenaventura B. Dargantes, Ms. Chime M. Garcia and Ms. Heremerose E. Matutes, all employees of this university assigned as Instructors of the following subjects, Ecol 172 (Socio-ecology lecture) and Ecol 156 (Agroecosystems lecture), Ecol 152 (Limnology lecture and laboratory), and Ecol 156 (Agroecosystems laboratory), respectively during the Second Semester of School Year 2011-2012 are subjects of an administrative investigation.

That based on the investigation report, a prima facie evidence is present to warrant the filing of a Formal Charge of Simple Neglect of Duty against Dr. Buenaventura B. Dargantes, Ms. Chime M. Garcia and Ms. Heremerose E. Matutes for putting the life and health of their students in danger by bringing their students to Palo, Leyte last February 21-25 to conduct a field assessment despite having knowledge of the danger and several warnings given to them..

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Dr. Buenaventura B. Dargantes, Ms. Chime M. Garcia and Ms. Heremerose E. Matutes are hereby formally charged with the offense of Simple Neglect of Duty. Accordingly, they are directed to submit within five (5) days from receipt hereof, their written answer under oath together with affidavits of witnesses and documentary evidence, if any, and a statement whether or not they elect a formal investigation. The parties are also hereby notified that they have the right to be assisted of a counsel of their choice if they so desired.

Failure to file answer within the given period shall be considered a waiver of their right thereto and the case shall proceed.

November 21, 2012, VSU, Baybay, Leyte.

  
JOSE L. BACUSMO  
President