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**MEMORANDUM NO. 416**  
Series of 2021

**T O: Dr. Beatriz S. Belonias  
Dr. Angelica P. Baldos  
Dr. Elwin Jay V. Yu**

**R E: Fact Finding Committee on the Different Issues Against Dr. Joel Rey Acob  
by a Certain Mr. Willard Nunez**

This office received an email message directed against Dr. Joel Rey Acob from a certain Mr. Willard Nunez (please see attached email). In this connection, you are hereby directed to form a committee with Dr. Beatriz S. Belonias as the Chairman and the other two as members, and to conduct a fact-finding investigation on the following:

1. Whether there is a factual evidence that Dr. Acob is teaching false information when he served as resource person during a BIPSU-organized International Webinar-Workshop on Writing Publishable Papers in Nursing Research Journals on April 28-29, 2021 via Zoom Meeting and Facebook Live;
2. Whether he claimed to be a peer reviewer of Elsevier;
3. Whether he is endorsing a predatory journal, and;
4. Whether there is a distinction between a PhD graduate or DNS graduate.

The powers and functions of your committee are as follows:

1. To gather, review all evidences and establish facts surrounding the issues raised by Mr. Willard Nunez;
2. To establish the identity of Mr. Willard Nunez, and;
3. To recommend a course of action based on your findings.

Please submit your committee report not later than May 17, 2021.

Thank you very much.

  
**EDGARDO E. TULIN**  
President

**To: Mr. President**

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Willard Nunez &lt;wl5rdnunez@gmail.com&gt;

Fri, Apr 30, 2021 at 1:30 PM

To: information@vsu.edu.ph

Cc: edgardo.tulin@vsu.edu.ph

To: Edgardo Tulin  
VSU President

Greetings!

I am writing to report your faculty in the name of Dr. JOEL ACOB a faculty in the Nursing department, who recently had a webinar on publication writing through Biliran Province State University last April 28, 2021.

The said webinar was posted on the BiPSU FB page. I was one of the audience of the said talk from BiPSU and i find it distasteful hearing his talk.

1. He is teaching false information which is an insult to knowledge and standards of research writing and publication. To wit, he is insinuating aspiring researcher not to read nor cite literature as basis for writing introduction section, apart from advocating salami slicing of outputs which is unethical in research. These are just two from several dangerous information he shared during his talk. Please check his affiliations just by doing a simple google check, i find him affiliated to predatory journals. Was this checked by your institution?

2. He claimed to be a peer reviewer of Elsevier where in fact none of his publications are found in Elsevier.

3. He is endorsing a Journal "Aloha International Journal of Health Advancement" as reputable journal where in fact this journal is predatory and not indexed in scopus or web of science.

4. I also found out that he is a fraud and misrepresenting himself as PhD graduate of St Pauls in 2019 when in fact he is a graduate of DNS of the said school. These are two different degrees in Nursing.

I find it offensive that such misinformation are shared by your representative to a large audience. This is displeasing to Visayas State University as a dignified and reputable Research Institution.

Hoping for your action so as not to promote misinformation.

Thank you and stay safe.

Edgardo Tulin &lt;edgardo.tulin@vsu.edu.ph&gt;

Fri, Apr 30, 2021 at 1:39 PM

To: Willard Nunez &lt;wl5rdnunez@gmail.com&gt;

Dear Mr. Nunez.

Thank you for your mail. I will have this check through proper channels. We will get back to you once this is resolved.

Best regards and stay safe too.

President Tulin

[Quoted text hidden]

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