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T O: Members of the College Faculty

SUBJECT: Academic Costume of Faculty During Commencement Exercises

It has been observed that a number of the college faculty members do not attend commencement exercises for some reasons one of which, it was learned, is their inability to acquire the required academic costume/gown.

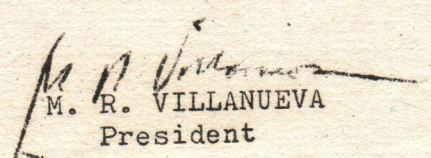
In its desire to have good, if not 100% attendance in this year's commencement exercises and throughout the coming years, the Executive Committee (EC), in its meeting held last March 16, 1988, decided among other things, to modify the rules and regulations pertaining to academic costumes to be worn during commencement exercises in the College. It was decided that attendance to commencement exercises be made compulsory on the part of the faculty but every member is given the option as to attire to don. Regarding an alternate attire to the usual academic costume, it was agreed upon that the male faculty wear "barong" with long sleeve and the female faculty, Sunday dress.

However, I would like to invite everyone's attention to Section 371 of the ViSCA Code as follows:

"Candidates for graduation with degrees or titles or certificates, as well as all members of the academic staff of the college and the college key officers, shall be required to wear academic costumes during the baccalaureate services and commencement exercises in accordance with the rules and regulations of the College."

Nobody remembered this provision during the EC meeting. In view thereof, considering that the EC decision cannot overrule the codal provision, Section 371 must be strictly observed during the Graduation Exercises on April 8, 1988. Everybody is urged to attend in her/his academic gown.

For the information, guidance, and compliance of all concerned.

  
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President