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T O: All ViSCA Students, Faculty and Staff, Advisers of Student Organizations (Through the Academic Department Heads and Directors)

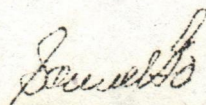
SUBJECT: Information on ViSCA Students – Administration Consultation-Dialogue and Measures to Avoid Unnecessary Disruption of Classes Especially During the Final Examination Period

For your information and guidance, we are furnishing you a summary report on the issues raised by ViSCA students and clarifications made by ViSCA administration during the ViSCA Students – Administration Dialogue on March 10, 1998 at the ViSCA Social Hall.

We hope that with this information, there is no more need for any drastic action to ventilate said issues other than the normal procedures adopted by the College.

Faculty members and advisers of student organizations are requested to disseminate the information contained in this memo. Please be reminded also of the ViSCA policy that no organized student activities should be held within two weeks before and during the examination period to provide a conducive environment for study and taking of examinations.

Please be guided accordingly and thank you for your usual cooperation.


SAMUEL S. GO
President

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Held at 4:25-7:10 p.m., 10 March 1998
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2. Explain why the proposal of Dr. Paciencia P. Milan to offer B. S. Biology major in Marine Biology has not come to reality yet.
 - The proposal, when approved and implemented, would run counter to ViSCA's goal to strengthen further existing programs. Proposals may be accepted if they carry with them budgetary allocations and would not jeopardize existing programs and disrupt present financial and manpower resources of the College. Besides, the proposal has still to go through the Academic Council.
 - The proponent department, Department of Plant Protection, is now pursuing another proposal for the offering of a B.S. in Environmental Science with majors in Coastal Resource Management and Terrestrial Management in place of the B.S. Biology proposal.
3. Explain why the construction of the Ilang-ilang-Mahogany Dorm. Kitchen remains unfinished.
 - Construction of the kitchen has been suspended inasmuch as it was not included in the regular budget for construction. The kitchen construction will be continued upon receipt of an approval from the DBM.
4. The billboards bearing names of government officials be removed as early as possible.
 - The billboards were installed following the requirements of COA for construction projects.
 - The Board of Trustees respects the prerogative of the College President in putting up of billboards recognizing the support of government officials.
 - Such billboards were removed after such officials filed their candidacy for the 1998 elections.

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