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PRESENT :

Hon. Vedasto G. Suarez Assistant Secretary	- Acting Chairman
Hon. Rufino D. Ayaso, Jr. Provincial Agriculturist Province of Leyte	- Member
Hon. Lauro A. Castillo Administrator, Leyte Sab-a Basin Development Authority	- Member
Hon. Cledualdo B. Perez, Jr. Dean, UPIB College of Agriculture	- Member
Hon. Fernando A. Bernardo President, VISCA	- Member

ALSO PRESENT :

Dr. Cesar C. Jesena, Jr. Vice President for Development and External Affairs, VISCA	
Prof. Laura I. Corcino College Secretary, VISCA	- Secretary

ABSENT :

Hon. Jesus C. Alix Director, Bureau of Agricultural Economics	- Member
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The Acting Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

- 1 I. Approval of the Minutes of the 17th Regular Board Meeting
(April 1 - 2, 1977)
- 2 The minutes of the 17th regular board meeting were approved

1 after the following corrections had been made: Page 3,
2 line 12--the word "been" was inserted after "had not";
3 line 25--the phrase "and the Provincial Engineer's
4 Office" was added after "Public Works". Page 4, line 3--
5 the phrase "and the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist"
6 was added after the word "Culture". Page 4, line 18--
7 regarding the name "Philippine Farmers' Institute" (PFI),
8 Board Member Ayaso asked that the matter be clarified to
9 avoid confusion, as it is sometimes also referred to as the
10 "Philippine Institute of Agriculture" (PIA). President
11 Bernardo explained that the "Philippine Farmers' Institute" was
12 intended for training sub-professionals or "barefoot" techni-
13 cians and not for offering degree programs which the "Philippine
14 Institute of Agriculture" seems to imply. The college president's
15 choice of the name "Philippine Farmers' Institute" was supported
16 by both Acting Chairman Suarez and Dean Perez as it is quite apt
17 while "Philippine Institute of Agriculture" sounds high level
18 and misleading. The Board declared that the official name is
19 "Philippine Farmers' Institute", and it should henceforth be
20 known by that name. In connection with this, Board Member Cas-
21 tillo mentioned that the word Asian, as in "Asian Farmers' Ins-
22 titute", was being considered. President Bernardo said that
23 the word has an international implication, a matter which is
24 probably not within the power of the Board to decide because
25 anything of international magnitude should be cleared with the
26 Office of the President of the Philippines.
27 The agenda was amended
28 (1) To include under Item IV, Academic and Curricular Matters:

1 C. Proposed Minor Revisions in Course Title and/or
2 Description of Four Development Communication Courses.

3 D. Proposed Academic Calendar, 1977-78

4 (2) To include Item VI, Other Matters:

5 A. PASUC Membership Fee of ₱5,000.00

6 B. Fusion of the College President's salary (₱36,000.00)
7 and Living Allowance (₱12,000.00)

8 (3) Item VII, The ViSCA Code

9 II. Matters Arising from the Approved Minutes:

10 President Bernardo gave a status report on previous
11 board resolutions: (a) Board Resolution No. 14--The
12 Proposed Experimental Rural High School Curricula for the
13 Four-Year Agricultural Science, Vocational Homemaking and
14 Vocational Agriculture Secondary Course--is now being
15 implemented; (b) Board Resolution No. 15--Two-Year Cur-
16 riculum for the Agro-Research-Extension Technician Course.
17 The Board's suggestion to include in the curriculum subjects
18 in economics and some electives to provide flexibility is
19 being implemented. However, the recommendation that unit
20 equivalents be given to out-of-school experience is deemed quite
21 difficult to implement. It needs further study, and some
22 form of validating test has to be devised. Until such
23 mechanism has been adopted and formalized, it will be dif-
24 ficult to accredit experience.

25 III. Personnel Matters:

26 Before the appointments were considered, the Board,

on suggestion of President Bernardo, deliberated on
Index C--Amendment to Board Resolution No. 37, s. 1976.

On motion duly seconded, the board passed:

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 16, s. 1977

Approving the amendment to Board Resolution No. 37,
s. 1976, making the effectivity of implementation of
salary adjustments of those appointed after June 30, 1976,
June 1, 1977 instead of July 1, 1977, and recommending that
the filling up of new positions also be made possible effective
on June 1 instead of July 1.

B. The Board went over the list of appointments made by the
college president as authorized by Board Resolution No. 6, s.
1974.

President Bernardo recommended that the appointments of Estanislao B. Lopez and Ma. Evilla P. Tibon be held in abeyance for the reason that some officers of the college felt that the computation of credits earned based on the guidelines for academic staff position reclassification should be reviewed as there might be discrepancies in the computation.

On motion duly seconded, the board passed:

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 17, s. 1977

Confirming the appointments made by the college president except those of Estanislao B. Lopez and Ma. Evilla P. Tibon whose appointments are being held in abeyance subject to review by the president to determine their proper ranks.

IV. Academic and Curricular Matters:

1 A. The Board went over the proposed revision of courses
2 of the Home Economics Technician Curriculum. On the inquiry
3 of the Acting Chairman as to where the students go for ap-
4 prenticeship, President Bernardo replied that the students
5 undergo apprenticeship in enterprises/industries in Cebu,
6 Iloilo, Aklan and Bohol.

7 On motion duly seconded, the Board passed:

8 BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 18, s. 1977

9 Approving the proposed revision of courses of the
10 Home Economics Technician Curriculum.

11 B. The Board went over the proposal to implement the
12 four-year Bachelor of Science in Forestry Curriculum.

13 President Bernardo explained that the BSF Curriculum
14 was approved by the Board two years ago, but its implementa-
15 tion had been deferred because the forestry program had
16 yet to be thoroughly reviewed by the EDPITAF or another
17 appropriate agency. A provision was included in the World
18 Bank contract documents for the Fourth Education Loan that
19 ViSCA could not offer additional degree programs unless
20 cleared by an agricultural education board or panel. Since
21 the World Bank wanted a thorough review of the forestry
22 program, the Board decided that a survey of the supply and
23 demand for forestry students and the enrolment trend and
24 projections for the different forestry schools be conducted.
25 After such data had been gathered, the proposal would be
26 presented to the panel for decision.

27 C. The Board went over the proposed revisions, item by item,

1 and on motion duly seconded, passed:

2 BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 19, s. 1977

3 Approving the proposed revisions in course title
4 and/or description of four development communication courses.

5 D. The Board looked into the proposed ViSCA Academic
6 Calendar for 1977-78.

7 On motion duly seconded, the Board passed:

8 BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 20, s. 1977

9 Approving in toto the proposed ViSCA Academic Calendar
10 for 1977-78.

11 V. Budgetary Matters:

12 A. The Board went over the proposed budget for the 1977
13 summer-term classes and recommended that the President
14 verify whether the leave status of Prof. Phoebe Villanueva
15 is "teacher's leave" or "vacation-sick leave".

16 On motion duly seconded, the Board passed:

17 BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 21, s. 1977

18 Approving the proposed budget for the 1977 summer-term
19 classes, but withholding the summer honorarium of Prof.
20 Phoebe Villanueva until verification of her leave status
21 has been made; and approving further that the balance in the
22 summer budget be loaned to the Philippine Farmers' Institute
23 for its initial operating expenses to be reimbursed upon
24 release of funds intended for the institute's operation.

25 B. The Board looked into the proposed budget for calendar
26 year 1978. To support the budget, President Bernardo, with
27 the use of flip charts, reported on ViSCA's on-going projects

1 and activities, its major thrusts and budgetary requirements.
2 At this juncture, Secretary J. Manuel came in and listened
3 to the president's report.

4 On motion duly seconded, the Board passed:

5 BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 22, s. 1977

6 Approving in toto the proposed budget for calendar
7 year 1978.

8 C. The Board read the letter of Prof. Eliseo R. Ponce,
9 Coordinator of Extension Programs, requesting the Board
10 to grant authority to the college president to spend
11 ₱50,000.00 for the initial operation of the Philippine
12 Farmers' Institute. President Bernardo explained that the
13 staff for the PFI had already been recruited and trained but
14 that the institute does not have any operating funds yet. The
15 amount requested will be used for personal services. The
16 Board expressed apprehension that ViSCA may have to keep on ad-
17 vancing, and that it is not in a position to subsidize the PFI.
18 In the foreseeable future, ViSCA might find itself in a tight
19 financial situation. The Board asked the president to explain
20 this to Governor Romualdez.

21 On motion duly seconded, the Board passed:

22 BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 23, s. 1977

23 Authorizing the college president to advance ₱50,000.00
24 for the initial operation of the Philippine Farmers' Institute.

25 VI. Other Matters:

26 1. President Bernardo explained that ViSCA has applied for
27 membership in the Philippine Association of State Colleges

1 and Universities (PASUC) and that the annual membership fee
2 is ₱5,000.00. The president asked the Board to grant him
3 authority to pay the fee.

4 On motion duly seconded, the Board passed:

5 BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 24, s. 1977

6 Supporting ViSCA's application for membership in the
7 PASUC and granting President Bernardo the authority to pay
8 the membership fee of ₱5,000.00.

- 9 2. President Bernardo requested authority to have his
10 annual salary of ₱36,000.00 and allowance of ₱12,000.00
11 fused as he sometimes loses track of whether he has already
12 collected his allowance or not. Also, he added, this would
13 simplify matters as he would then have to sign only one
14 payroll.

15 A subsequent study of the salaries of presidents of state
16 colleges ensued. The presidents of MIT and CMU for example,
17 receive an annual salary of ₱62,000.00 each, while the president
18 of CISU gets ₱52,800.00. Dean Perez expressed the view that
19 since ViSCA is a regional college like CMU, CISU and MIT, it
20 should follow the presidents' salary rates. Moreover, the
21 prestige of the institution and the college president's
22 dynamism and performance should be considered and there should
23 also be some kind of incentive. Board Member Ayaso concurred
24 with Dean Perez and added his own view that ViSCA should go up
25 to the CMU, CISU and MIT levels. The Board deliberated on the
26 president's salary in the absence of the president.

27 On motion duly seconded, the Board passed:

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 25, s. 1977

Approving the increase of the basic salary of President Bernardo to ~~₱~~54,000.00, with ~~₱~~6,000.00 per annum commutable representation allowances, effective May 1, 1977.

VII. The ViSCA Code

The Board went through the ViSCA Code starting from Chapter 60, page 88, to Chapter 75, page 105, making corrections and suggestions.

On motion duly seconded, the Board passed:

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 26, s. 1977

Approving the ViSCA Code as corrected and modified.

There being no other matters to be taken up, Acting Chairman Suarez adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

VERIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

(SGD.) LAURA I. CORCINO
College Secretary

ATTESTED:

(SGD.) VEDASTO G. SUAREZ
Acting Chairman