

1 **MINUTES OF THE 82nd VSU BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING**

2 CHED Chairperson's Conference Room

3 4/F, CHED Central Office

4 Carlos P. Garcia Avenue, UP Diliman

5 Diliman, Quezon City

6 05 July 2018

7 **Present:**

8 **Hon. J. Prospero E. De Vera III**

9 Chairperson, Commission of Higher Education

..... Chairperson

10 **Hon. Edgardo E. Tulin**

11 President, Visayas State University

..... Vice Chairperson

12 **Regent Ann K. Hofer**

13 Chairperson, Committee on Higher & Technical Education

14 House of Representatives of the Philippines

15 Represented by: *Atty. Anna Liza L. Gonzales*

..... Member

16 **Regent Bonifacio G. Uy**

17 Regional Executive Director

18 NEDA Regional Office VIII

19 Represented by: *ARD Meylene C. Rosales*

..... Member

20 **Regent Joel R. Caminade**

21 Private Sector Representative

..... Member

22 **Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel**

23 Private Sector Representative

..... Member

24 **Regent Ernesto F. Bulayog**

25 President, VSU Federated Faculty Association

..... Member

26 **Regent John Allan A. Gules**

27 President, VSU Federated Supreme Student Council

..... Member

28 **Regent Deogracias E. Pernitez**

29 President, VSU Federated Alumni Association

..... Member

30 **Not Present:**

31 **Regent Francis Joseph G. Escudero**

32 Chairperson, Committee on Education, Arts & Culture

33 SENATE of the Philippines

..... Member

34 **Regent Cipriano G. Santiago**

35 Regional Executive Director

36 Department of Agriculture Regional Office VIII

..... Member

37 **Others Present:**

38 **Director Edgardo M. Esperancilla**

39 Regional Executive Director

40 DOST Regional Office VIII

..... Resource Person

41 **Director Maura D. Cristobal**

42 Regional Director

43 CHED Regional Office VIII

..... Resource Person

44 **Mr. Daniel M. Tudtud, Jr.**

45 Board Secretary V

..... Board Secretary

46 **Ms. Vivian V. Balbarino**

47 Administrative Officer III

48 Office of the Board Secretary

..... Administrative
Officer

I. ROLL CALL

The Hon. Chairperson of the VSU Board of Regents, CHED Commissioner Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera III requested the Board Secretary to call the Roll of Members present for the 82nd VSU Board of Regents' Meeting.

The Board Secretary then called the roll of members present for the 82nd BOR Meeting and the following VSU Regents were present: Regent Edgardo E. Tulin; Regent Ann K. Hofer, *represented by* Atty. Anna Liza L. Gonzales; Regent Bonifacio G. Uy, *represented by* NEDA-8 Assistant Regional Director Meylene C. Rosales; Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel; Regent Joel R. Caminade; Regent Ernesto F. Bulayog; Regent John Allan A. Guller; and Regent Deogracia E. Pernites.

After the roll call, the Board Secretary informed the Hon. Chair that nine (9) members of the VSU BOR were present for the 82st BOR meeting and that there was a quorum of members present. Also present for the meeting as Resource Persons were Director Edgardo M. Esperancilla, DOST-8 Regional Executive Director, and Director Maura D. Cristobal, CHED-8 Regional Director.

The Board Secretary informed the Hon. Chairperson that Regent Francis Joseph G. Escudero, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Education, Arts and Culture has not sent a representative. On the other hand, Regent Cipriano G. Santiago, Regional Executive Director of the Department of Agriculture RO-8, has another engagement.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson J. Prospero E. De Vera III, Chairperson of the VSU Board of Regents, declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:45 P.M..

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Hon. Chairperson requested the Board to go over the proposed Agenda and inquired whether there were any other items for inclusion in today's meeting that have not been included in the Provisional Agenda presented.

The Board Secretary informed the Board that he just received the following requests for inclusion in the 82nd BOR Meeting, as follows: 1) Request of Dr. Rico Cruz to be permitted to spend 35 days with the University as a Balik Scientist; 2) Request to

1 award the vacant University Professor position either to Dr. Roberto C. Guarte or to Dr.
2 Daniel Tan; 3) Grave Misconduct charge against Mr. Rogelio Ponce; and 4) Dishonesty,
3 Grave Misconduct, and Conduct Prejudicial to the Best Interest of the Service against Mr.
4 Gilberto Merto.

5 Regent Joel R. Caminade informed the Board that he would like to include in
6 the Agenda the "Creation of a BOR Oversight Committee" to be discussed under Other
7 Matters in the light of the COA Findings for 2017.

8 Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel moved for the approval of the Agenda for the 82nd
9 BOR Meeting, as modified.

10 Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel seconded the motion.

11 The Board passed

12 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 41, s. 2018**

13 **A Resolution Approving the Proposed Agenda for the 82nd Board of Regents**
14 **Meeting, as modified, to wit:**

15 **82nd BOR Meeting**
16 **CALENDAR OF BUSINESS**

17 **I. PRELIMINARIES**

18 **A. Call to Order**

19 **B. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

20 **C. Approval of the Provisional Agenda (82nd BOR Meeting)**

21 **D. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

22 1. 81st BOR Meeting (23 March 2018)

23 **E. Matters Arising from the Approved Minutes**

24 1. Matrix of Actions/Implemented BOR Resolutions

25 **F. Chairperson's Time**

26 **G. President's Report**

27 **II. Unfinished Business**

28 **A. Acedo Case**

29 **B. Flores Case**

30 **C. Proposal of the Philippine National Bank (PNB) to Set-Up a Satellite Office in the**
31 **VSU Main Campus: BAC Resolution No. 15, s. 2018 "Recommending approval to**
32 **award 40. sq. m. area inside a mixed-use building, VSU Main Campus, to the PNB"**

1 D. Proposed Policy in the Giving of Positions to Returning Scholars after Finishing
2 His/Her Graduate Studies

3 E. Proposed Policy in the Giving of Positions to Newly Hired Faculty

4 III. NEW BUSINESS

5 A. Financial Matters

- 6 1. Proposed Utilization of Income for July 2018 and August to December 2018
- 7 2. Proposed Utilization of 2017 Unappropriated Collections of VSU Alangalang
8 (*Other School Fees and Fiduciary Funds*)
- 9 3. Proposal on the Utilization of 2017 Unappropriated Collections of VSU Tolosa
10 (*For the Purchase of One (1) Multi-Purpose Utility Vehicle*)
- 11 4. Proposal of the Office of the Vice President for Planning, Resource Generation
12 and External Affairs (OVRGEA) for the utilization of Special Trust Fund (Share
13 of OVRGEA from Tuition Fees for SY 2017-2018) to Improve the Facilities of
14 the IGPs and STF Projects of the University
- 15 5. Eleven (11) University Projects Already Awarded
- 16 6. Request for Board Authority to Award for Three (3) Projects
- 17 7. Request for Board Authority to Award for Two (2) Projects under Post
18 Qualification Review
- 19 8. Request for Board Authority to Bid Five (5) Projects

20 B. Academic Matters

- 21 1. Proposal to Offer the Revised Curricular Programs in compliance with released
22 CHED Memorandum Circulars (CMOs), effective 1st Semester, SY 2018

23	Curricular Program	CMO Number	Series Number
24	a. Doctor of Veterinary Medicine	1	2018
25	b. BS Criminology	5	2018
26	c. BS Nursing	15	2017
27	d. Bachelor of Arts in English Language Studies	24	2017
28	e. BS Economics	32	2017
29	f. BS Development Communication	36	2017
30	g. BS Statistics	42	2017
31	h. BS Marine Biology	46	2017
32	i. BS Chemistry	47	2017
33	j. BS Biology	49	2017
34	k. BS Hospitality Management	62	2017
35	l. BS Tourism Management	62	2017
36	m. Bachelor of Elementary Education	74	2017
37	n. Bachelor of Secondary Education	75	2017
38	o. Bachelor of Early Childhood Education	76	2017
39	p. Bachelor of Physical Education	80	2017
40	q. Bachelor of Culture and Arts Education	82	2017
41	r. BS Geodetic Engineering	89	2017
42	s. BS Civil Engineering	92	2017
43	t. BS Agricultural and Bio-systems Engineering	94	2017
44	u. BS Industrial Engineering	96	2017

1	v. Mechanical Engineering	97	2017
2	w. BS Fisheries		
3	x. BS Computer Science	25	2015
4	y. BS Information Technology	25	2015
5		20	2013
6	z. BS Biotechnology	23	2013
7	aa. BS Agriculture	Draft CMO	2017
8	ab. BS Agribusiness	Draft CMO	2017
9	ac. BS Forestry	Draft CMO	2017
10	ad. BS Food Technology	Draft CMO	2017
11	ae. BS Environmental Science	Draft CMO	2017

- 12 2. Proposal to Offer the Master of Science in Statistics
- 13 3. Proposal to Convert Major Fields of the Doctoral and Master's Programs Offered
- 14 by the VSU into Separate Degree Programs
- 15 4. Recommendation to Hire Dr. Sango Ha as Visiting Professor

16 C. Administrative Matters

- 17 1. Proposal to Revise the Criteria and Percentage Weight in Evaluating Teacher
- 18 Applicants and the Rating Instrument to Evaluate Applicants for Teaching Faculty
- 19 Positions
- 20 2. Request of the VSU Cash Division to Close the VSU AREC Account No. 3572-
- 21 1020-75 and Transfer the Money to VSU Trust Account No. 3572-1000-48
- 22 3. Omnibus Proposal of VSU External Campuses to Operate Photocopying Services
- 23 and to Utilize Earnings Derived Therefrom in the External Campuses of VSU
- 24 4. Sabbatical Leave Applications of Some Faculty (Main Campus):

25	Name	Effectivity
26	a. CAGASAN, Editha G.	01 August 2018 to 31 July 2018
27	b. CUADRA, Lijuera J.	01 August 2018 to 31 July 2018
28	c. GUARTE, Jacqueline M.	01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019
29	d. PATINDOL, Teofanes A.	01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

- 30 5. Request of Pres. Edgardo E. Tulin for Authority to Travel to Istanbul, Turkey for
- 31 the Period 10 August 2018 to 26 August 2018
- 32 6. Designation of Dr. Beatriz S. Belonias – VP for Instruction, as Officer-In-Charge
- 33 of the Visayas State University for the duration of President Tulin's travel to
- 34 Istanbul, Turkey from 10 August 2018 to 16 August 2018
- 35 7. Designation of Dr. Dilberto O. Ferraren – VP for Planning, Resource Generation
- 36 and External Affairs Instruction, as Officer-In-Charge of the Visayas State
- 37 University for the duration of President Tulin's travel to Istanbul, Turkey from 17
- 38 August 2018 to 26 August 2018
- 39 8. Request of DPWH to Construct a Public Comfort Room at VSU Isabel
- 40 9. Recommendation to Hire Engr. Dindo L. Sacay as Engineer III (SG-19) on
- 41 Permanent Status

D. Other Matters

- 1. Request of Dr. Rico Cruz to be permitted to spend 35 days with the University as a Balik Scientist
- 2. Request to award the vacant University Professor position either to Dr. Roberto C. Guarte or to Dr. Daniel Tan
- 3. Grave Misconduct charge against Mr. Rogelio Ponce
- 4. Dishonesty, Grave Misconduct, and Conduct Prejudicial to the Best Interest of the Service against Mr. Gilberto Merto

E. Matters for Confirmation

- 1. Confirmation of BOR Resolution No. 39, s. 2018 Approved by the Governing Board through Referendum:

A Resolution Coursed through Referendum Approving the Tentative List of Candidates for Graduation, VSU System, 2nd Semester, SY 2017-2018

- 2. Confirmation of BOR Resolution No. 40, s. 2018 Approved by the Governing Board through Referendum:

A Resolution Coursed through Referendum Approving the Tentative List of Candidates for Graduation with Latin Honors, VSU System, 2nd Semester, SY 2017-2018

- 3. Two (2) Additional Candidates for Graduation with *Latin Honors* as Addendum to BOR Resolution No. 40, s. 2018
- 4. List of MOAs and MOUs
- 5. Change in Appointment Status of Six (6) Academic Staff from Temporary to Permanent

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item Number</u>
a. ALIBANGBANG, Maria Dulce L.	INST1-13-2015 (VSU Main)
b. DECENA, Syrus Cesar P.	INST1- 4-2014 (VSU Main)
c. MAMOLO, Leo A.	INST1-14-2003 (VSU Main)
d. RATILLA, Mark C.	INST1-28-2013 (VSU Main)
e. VILLAGONZALO, Ginas Aurea A.	INST1-26-2015 (VSU Main)
f. DAFFON, Catherine C.	INST1- 3-2015 (VSU Isabel)

- 6. One (1) Academic Staff Recommended for Temporary Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item Number</u>
a. POMIDA, Jan Joshua M.	INST1-10-2017 (VSU Main)

- 7. Three (3) Academic Staff Recommended for Substitute Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item Number</u>
a. CAVERO, Jedan A.	INST1- 9-2017 (VSU Main)
b. MANGUILIMOTAN, Emn A.	INST1-19-2016 (VSU Main)
c. JUNCO, Michelle Ann M.	INST1- 5-2015 (VSU Villaba)

8. Renewal of Appointment (Substitute) of Six (6) Academic Staff from VSU Villaba

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item Number</u>
a. GIVA, Phyllis Faye D.	INST1-4-2015
b. MONTERO, Sheena Lee T.	INST1-112-2016
c. PARAMI, Shemer D.	INST1-3-2015
d. SARINO, Jica May P.	INST1-114-2016
e. YOCTE, Joe Marie C.	INST1-113-2016
f. ZABATE, Kimkim S.	INST1-18-2014

9. One (1) Academic Staff Recommended for Renewal (*Temporary Status*)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item Number</u>
a. TABUNAN, Harvey G.	INST1- 8-2001 (<i>VSU Tolosa</i>)

9. Administrative Staff Recommended for Promotion

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
a. DOHILING, Raquel H.	Admin. Aide IV	Admin. Officer I
b. MIRAFLOR, Ma. Roberta S.	Admin. Officer I	Admin. Officer II

10. Administrative Staff Recommended for Permanent Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
a. ABABAT, Claudio Jr. R.	Admin. Aide VI	March 16, 2018
b. GUCELA, Arnel F.	Admin. Aide VI	April 20, 2018
c. ESCALA, Leopoldo Jr. S.	Admin. Aide III	April 20, 2018
d. PRADO, Louis P.	Admin. Aide VI	June 16, 2018

IV. **READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

VSU BOR Chairperson J. Prospero E. De Vera III, inquired from the Board Secretary whether the members of the Governing Board were furnished copies of the Minutes at least five (5) days in advance.

The Board Secretary informed the Hon. Chairperson that all the members of the Governing Board were furnished copies of the Minutes of the past meeting as well as the other materials for the 82st BOR meeting five (5) days prior to today's meeting.

The Hon. Chairperson inquired if there were any comments or corrections.

No comments and/or corrections were made.

The Hon. Chairperson declared the Minutes of the 81st BOR Meeting approved.

The Board passed

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 42, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Minutes of the 81st Board of Regents Meeting held at the CHED Conference Room, CHED Central Office, C.P. Garcia Ave., UP Diliman, Diliman, Quezon City last 23 March 2018 from 9:26 A.M. to 1:12 P.M., as corrected.

V. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE APPROVED MINUTES

The Hon. Chair inquired from Pres. Edgardo E. Tulin inquired whether there were still matters from the previous meeting that still needs the attention of the Board.

President Tulin informed the members of the Board that almost all items have been implemented and the concerned offices were informed regarding the actions of the Governing Board. The Matrix of Actions, is appended as Tab C. However, BOR Resolution No. 16 and BOR Resolution No. 30 have not been implemented.

BOR Resolution No. 16, s. 2018 pertains to the threshold amounts actionable by the VSU President insofar as Procurement is concerned. The President indicated that this was not implemented pending the release of the new Resolution by the Office of the Board Secretary.

On the other hand, BOR Resolution No. 30 pertains to the promotion of Ms. Louella C. Ampac to the position of Chief Administrative Office (SG-24) from Internal Auditor IV (SG-22). The reason for this is that based on the new ORA-OHRA of the Civil Service Commission, Ms. Ampac cannot yet be promoted because she is a member of the Non-Academic Personnel Board (NAPB) and if she is given the higher position, then CSC will consider it as "nepotism". She needs to be replaced as a member of the NAPB before she can reapply for the said position. According to CSC Dir. Bala, the CSC will be coming out with a revised set of Guidelines that will address situations like this. So, in effect, the promotion of Ms. Ampac is still pending, as of the moment.

Chairperson De Vera inquired whether there is still a need to wait for the release of this new CSC Guideline.

President Tulin replied in the affirmative.

Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel, Private Sector Representative, commented that BOR Resolution 16, s. 2018 stipulates that: (1) *for (infrastructure) projects worth P5.0 million and over, these are to be taken up by the Board in a **Regular or Special Meeting**; (2) for*

1 (infrastructure) *projects worth between P3.0 to P5.0 million, these are to be taken up by*
2 *the Board in a Regular Meeting or through a Referendum; and (3) all other expenses to*
3 *be guided under the Rules and Regulations as indicated in CHED en banc Resolution No.*
4 *428, s. 2015.*

5 Regent Fiel, commented that the moment the Board of Regents adopted the
6 CHED *en banc* Resolution No. 428, s. 2015, it already imposed a definite Guideline in
7 the disposition and disbursement of University funds. At that point in time, the Board
8 decided that **“pending the final recommendation on the Thresholds that the Board**
9 **will adopt later, the Board will adopt *en toto* CHED *en banc* Resolution 428, s. 2015**
10 **in the meantime.”**

11 President Tulin replied that: “it was his and the **Bids and Awards Committee’s**
12 **understanding**, that the BOR decision will be implemented **only after** the Office of the
13 Board Secretary releases the BOR Resolution including the attachment document.” This
14 was also the reason forwarded by the VP for Administration and Finance who happens to
15 be the Chairperson of the Bids and Awards Committee. The President reiterated that it
16 was his understanding that *“no officially signed BOR Resolution has yet been served.”*

17 Related to this, Chairperson De Vera informed the Board that the CHED *en banc*
18 has adopted with a new Resolution on Thresholds which supersedes the 2015 CHED *en*
19 *banc* Resolution. In this new Resolution, the Threshold for Infrastructure was totally
20 removed while the Threshold for Goods and Services has been substantially raised.

21 The Hon. Chair explained that the other Commissioners wanted to totally remove
22 all Thresholds regarding Financial Matters. The Commissioners have experienced in
23 some of the SUCs they supervise, that the SUC President just award projects without
24 getting the approval of the Governing Board. It seems that the President is empowering
25 himself to award the projects. Commissioner Alibin in particular refused to sign any of
26 the Resolutions (*passed by the SUC Presidents for BOR action*) saying that **“he did not**
27 **want to be a party to this illegal practice.”** As a result, the CHED *en banc* discussed the
28 matter and in the end, came up with the a decision embodied in the new CHED
29 Resolution. Nonetheless, at the end of the day, the decision on the Thresholds is a

1 decision of the Governing Boards. The CHED Resolutions are only Guidelines to be
2 observed and the Governing Boards can either tighten up or increase the Thresholds,
3 depending on the existing practices. In some of the Boards chaired by the other CHED
4 Commissioners, all capital outlays irrespective of amount, are now decided upon by the
5 Governing Boards because they want to stop the practice of some SUC Presidents of
6 awarding Contracts without Board approval.

7 Regent Fiel commented that the Board also discussed the IRR for RA 10931
8 *(pages 8 and 9 of the Minutes)* which stipulates that: “every SUC has to submit to the
9 Governing Board the proposed Affirmative Action Plan of the University or College.”

10 Regent Fiel inquired whether the University has already come up with a draft proposal on
11 how the University will be able to accommodate the disadvantaged and under privileged
12 children in Region 8?

13 In the Cagayan State University (CSU), there was this decision of the University
14 that out of the 10,000 student applicants for admission, the University accepted only
15 4,000 successful applicants for freshmen. This action drew a lot of criticism from many
16 sources. The CSU then conducted a second round of reconsideration. This time, the
17 University categorized the students who will be accepted. First in the priority for
18 reconsideration were the children of the recipients under the 4Ps program. This is an
19 example of “affirmative action” on admission policy.

20 The Hon. Chair indicated that this Affirmative Action Plan will be implemented
21 starting in SY 2019-2020.

22 President Tulin indicated that the University is already in the process of drafting
23 this including the Return Service Agreement. Hopefully, Administration will be able to
24 present the drafts of these two (2) initiatives before the end of the year.

25 Comm. De Vera informed the Board that he has advised the SUCs under him to
26 “go slow” on this. Apparently, there is a very wide variance in the interpretation of how
27 this will be implemented. Incidentally, some “groups” in Congress have threatened to file
28 a case in the Supreme Court to stop this *(Return Service Agreement)* arguing that it

1 (Return Service Agreement) is not included in RA 10931, thus, it should not be included
2 as a requirement for the availment of Free Education law.

3 The Hon. Chair pointed out that the "original" UNIFAST Law says, that: "*for any*
4 *student availing of student financial assistance from government, the UNIFAST Board*
5 *can **impose** reasonable conditions for the availment of Student Financial Assistance.*"
6 Return Service is one of the reasonable conditions that can be expected from the students.
7 The UNIFAST Board thought that Return Service should be included as part of the RA
8 10931.

9 In relation to the drafting of the Return Service Contract, the Office of the CHED
10 Chairperson has already instructed the UNIFAST Secretariat to hold workshops among
11 the SUCs so that there will be an "exchange of views" to come up with a more
12 comprehensive definition of what "Return Service" is as well as come up with the
13 underlying Principles on how best the Return Service can be implemented by the SUCs.
14 The SUCs need to discuss this among themselves and agree how best to implement this
15 when SY 2019-2020 starts. There will be an invitation that will be sent with regard the
16 Workshops. If by the time the Workshops are held in the Region and the SUCs are yet
17 unable to come up with a definite plan of action, the SUCs should present a Resolution
18 that they are not yet ready to implement it this school year. The UNIFAST Board can
19 defer the implementation till the next school year (SY 2019-2020).

20 It is, therefore incumbent that all SUCs identify its own representative(s) who will
21 attend the Workshop and help prepare the Return Service Agreement. In the case of UP,
22 the (*left leaning*) Student Regent was informed that certain activities that the student
23 organizations used to pay for, can now be possibly paid by the University if these
24 activities can be considered part of Return Service. Of course, these "student activities"
25 really give back to the communities or to the University.

26 Regent Fiel informed the Board that the Ormoc Sugar Farmers Association
27 (OSPA) maintains a non-stock, non-profit tertiary hospital in Ormoc City. In relation to
28 this, the Hospital also has some scholars training to become doctors and nurses, which are
29 quite expensive. Because of the dearth of doctors and nurses in Ormoc City and

1 surrounding areas, the Hospital requires that all scholars, after passing their respective
2 PRC requirements, will have to serve the Hospital for at least five years as a return
3 service for having been scholars of the Hospital. These scholars return service
4 professionals will be paid the same salaries their peers receive in the Hospital. What is
5 important is that there is a commitment on their part.

6 Director Esperancilla informed the Board that the DOST is planning to train
7 DOST scholars enrolled in VSU for a week on the topic: *Preparation of Barangay*
8 *Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan*. After their training, they will be
9 expected to return to their respective barangays and train barangay executives on how to
10 prepare this Plan for their respective Barangays.

11 Chairperson De Vera requested the President to provide information to the CHED
12 through the CHED Regional Office regarding the number of freshmen accepted by the
13 institution for this School Year 2018-2019. Further, it would be best to provide a
14 comparison between the present influx of freshmen and the number of freshmen prior to
15 K+12. Finally, also provide a computation on the “carrying capacity” in determining the
16 number of freshmen students the institution will be accepting.

17 The Hon. Chair informed the Board that he will be using the data when he will
18 “testify in the House” in response to the resolution filed by some student groups with the
19 Lower House of Congress requesting for “*an investigation on the alleged restrictions*
20 *imposed to access to Higher Education*.” There is currently some (student) groups who
21 are lobbying in the Lower House of Congress on the proposition that: “*all students who*
22 *want to go to college should be accepted*.” It is very clear in RA 10931 that students
23 **must** comply with the admission and retention requirements of the institution.

24 Chairperson De Vera informed the Board that in the computation of the amount of
25 money that will be reimbursed to the SUCs was based on 2015 data. So, when we
26 computed the P16 million reimbursement for tuition and miscellaneous expenses, we
27 looked at 2015 data and then projected the increase until today. Further, it was assumed
28 that the ratio between the tuition fee and the miscellaneous fees was 1:1, meaning that for

every peso collection of tuition fee there is also a corresponding one peso collection for miscellaneous fees.

The Hon. Chair then inquired from the President whether the ratio between the tuition fee and miscellaneous fees collected by the University is also 1:1.

President Tulin informed the Board that roughly speaking it is about 1:1.

Chairperson De Vera indicated that this 1:1 ratio was also the assumption made by the CHED when the funding requirements for the different SUCs were computed. Thus, if the SUCs dramatically increase the intake of new students, the National Government might have a very serious problem in funding RA 10931. It is for this reason that the SUCs have to limit their enrolment in accordance to the budget that was already released to the SUC for Higher Education. Further, if there are also too many students, the SUCs will find difficulty in looking for facilities as well as teachers. In the end, this will be detrimental to the students because the SUC will be unable to provide Quality Education to the students that the CHED has promised to the young people.

Chairperson De Vera again reminded the President to furnish this data to the Regional Office in the soonest possible time.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Edgardo E. Tulin presented the specific activities for the 2nd Quarter of 2018, as follows:

A. Administration:

- Attended the public hearing of the Senate Committee of Agriculture and Food last 03 April 2018 regarding the Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (ACEF)
- Participated in the SUC-Association of Colleges of Agriculture in the Philippines, Inc. Annual Convention, May 15-17, 2018, WPU, Puerto Princesa, Palawan
- Blessing and Inauguration of VSU-KOICA Building with Korean Ambassador H.E. Han Dong, May 31 and Jun. 1, 2018, Tolosa, Leyte
- Signing of MOA between CHED-UniFAST and SUCs/LUCs for Free Tuition in Tertiary Education, Jun. 13, 2018, Malacañan, Manila with H.E. Rodrigo R. Duterte and OIC CHED Chairperson Dr. J. Prospero De Vera III
- Courtesy meetings with external stakeholders:
 - Meeting with ACIAR – Forestry Team re: Landscape Restoration Project, Apr. 10, 2018
 - Received Prof. Ha Sango, Visiting Professor of TBI, May 22, 2018
 - Hosted the WWF Myanmar Study Tour on Rainforestation, May 23, 2018
 - Meeting with Dr. Jennifer Rowntree of Manchester Metropolitan University on re: Technology Innovation Proposal, May 28, 2018

- Training/Seminars organized by Administration:

Date	Title of Training	No. of Participants
April 5-7, 2018	Echo-Seminar on the GE Course: Science, Technology and Society STS	28
April 5-7, 2018	Re-Echo Training for the New GE Curriculum: Readings in Philippine History	20
April 5-7, 2018	Re-Echo Training for the New GE Curriculum: Purposive Communication	27
April 12-14, 2018	Re-Echo Training for the New GE Curriculum: Rizal	37
April 12-14, 2018	Echo-Seminar on the New GE Course: Mathematics in the Modern World	25

- Status of Infrastructure Projects

No.	Name of Project	% Completion (based on Scope of Work)
1	Construction of Animal Disease and Diagnostic Laboratory Building	90.35%
2	Expansion of CME Building	100.00%
3	Construction of Two-Storey RCCRDC Building - Phase 1	100.00%
4	Construction of Three-Storey Innovation Building - Phase 1	44.00%
5	Renovation of VSU Manila Office - Phase 1	90.00%
6	Renovation of VSU Cebu Office - Phase 1	25.00%
7	Renovation of Biodiversity Museum Building	100.00%
8	Construction of Western Campus Perimeter Fence for VSU Tolosa	70.00%
9	Biotech Building	100.00%
10	Restoration of Labra Cottage	100.00%
11	Student Dormitory	60.00%
12	Academic Building -Tolosa (Phase 1)	100.00%
13	Academic Building - Alangalang (Phase 1)	100.00%
14	Academic Building - Isabel (Phase 1)	100.00%
15	Academic Building - Villaba (Phase 1)	100.00%
16	Roof Framing of Academic Building of VSU Villaba	75.00%
17	Roof Framing of Academic Building of VSU Isabel	40.00%
18	Roof Framing of Academic Building of VSU Tolosa	100.00%
19	Roof Framing of Academic Building of VSU Alangalang	100.00%
20	Academic Building -Tolosa (Phase 2)	25.00%
21	Academic Building - Alangalang (Phase 2)	25.00%
22	Academic Building - Isabel (Phase 2)	25.00%
23	Academic Building - Villaba (Phase 2)	25.00%
24	RCCRDC Building - Phase 2	25.00%
25	Innovation Building - Phase 2	15.00%
26	Construction of Girls' Dormitory for VSU Villaba	15.00%
27	Construction of Boys' Dormitory for VSU Villaba	15.00%
28	Construction of Academic Building for VSU Alangalang	15.00%
29	Construction of Academic Building for VSU Main	15.00%

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

- 5
6
7
8
9
10
11

12
13
14

13
14

- 12
13
14

12
13
14

- 12
13
14

15

College of Education (COEd)				
	B Elementary Education (BEEd)		125	102
	B Secondary Education (BSEd)		185	170
	B Culture Arts Educ (BCAEd)		40	29
	B Physical Education (BPED)		80	58
	B Physical Exercise Sciences (BSESS)			1
				360
College of Nursing (CON)				
	BS Nursing (BSN)		84	70
	Total		2598	1801

- Quality Assurance

- Results of Level III Re-accredited status of 7 programs:

Programs	Result
1. BS in Ag. Engineering	Level III reaccredited effective Mar. 1, 2018-Feb. 28, 2022
2. BS in Biology	-do-
3. BS in Dev. Communication	-do-
4. BS in Computer Science	-do-
5. BS in Food Technology	-do-
6. BS in Forestry	-do-
7. Doctor of Vet. Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-going, must comply mandatory requirements within a one-year period (until Feb. 2019) to be accredited Level III Phase 2. General passing average in Chemistry Licensure Exam must be at least 25% higher than the National passing average; Adopt a comprehensive strategy/intervention to improve the performance of graduates in Chemistry Licensure Exam
8. BS Chemistry	

- AACCUP confirmation of VSU’s application for AACCUP accreditation of 15 programs on October 1-6, 2018.

- For VSU Main Campus:

- Level II accreditation of 7 programs (BS in Economics, BS in Nursing, BS in Geodetic Engineering, BS in Environmental Management, MS in Food Technology, MS in Forestry, MS in Tropical Ecology)

- For VSU Tolosa Campus:

- Level II accreditation of 3 programs (Bachelor of Elementary Education, Bachelor of Secondary Education, BS in Fisheries)
 - Level I accreditation of 1 program (BS in Criminology)

- For VSU Isabel Campus:

- Level II accreditation of 2 programs (BS in Information Technology, BS in Industrial Engineering)
 - Level I accreditation of 2 programs (BS in Mechanical Engineering, Bachelor of Secondary Education)

- ISO 9001:2015 Certification Preparations

April 30, 2018

- 1. Refresher session on ISO 901:2015 for ISO Internal Auditors/ISO Taskforce
 - 2. First ISO 2015 internal audit/spot checking
 - 3. Follow up meeting of ISO task force/internal auditors
- June 18 to July 3, 2018
- June 29, 2018

- CHED ISA: Preparation and review of Self Evaluation Documents (SEDs) for the 5 Key Results Area

C. Research and Extension

- Conducted 2018 Farmers and Fisherfolks Day Celebration last Apr. 27, 2018 with over 2000 stakeholders attending.
- Endorsed by the DTI – Technical Working for funding of P20M SSF Facility at VSU-DCST
- P17 M funds downloaded to VSU for capability building of DA-RFO-8 on Results Based Monitoring and Evaluation
- Submitted to DA-RFO-8 the final version of the proposal on Yolanda Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program worth P56 M
- Awards:
 - Dr. Edgardo E. Tulin – SEARCA Professorial Chair (AY 2017-2018)
 - Dr. Feliciano Sinon, Jr. – Regional (R8) Gawad Saka Award of DA 8
- MOA's signed:

No.	Collaborator/s	Address of Collaborator/s	Nature of Collaboration/ Title of Project	Amount of Grant
Local:				
1	DA-RFO 8	Tacloban City	Increasing Farmers' Income in Cassava Production through Livestock Integration and Field Validation of NSIC Registered Varieties Resistant to Phytoplasma Infection in the Region	P800,000.00
2	DA-RFO 8	Tacloban City	OJT for BS Dev. Education students	
3	DENR- CENRO- Baybay City	Baybay City	Donation of recovered forest products (lumber of 475.33 bd ft)	
4	DTI – Leyte Provincial Office	Tacloban City	2018 Leyte Negosyo Center Caravan	
5	Eastern Visayas Health and Research and Development Consortium	Tacloban City	Community Risk Factors on the Occurrence and Prevention of Diarrhea Outbreak in Eastern Visayas: Case Control Study	P500,000.00
	DOST – RFO 8	Palo, Leyte		
6	LGU-Isabel	Isabel, Leyte	Adaptation of Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) Strategy in Isabel, Leyte	
7	Team Advance (BSCE students)	COE, VSU, Baybay	Traffic Investigation and Data Analysis of the Major Intersections of Ormoc City Proper	
	LGU-City of Ormoc	Ormoc City		
8	Team Advance (BSCE students)	COE, VSU, Baybay City	Feasibility and Design Study of the Proposed Multicab and Van Terminal in Baybay City	
	City Engineering Office of Baybay City	Baybay City		
9	Team Search (BSCE students)	COE, VSU, Baybay	A Proposed Effective Rainwater Harvesting System Addressing the Water Supply System Problem in Brgy. Apid, Inopacan, Leyte	
	LGU- Inopacan	Inopacan, Leyte		
10	Team Transcend (BSCE students)	COE, VSU, Baybay City	Design of a Sanitary Sewerage System in the VSU Main Campus by BSCE students	
B. National:				
1	ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc.	Quezon City	Rootcrops Value Chain Assessment and validation in Marabut, Samar	
2	Blue Water Panglao	Panglao, Bohol	OJT for HRTM students	
3	Commission on Higher Education	Quezon City	Implementation of the Free Higher Education, Tertiary Education Subsidy and Student Loan Programs of RA No. 10931	

No.	Collaborator/s	Address of Collaborator/s	Nature of Collaboration/ Title of Project	Amount of Grant
4	Commission on Higher Education	Diliman, Quezon City	Financial Assistance to grantees under the Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund – Grants-In-Aid for Higher Education (ACEF-GIAHEP)	
5	Costabella Tropical Beach Resort and Hotel	Mactan Island, Cebu	OJT of HRTM students	
6	DA-Bureau of Research	Quezon City	Climate-Resilient Agri-Fisheries (CRA) Assessment, Targeting & Prioritization for the Adaptation and Mitigation Initiative (AMIA) in Samar Province Reg. VIII	P993,230.08
7	Daluyon Beach and Mountain Resort	Sabang Beach, Puerto Princesa	OJT for HRTM students	
8	DENR	Quezon City	Offering of graduate degrees: Diploma, Masters and Master of Science in Land Administration Management Program for staff of the DENR Lands Section	
9	DOST-PCAARRD	Los Banos, Laguna	Multi-location Trial of Ten (10) Promising Varieties of Cacao in Different Agro-Climatic Zones in the Philippines	
	Univ. of Southern Mindanao	Kabacan, Cotabato		
	Sultan Kudarat State Univ.	Tacurong, Sultan Kudarat		
	Benguet State Univ.	La Trinidad, Benguet		
	DA-RFO II	Davao City		
	Central Bicol State Univ. Agri.	Pili, Cam. Sur		
	VSU			
10	DTI – Bohol Provincial Office	Tagbilaran City, Bohol	Processed Food Development Program for OTOP Next Gen	P450,000.00
11	German Dev. Cooperation	Makati City	Sustainable certified coconut oil production	P120,250.00
12	Marco Polo Plaza Cebu	Cebu City	OJT of HRTM students	
13	Maribago Bluewater Beach Club, Inc.	Mactan Island, Cebu	OJT of HRTM students	
14	Mindanao State Univ-Iligan Institute of Technology	Iligan City	MOU in teaching, research and extension activities	
15	Philippine Council for Health Research and Development	Taguig City	In vitro Toxicity Testing of Plant Extracts with Bioactivity against Diabetes Mellitus	P4,046,003.04
16	Philippine Red Cross	Boni Ave, Madaluyong City	Conduct of joint training, exercise and workshop and participation in disaster and relief assistance	
17	Sheridan Beach Resort and Spa	Puerto Princesa, Palawan	OJT of HRTM students	
18	Sugar Regulatory Administration	Quezon City	Donation of Laboratory Equipments for soils laboratory	
19	Univ. of San Carlos	Cebu City	Culture and Phenology of the Brown Seaweed Sargassum in Southern Philippines	P1,592,606.40
20	Zoological Society of London - Philippines	Iloilo City	Financial and technical support for students in MS in Forestry and Tropical Ecology and BS Forestry and Env. Mgmt.	

D. Planning and Resource Generation

- Acquired GeoHarzard Certifications as requirements for infra projects proposals for CY 2019
- Bidding of VSU uniform for CY 2018
- Sponsored 2018 Trade Fair/Exhibition at the VSU Market Area during the VSU Anniversary
- Acquired equipment, etc. for the VSU Market, Seafront Suites and Beach Resort like:
 - 3 sets of CCTV
 - 4 Air-conditioning units
 - 4 shower heaters
 - 4 emergency lights
 - Washing machine
 - Additional lines, foams etc.
- Rehabilitated the “Blue Grass” in front of Seafront Suite
- Repair and repainting of Cottages
- Repair of floors and doors of Seafront Suite
- For the IGP Dormitory:
 - Repair of floors, doors, ceiling etc
 - Acquisition of additional foam, lines, pillows
 - Cleaning and maintenance of air-con units
- Renovation and repair of VSU Fast Food like, retiling, repainting, of comfort rooms, and kitchen and also repair of pipe line.
- Repair and replacement of dilapidated roof/ceiling at VSU Market and Cooperative Store
- Acquisition of new water containers for VSU Spring Water and rehabilitation/repair of VSU Spring Water machines
- Repair/acquisition of new computer parts for VSU Computer Center

After the President completed presenting his Report, the Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions on the President’s Report.

Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel indicated that insofar as Item 1 - Status of Infrastructure Projects under Administrative Matters, as well as Item 4 under Planning and Resource Generation, there is a need to present more details in such a way that the Board members be given more information whether these types of projects have incurred slippage(s), whether negative or positive. Considering that there is an engineering department in the University, it may be possible to come up with a “dashboard system for the projects.” In this way, it would be easy to identify the “red flags” whenever the project accomplishment is not “**on time**” or “**above projected cost**” etc... This will be a very good tool that will make project accomplishments easier for the Administration as well as the Governing Board to understand.

President Tulin indicated that he was supportive of the suggestions of Regent Fiel.

Chairperson De Vera instructed the President that henceforth, all reports should contain more details about the project including the status of the project.

1 Regent Joel R. Caminade clarified that the report will have to be on a per project
2 basis.

3 The Hon. Chairperson requested that the Board immediately take up the New
4 Business because the CHED-RO8 Regional Director has a flight to catch back to Tacloban.
5 The Unfinished Business will be taken up toward the end of the Meeting. Under New
6 Business, we have five (5) Sections: (1) Financial Matters; (2) Academic Matters; (3)
7 Administrative Matters; (4) Other Matters; and (5) Matters for Confirmation.

8 VII. NEW BUSINESS

9 A. Financial Matters

10 The Honorable Chairperson requested Ms. Mylene C. Rosales, NEDA-8
11 Assistant Regional Director and representing Regent Bonifacio G. Uy, Chairperson of
12 the BOR Finance Committee, to make the presentation.

13 ARD Rosales informed the Board that the VSU BOR Finance Committee met
14 last 22 June 2018 at the Office of the NEDA Regional Executive Director,
15 Government Center, Palo, Leyte. The Minutes of the discussion of the Finance
16 Committee Meeting (yellow folder) have been distributed to all the members of the
17 Governing Board.

18 ARD Rosales informed the Board that all the calendared Financial Matters
19 under New Business, from G1 to G6, have been carefully reviewed by the Finance
20 Committee. All of the six (6) items were thoroughly discussed and, in the end,
21 favorably endorsed by the Committee for Final action by the Governing Board.

22 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
23 objections to any of the six (6) items under Financial Matters presented for approval.

24 No objection was raised.

25 Hearing none, the Board passed

26 BOR RESOLUTION NO. 48, s. 2018

27 A Resolution Approving the Request for Authority to Utilize University
28 Income for the Month of July 2018 and the 1st Semester of SY 2018-2019 in the
29 amount of P10,511,290.64 and P66,128,548.80, respectively, as recommended by
30 the BOR Finance Committee.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 49, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Proposal of the VSU Alangalang for the Utilization of 2017 Unappropriated Collections (Other School Fees and Fiduciary funds) in the amount of P2,001,733.42, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 50, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the BAC-1 Resolution No. 15, s. 2018 of the Bids and Awards Committee to Award the 40 sq. m. area inside the Mixed-Use Building, VSU Main Campus to the Philippine National Bank (PNB), as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 51, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Proposal of the Office of the Vice President for Planning, Resource Generation and External Affairs (OVPRGEA) to Utilize a Portion of OVPRGRA's Share of the Special Trust Fund Collected from Tuition Fees Collected in 2017 in the Amount of P703,650.00 to Improve the facilities and Services of the Income Generating Projects (IGPs) and Special Trust Fund (STF) Projects of the University, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 52, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Proposal to Operate Photocopying Services in the External Campuses and the Utilization of Income Derived therefrom, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.

ARD Rosales explained that Item D7 contains ten (10) infrastructure projects have been issued Notices to Proceed, three (3) items that have been issued Notices of Award, five (5) items with request for Authority to Bid, and two (2) items with request for Authority to Awards.

ARD Rosales further explained that during the BOR Finance Committee meeting, it was discussed that during the 2018 1st Quarter BOR Meeting last 23 March 2018, the Governing Board adopted CHED *en banc* Resolution No. 428-2015 which set the Threshold limits in the Procurement process which includes the acquisition of infrastructure, equipment as well as for goods and services.

In relation to this new Threshold limits, the BOR Finance Committee (Committee) observed that the President had issued Notices of Awards and Notices to Proceed, contrary to the provisions of the approved BOR Resolution adopting CHED *en banc* Resolution No. 428-2015.

1 The Committee agreed on the following: (1) the bidding process was in order
2 but no BOR approval was sought prior to the issuance of the Notices of
3 Award/Proceed; (2) that the President and the Chairman of the Bids and Awards
4 Committee be required to submit a written explanation as to why the BOR Resolution
5 adopting CHED *en banc* Resolution No. 428-2015 was not followed; and (3) to
6 advice the President, through the Hon. BOR Chairperson J. Prospero E. De Vera III,
7 to strictly comply with this new policy/guideline.

8 Related to the recommendations of the Committee, the Chairman of the Bids
9 and Awards Committee, Dr. Remberto A. Patindol, wrote to the Chair of the BOR
10 Finance Committee to explain his side. The gist of his letter (*which was in her*
11 *possession*) indicated that he was on the assumption that CEB Resolution 428-2015
12 was not yet in effect pending approval of the BOR Minutes.

13 The Hon. Chair inquired what Minutes the BAC Chair was referring to.

14 The Board Secretary informed the Board that as soon as he returned to the
15 Main Campus, he immediately sent word to the Office of the VP for Administration
16 and Finance that the Governing Board had approved the adoption of CEB Resolution
17 No. 428-2015. It should be stressed that the BOR Resolution was just an "excerpt"
18 and not a prepared full-blown Resolution since the approval came as an insertion
19 during the discussions and we still had to fully transcribe the recording. To me, when
20 the Office of the VP for Administration and Finance (OVPAF) was verbally informed
21 about the Board action, it was already sufficient in form and substance. It is therefore,
22 incorrect to assume that it was not yet in effect.

23 Regent Fiel informed the Board that he is now looking at the consequences of
24 the actions of the BAC and the President. What is the validity and effectivity of these
25 contracts considering that the award and signing of the contracts were not sanctioned
26 by the Board of Regents. Are these enforceable? Will the University be bound by
27 these considering that these do not have the imprimatur of the Governing Board?

28 Atty. Anna Liza L. Gonzales, representative of Congw. Ann K. Hofer,
29 inquired whether CEB Resolution No. 428-2015 and CEB Resolution 229-2018,

1 much different insofar as the Threshold amounts are concerned. Is it safe to assume
2 that both CEB Resolutions provide the limitations of the authority of the President in
3 the procurement process?

4 The Board Secretary informed the Board of the limitations set by CEB
5 Resolution No. 428-2015 and CEB Resolution No 229-2018.

6 Atty. Gonzales clarified that given the amounts approved by the University
7 President, it is irrelevant whether the 2015 or the 2018 CEB Resolution is used. This
8 is because the contract amounts of these 10 items exceed P1.0 million. As a matter of
9 fact, the smallest amount is P6.0 million.

10 Regent Fiel explained to the Board that prior to the adoption by the Board of
11 Regents of CEB Resolution No. 428-2015 last 23 March 2018, the previous Boards
12 gave the University President "full-power and authority" to approve, grant, award all
13 contracts, capital outlays, and others. However, the passed BOR Resolution No. 16, s.
14 2018 during the 81st BOR Meeting last 23 March 2018 adopting the CHED *en banc*
15 Resolution 428, s. 2015, pending the submission of specific thresholds (*increasing* or
16 decreasing Thresholds) on the President's authority. In the meantime, the Board of
17 Regents already mandated and ordered everyone to follow the CHED Resolution.

18 Regent Gonzales commented that even if we followed CEB Resolution 428-
19 2015, it is quite clear that when the President signed the documents this was done
20 without the authority of the Board. It was clearly unauthorized. As to the
21 consequences, it will surely affect the suppliers or the winning bidders who have
22 already received notification that they won and that they are supposed to sign
23 contracts with the University. Some of these suppliers will insist that they already
24 won and that the contracts are in order. One way around this issue would be to "*ratify*
25 *the act of the President*" but "*that there should be a thorough review of the process*
26 *and procedures undertaken plus a Reminder to the President that in the future, this*
27 *should not happen again.*"

1 ARD Rosales informed the Board that the Finance Committee found all
2 processes and procedures were in order and the bidding for all the ten (10) projects
3 was in order.

4 Regent Gonzales clarified that ratification is need to put legality to an action
5 already done. Ratification means that "it retroacts." This is an option open to the
6 Board.

7 ARD Rosales informed the Board that the Finance Committee Chaired by Dir.
8 Bonifacio G. Uy also recommended: 1) for the President and the BAC Chair to
9 submit a written explanation as to why there had been violations; and 2) for the
10 Governing Board through Commissioner De Vera, to remind the President to comply
11 (with the BOR Resolution).

12 Regent Gonzales indicated that she would like to put into record that "the
13 BOR Finance Committee went through all the documents (for the 10 projects) and the
14 Committee found everything (processes and procedures) to be in order and faithful to
15 RA 9184." This should now be the basis of the Board to decide whether to ratify or
16 not.

17 Regent Fiel commented that it was without authority from the Board.

18 Regent Gonzales clarified that the processes and procedures being referred to
19 in here pertain to posting, publication, bidding, and all the other requirements
20 required under RA 9184, short of "Authority to Approve."

21 Regent Gonzales motioned that "*premised on the assurance that the Bidding*
22 *Process was In Order and faithful as far as the process and procedures is in*
23 *accordance with the law – RA 9184*" that the Governing Board of VSU ratify "the
24 Acts of the President insofar as approving the Notice to Award/Notice to Proceed of
25 the ten (10) projects listed in G-7 on the condition that the Governing Board will
26 caution or admonish the President that this will not happen again and that he will
27 follow the Resolution of the Board, at least for now, CEB Resolution No. 428-2015
28 (BOR Resolution No. 16, s. 2018 dated 23 March 2018) insofar as the Thresholds in
29 Procurement is concerned".

1 Regent Degracias E. Pernites seconded the motion.

2 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
3 objections to the proposal.

4 No objection was raised.

5 The Board passed

6 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 53, s. 2018**

7 **A Resolution Ratifying the Acts of the President insofar as approving the**
8 **Notice to Award/Notice to Proceed of the ten (10) projects listed in G-7 on the**
9 **condition That the Governing Board will caution or admonish the President that**
10 **this will not happen again and that he will follow the Resolution of the Board, at**
11 **least for now, CEB Resolution No. 428-2015 (*BOR Resolution No. 16, s. 2018***
12 ***dated 23 March 2018*) insofar as the Thresholds in Procurement is concerned.**

13 Chairperson De Vera presented to the Board the new CEB Resolution No.
14 229-2018 dated 22 May 2018 which is very different from CEB Resolution No. 428-
15 2015 insofar as the Thresholds are concerned. This can be used as a Guide in the
16 subsequent procurement activities.

17 Essentially, the new CEB Resolution removes the amounts for Infrastructure
18 that can be acted upon by the President but increases the amount that the President
19 can approve for Goods and Services.

20 Further, there is an important provision that was put towards the end. That is,
21 if you subject the procurement to a Referendum, any member of the Board who raises
22 a reservation shall render the Referendum VOID. Some SUCs just circulate a
23 Referendum even without any authority from the Chair. This practice is patently
24 illegal. It should be remembered that ONLY the Chairperson can authorize the
25 circulation of a Referendum. So, with this provision, the Chairperson has added
26 "teeth" to those who always route Referenda, such that any objection will
27 automatically make the Referendum void and mandatorily has to be taken up in the
28 next Regular Board meeting.

29 Regent Gonzales commented that in this CEB Resolution, there is also a
30 provision that says, to wit: "*the Governing Board shall have the prerogative to*
31 *increase or decrease the SIGNING LIMIT of the SUC President considering the*
32 *characteristics of the SUC and the varying needs of certain projects or activities.*" In

1 other words, the Board does not have to subscribe to the existing Thresholds
2 recommended in this CEB Resolution, *IFF* the Board thinks the SUC is a big
3 University and there is a need to increase the Threshold amount.

4 Regent Fiel pointed out to the Board that in the Minutes of the 81st BOR
5 Meeting, Page 32, it states, to wit: "*The Hon. Chairperson suggested that*
6 *Administration should think long and hard what the correct threshold is right for the*
7 *University and if possible, to present this in the next Board meeting*" which is now.
8 Does the Administration have in mind the correct Threshold so that this can be
9 covered in the new Resolution that the Board will pass.

10 Chairperson De Vera suggested that the Board will first adopt the CEB
11 Resolution and pass another Resolution later adjusting the Thresholds as this is
12 clearly within the powers of the Governing Board.

13 Regent Deogracias E. Pernitez moved for the adoption of CEB Resolution No.
14 229-2018, as is.

15 President Edgardo E. Tulin seconded the motion.

16 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
17 objections to the proposal.

18 The Board passed

19 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 54, s. 2018**

20 **A Resolution Adopting CHED *en banc* Resolution No. 229-2018 dated 22**
21 **May 2018 until such time that University Administration is able to come up with**
22 **a proposal on the Threshold amounts, considering the unique capability of the**
23 **University.**

24 Chairperson De Vera inquired from President Tulin whether the
25 Administration has been able to decide on a new Threshold level.

26 President Tulin indicated that at this point in time, he is not prepared to
27 specify any particular change(s) in the threshold amounts that the President can act
28 upon and indicated he was amenable to the new Thresholds until such time the
29 Administration will be able to decide on the new Thresholds.

30 The Hon. Chair informed the Board the CHED thought of having this CEB
31 Resolution adopted by all the SUCs because beginning in 2019, everybody in

1 government will be going into "cash-based budgeting." It was for this reason that the
2 Threshold amount for the non-capital outlay (*Goods and Services*) was increased to
3 P3.0 million because these are recurring purchases and more difficult to program.
4 Under this "cash-based budgeting," if there is a low limit on the procurement of
5 goods and services, the SUC will not be able to spend all of its cash allotment for the
6 year. The higher spending Threshold will hopefully provide the flexibility that will
7 enable the SUCs to spend their annual budgets for Goods and Services.

8 Capital Outlay (*Infrastructure*) on the other hand, this is for the Governing
9 Board to decide based on the performance of the University on whether they are able
10 to bid-out and award the Capital Outlay projects well enough following the
11 requirements of RA 9184. Capital Outlay projects can be planned in advance and
12 there is no need to subject it to a Referendum. This means that all the preparatory
13 work was done right and the University is in a good position to undertake the project
14 on time (*just short of awarding the project*). It was for this reason that the Threshold
15 for Capital Outlay was removed. Further, this will also take away the discretion that a
16 number of SUC Presidents of "*going around and not getting Board approval for their*
17 *projects and awarding it.*"

18 The Hon. Chair commented that Congw. Hofer is aware that many SUC
19 Presidents in Mindanao are doing this. It is also unclear whether the procurement
20 process was done correctly in these instances. This was also one of the reasons why
21 the Governing Boards decided to very strict and took out all Thresholds for Capital
22 Outlay. However, the Boards are also given the leeway to create their own Thresholds
23 based on the performance of the Administration. This is the spirit behind this CEB
24 Resolution 229-2018.

25 Chairperson De Vera clarified that the question now is whether the President
26 has any Threshold amount in mind especially on Capital Outlay, considering that
27 VSU is a big University and presumably have a lot of infrastructure activities going
28 on. This is important because there is no Threshold amount indicated in the CEB
29 Resolution 229-2018 for Capital Outlay to give the Board flexibility as well as

1 remove the illegal practice of some SUCs of using Thresholds as an “escape clause”
2 to get some project approved.

3 Regent Fiel inquired how many infrastructure projects are undertaken in the
4 University every year, on average.

5 President Tulin informed the Board that in the past two or three years that he
6 was in Office, the University has about 20 Capital Outlay projects, including the
7 small ones, ranging in amount from P5.0 million to P38.0 million.

8 Regent Fiel indicated that having 20 projects can be handled by the Board.

9 Chairperson De Vera clarified that these have to be acted by the Board within
10 the 1st Quarter of the year. By this time, Administration will have some idea if
11 savings is realized and can seek Board approval on the use of these savings. It must
12 be emphasized that after the mid-year, the University will no longer be able to use the
13 savings. Although it is still possible to do a “Variation Order,” it will be a more
14 difficult process. This is the reason why SUCs should endeavor to have all their
15 infrastructure projects approved by the Boards within the 1st Quarter so that they can
16 also request Board approval on the use of savings for other programs by the 2nd
17 Quarter. So, if all the Capital Outlay projects are carefully planned and programmed,
18 there is no need to have Thresholds because the Board can approve these during a
19 Regular Board meeting or special meeting exclusively for this purpose. However, if
20 the University has difficulty in planning and programming these Capital Outlay
21 projects, there will be a need to ask for a Threshold.

22 The President indicated that he subscribes to the statement of the Hon. Chair
23 that when Capital Outlay projects are well planned and programmed, there will be no
24 need to have Thresholds. Having the Board acting on all capital Outlay projects will
25 be much better.

26 President Tulin also informed the Board that when he received the National
27 Expenditure Program (NEP) last September 2017, the University already had some
28 structures planned. Although many of these projects were expected to be bided-out by
29 the 1st Quarter, there are still some projects that are left for bidding by the 2nd Quarter.

1 Chairperson De Vera clarified that the President is not asking for Threshold
2 insofar as Capital Outlay is concerned. It will now be the Policy of the Board that all
3 requests for Capital Outlay projects go to the Board for appropriate action.

4 ARD Rosales informed the Board that the Finance Committee also tackled
5 Item H which pertains to the "Request for Authority to Bid" for eight (8) projects.
6 The Finance Committee duly noted the request and recommends favorable action of
7 the Board on this request.

8 Chairperson De Vera inquired from the President whether this is the last batch
9 of Capital Outlay projects for the year and when will these projects be bided out. All
10 projects should already be bided out by the 2nd Quarter. If any project will be bided
11 out in the 3rd Quarter, and there is a failure of bidding, it will be impossible to do it in
12 the 4th quarter and expect completion by the end of the year. Since this only pertains
13 to bidding, it is for the information of the Board and no Resolution will be passed.

14 Regent Fiel informed the Board that he has noticed that the new Library in the
15 Main Campus is still on-going for some time already even before he became a
16 member of the Board. He indicated that he was wondering if the Administration has
17 any plans of completing this structure anytime soon. What else is needed so that the
18 new Library can be maximally used by the VSU community?

19 The Board Secretary informed the Board that the new Library was started
20 during the term of then VSU President, Dr. Jose L. Bacusmo. However, on account of
21 lack of funds, only the Third Floor was completed. Completion of the 3-storey
22 structure is now being undertaken "by-administration."

23 President Tulin indicated that the new Library has not been completed is
24 because of lack of funds.

25 Chairperson De Vera inquired whether the funds are GAA funds or internally
26 generated funds.

27 The Board Secretary informed the Board that he is not sure what fund source
28 was used. What the new Library needs are glass windows, doors, fixtures as well as
29 the elevator.

1 The Hon. Chair commented that the acquisition of an elevator is quite
2 expensive. Why has this item not been included in the University's GAA request?

3 Director Edgardo M. Esperancilla commented that since this is just a
4 completion of an already existing structure, this can be proposed under Tier 1.

5 Chairperson De Vera indicated that as far as the DBM is concerned, budgetary
6 requests under Tier 1 is the easiest to approve, especially if this is for the completion
7 of an already existing structure. It is for this reason that other agencies start
8 construction even if there are not enough funds. They just include the "completion of
9 the project" under Tier 1.

10 **B. Academic Matters**

11 1. Proposed Revisions of Curricular Programs in Compliance to CHED 12 Memorandum Orders (CMOs) effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019

13 The Honorable Chairperson informed the Board that the CHED RO-8
14 Regional Director, Dr. Maura Consolacion D. Cristobal, is present for the
15 meeting. The Hon. Chair inquired whether all the items included under Revisions
16 of Curricular Programs have been course through the CHED Regional Office.

17 Director Cristobal informed the Board that all of these programs were
18 submitted for the issuance of Certificates of Program Compliance (COPC).
19 Further, the CHED RO-8 personnel were able to visit two (2) VSU External
20 Campuses to check on their academic programs being offered. Two (2) other
21 campuses will be subjected to an Regional Quality Assurance Team (RQuAT)
22 visit this coming Monday and Tuesday. Most of the curricular programs presented
23 here have been found to be CMO compliant.

24 The Board Secretary informed the Board that in the latest University
25 Academic Council meeting, there was an expressed concern from the faculty
26 about the unnumbered CMOs. The UAC was "forced to adopt" what is required
27 under the new (*post K-12*) curriculum so that it will be ready when the 1st
28 Semester, SY 2018-2019 opens in August.

1 The Hon. Chair opined that curriculum reform is a continuing process. No
2 curriculum is “*built on stone*.” It is even possible to change the curriculum on the
3 3rd or even 4th year subjects because there are many electives that can be
4 converted to “*subjects*.” It is not also possible to “load up” a curriculum by
5 increasing the number of subjects or units. The main question that arises from the
6 issue of curricular reform is “*are you doing a bridging program?*” This item is
7 becoming controversial is many SUCs. For instance, are there bridging programs
8 for the engineering programs for those new freshmen who are non-STEM
9 graduates?

10 The Student Regent, Mr. John Allan B. Gulles, informed the Board that
11 for the engineering programs in the Main Campus, there are bridging programs in
12 Calculus so the new freshmen can cope when higher math subjects are offered.

13 Chairperson De Vera explained that during his meeting with another SUC
14 recently, there was a very long discussion on the topic on “bridging.” The
15 problem started when the K+12 was conceptualized wherein the students were
16 supposed to be enrolled in tracks during their Senior Years and this is where they
17 go when they enroll in University. So, there was STEM and Non-STEM tracks.
18 However, there is a serious problem in this concept because outside metropolitan
19 areas (cities), the choices of the Junior High graduates become very limited. Most
20 often, the areas outside Cities do not offer the STEM track because of lack of
21 teachers and/or facilities. Some want to pursue other career options, say, Sports
22 Science, but this track option is not offered in the particular area they are in.

23 The position of the Commission (CHED) is that for all those students who
24 enroll in Higher Education (University-level) can choose to pursue any degree of
25 their choice. Ideally, had all the options envisioned by the DepEd been made
26 available in all places throughout the country, it would have been easy for those
27 students who pursued specific tracks to just continue enrolling in that particular
28 track. But the reality is that these opportunities were not made available to the
29 vast majority of K+12 graduates. It would, therefore, be unfair to unduly restrict

1 their choice of degree program because of the lack of training during their Senior
2 High days.

3 The Hon. Chair indicated that he agreed to allow the students to choose
4 the degree programs they can enroll in. This, however creates a problem because
5 there are quite a number who are non-STEM track graduates who enroll in STEM
6 degree programs. To answer this "problem," the Universities require that these
7 non-STEM graduates to "*take up all the subjects that they missed.*" However,
8 there is yet no empirical study that shows the STEM graduates have more
9 mathematical proficiency than the non-STEM graduates. So, the Universities
10 were advised to conduct proficiency tests on mathematics and other subjects for
11 both STEM and non-STEM graduates. For those who pass the proficiency test,
12 they will be allowed no skip that particular subject.

13 Chairperson De Vera indicated that he really needs to have proof or
14 evidence that non-STEM track graduates do not have proficiency in mathematics.
15 Universities should be more flexible when it comes to requiring non-STEM
16 students to "*take up all the subjects that they missed.*" The new curriculum
17 already takes into account the 2 extra years for Senior High School while
18 retaining the 4-year collegiate system. The Commission is hoping that the
19 "bridging programs" will ensure that the non-STEM graduates will be better
20 integrated in whatever degree programs they choose to take.

21 Chairperson De Vera emphasized that this is the rationale why the
22 Commission issued a Circular to allow all K+12 graduates access to any degree
23 program of their choice. It is up to the University to design bridging programs that
24 will improve on the competencies required of all students who go to particular
25 degree programs. In other words, treat them like you would treat your freshmen
26 students of yester years. As a matter of fact, they are better than freshmen of
27 yester years because they already had an additional two (2) years of Senior High
28 which may be equivalent to two (2) years of college. They are therefore, more
29 prepared to tackle University.

1 Regent Bulayog informed the Board that in VSU, the different academic
2 departments have been giving screening examinations for new entrants, even
3 before the K+12 graduates came into the picture. A diagnostic test is given at the
4 beginning of the semester and based on the test results, tutorials are given to let
5 the student cope.

6 Chairperson De Vera indicated that this is the way to go and much better
7 than offering bridging programs or adding subjects which will extend the college
8 days of the students. It would be best to let the new freshmen enroll in the regular
9 subjects immediately and provide tutorials along the way.

10 At this point, the Hon. Chair requested Dir. Edgardo M. Esperancilla to
11 take over the Chairmanship as he had another important activity to attend to.

12 Acting Chair, Dir. Esperancilla requested for an omnibus motion to
13 approve all the items contained in Item H.

14 Regent Ernesto F. Bulayog moved for the omnibus approval of all revised
15 curricular programs in compliance to CHED Memorandum Orders, effective 1st
16 Semester, SY 2018-2019 as proposed.

17 Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel seconded the motion.

18 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
19 objections to the proposal.

20 No objection was raised.

21 The Board passed

22 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 55, s. 2018**

23 **A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Doctor of**
24 **Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program in compliance with CHED**
25 **Memorandum Order No. 1, s. 2018, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY**
26 **2018-2019.**

27 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 56, s. 2018**

28 **A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of**
29 **Science in Criminology (BS Criminology) program in compliance with CHED**
30 **Memorandum Order No. 5, s. 2018, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY**
31 **2018-2019.**

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 57, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (*BS Nursing*) program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 15, s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 58, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Arts in English Language Studies (*BA ELS*) program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 24, s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 59, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Economics (*BS Economics*) program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 32, s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 60, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Development Communication (*BS Dev't Communication*) program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 36, s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 61, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Statistics (*BS Stat.*) program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 42, s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 62, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology (*BS Marine Bio*) program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 46, s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 63, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Chemistry (*BS Chem.*) program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 47, s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 64, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Biology (*BS Bio*) program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 49, s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 65, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management (*BS Hospitality Mgt.*) program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 62, s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 66, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management (*BS Tourism Mgt.*) program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 62, s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 67, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Elementary Education (*BEEd*) program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 74, s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 68, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Secondary Education (*BSEd*) major in *English, Filipino, Mathematics* and *Science* in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 75, s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 69, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 76, s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 70, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Physical Education (*BPEd*) program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 80, s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 71, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Culture and Arts Education program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 82, s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 72, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Geodetic Engineering (*BS Geodetic Eng'g*) program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 89, s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 73, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Nursing (*BS Civil Eng'g.*) program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 92, s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 74, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 94, s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 75, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering (*BS IE*) program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 96, s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 76, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (*BS ME*) program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 97, s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 77, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Fisheries (*BS Fisheries*) program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order dated 10 October 2016, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 78, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (*BS Comp Sci.*) program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 25, s. 2015, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 79, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (*BS Info. Tech.*) program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 25, s. 2015 and CHED Memorandum Order No. 20, s. 2013, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 80, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology (*BS Biotech*) program in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 23, s. 2013, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 81, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (*BS Agric.*) program in compliance with Draft CHED Memorandum Order s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 82, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness (*BS Agrib.*) program in compliance with Draft CHED Memorandum Order s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 83, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Forestry (*BS Forestry*) program in compliance with Draft CHED Memorandum Order s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 84, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Food Technology (*BS Food Tech.*) program in compliance with Draft CHED Memorandum s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 85, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Revised Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science (*BS Envi. Sci.*) program in compliance with Draft CHED Memorandum Order s. 2017, as proposed, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

2. Proposal to Offer Master of Science in Statistics

President Tulin informed the Board that this proposal was carefully discussed by the University Academic Council.

The Faculty Regent clarified though that there is still a moratorium imposed by the CHED on the offering on new graduate degree programs. If the Board approves this proposal, it can only be offered once the moratorium is lifted.

Regent Fiel inquired about the reason for the ban.

President Tulin commented that there was a directive from the CHED a few years back freezing the offering of new Graduate programs/

The Board Secretary commented that many schools, including SUCs, were offering many kinds of Graduate programs, short of being labeled as "Diploma Mills." So, the CHED wanted to tighten up the accreditation of these programs

1 and came up with policy standards covering Graduate programs. The freeze,
2 however, also affected the good schools like VSU because it prevented us from
3 opening up new Graduate programs.

4 Regent Ernesto F. Bulayog moved for the approval of the proposal
5 effective upon the lifting of the moratorium on the offering of Graduate programs.

6 Regent John Allan F. Gulles seconded the motion.

7 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
8 objections to the proposal.

9 No objection was raised.

10 The Board passed

11 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 86, s. 2018**

12 **A Resolution Approving the proposal to Offer the Master of Science**
13 **in Statistics in the VSU Main Campus, as proposed, effective upon the lifting**
14 **of the CHED moratorium on the offering of new Graduate programs.**

15 3. Proposal to Convert the Major Fields of the Doctoral and Master's Programs
16 Offered by VSU into Separate Degree Programs

17 The Hon. Chair inquired from President Tulin about the logic behind the
18 proposal.

19 President Tulin informed the Board that in essence, the proposal is simply
20 changing the name of the degree program from being just a major field to the
21 actual degree program itself. For instance, for the doctorate level, the University
22 currently awards a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree with a major field, for
23 instance, Doctor of Philosophy *major* in Animal Science. With this proposal, the
24 University will be awarding a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Animal Science.
25 This also holds true for the Master of Science degrees. The contents of these
26 degree programs remain the same and only the name of the degree is changed.

27 Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel moved for the approval of the proposal, as
28 presented.

29 Regent Anna Liza L. Gonzales seconded the motion.

30 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
31 objections to the proposal.

1 No objection was raised.

2 The Board passed

3 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 87, s. 2018**

4 **A Resolution Approving the proposal to Convert the Major fields of**
5 **Spécialization in the Doctoral and Master's Programs into Separate and**
6 **Full-Pledged Degree Programs, as presented and effective upon Board**
7 **approval.**

- 8 4. Recommendation to Hire Dr. SangOh Ha as Visiting Professor in the Main
9 Campus

10 Regent Gonzales requested the President to look at the requirement of the
11 law with respect to alien employment. Maybe, he has to secure an alien
12 employment permit from the department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).

13 The President informed the Board that Dr. SangOh Ha is an expert in
14 packaging and will be helping in coming up with appropriate packaging proposals
15 for the different products produced by the University.

16 Regent Gonzales moved for the approval of the recommendation to hire
17 Dr. SangOh Ha as Visiting Professor of the VSU Main Campus for the period of
18 not more than one (1) year on condition that "he will comply with the applicable
19 laws on foreign/alien employment."

20 Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel seconded the motion.

21 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
22 objections to the proposal.

23 No objection was raised.

24 The Board passed

25 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 88, s. 2018**

26 **A Resolution Approving the Recommendation to Hire Dr. SangOh Ha**
27 **as Visiting Professor in the VSU Main Campus, for a period not to exceed**
28 **one (1) year, *Subject to*, his compliance with applicable laws on foreign/alien**
29 **employment.**

1 **C. Administrative Matters**

2 1. Proposal to Revise the Percentage Weight in the Criteria Used in Evaluating
3 Teacher Applicants

4 The Hon. Chair inquired from the President what was changed and why.

5 President Tulin informed the Board that the percentage assigned to the
6 NBI requirement was removed. The Administration believes that this NBI
7 requirement should, by itself, be another criterion. This means that if an
8 individual already has an NBI record, the individual will be rejected outright.
9 How can the University quantify NBI record, especially if he is notorious? Thus,
10 the 5% formerly allocated to the NBI was integrated with Work Experience.

11 President Tulin moved for the approval of the proposal, as presented.

12 Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel seconded the motion.

13 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
14 objections to the proposal.

15 No objection was raised.

16 The Board passed

17 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 89, s. 2018**

18 **A Resolution Approving the Proposal to Revise the Percentage**
19 **Weight in the Criteria Used in Evaluating Teacher Applicants.**

20 2. Request from the Cash Division to Close the VSU AREC Account

21 The Hon. Chair inquired from the President what is the reason for this
22 proposal.

23 President Tulin requested the Board Secretary to explain the request.

24 The Board Secretary informed the Board that AREC stands for Affiliated
25 Renewable Energy Center and this was a project funded by the Department of
26 Energy (DOE). This project has already ended. The funds for this project were
27 deposited under AREC Account No. 3572-1020-75 but there was delay in the
28 receipt of this fund from the DOE. Thus, the AREC project had to "borrow
29 money" from the University's Special Trust Fund (STF) Account No. 3572-1000-

1 48 for its operational expenses over the duration of the project's life. What the
2 Cash Division is now requesting is that the money that was borrowed be refunded
3 and all the funds contained in AREC Account No. 3572-1020-75 be transferred to
4 the University's Special Trust Fund (STF) Account No. 3572-1000-48. This will
5 mean the closure of the said AREC Account.

6 Regent Fiel suggested that the Board Resolution should be crafted to
7 reflect that *"this is simply to just return the money to the Trust Fund."*

8 Regent Fiel also mentioned that just about 40 kilometers North of the
9 Main Campus, are two (2) major renewable energy centers: 1) the Tongonan
10 Geothermal Plant; and 2) the Solar energy Plant in Brgy. Milagro, Ormoc City.
11 Further, about 80 kilometers North of the Main Campus were the Solar Energy
12 Plant in Pastrana and San Miguel. Maybe the University can explore the
13 possibility of re-establishing the Renewable Energy Center for continuing studies
14 on alternative sources of energy.

15 The Acting Chair indicated that it would be in the best interest of the
16 University if this can still be undertaken.

17 President Edgardo E. Tulin moved for the approval of the proposal, as
18 presented.

19 Regent Ernesto F. Bulayog seconded the motion.

20 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
21 objections to the proposal.

22 No objection was raised,

23 The Board passed

24 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 90, s. 2018**

25 **A Resolution Approving the Request from the Cash Division to Close**
26 **the VSU AREC Account No. 3572-1020-75 to the University's Special Trust**
27 **Fund (STF) Account No. 3572-1000-48, as this is a refund of the Funds**
28 **borrowed by the AREC project from the University's STF, as presented.**

29 3. Omnibus Proposal of the External Campuses to Operate Photocopying Services

30 The Hon. Chair requested the President to present the proposal.

31 President Tulin requested the Board Secretary to explain the proposal.

1 The Board Secretary informed the Board that the External Campuses are
2 operating a photocopying machine to serve the needs of the students. The Deans
3 would like to secure permission to operate their respective machines as well as
4 use the proceeds thereof for productive endeavors in their campuses.

5 Regent Bulayog also mentioned that all of the External Campuses are
6 located some distance from the town proper and operating a photocopying
7 machine is very facilitative to the needs of the students.

8 The Hon. Chair inquired whether this project will become part of the IGP
9 of the campus.

10 President Tulin commented that the proceeds from the operation of these
11 photocopying machines will be included in the report for IGPs of the campuses.
12 What they are requesting is authority to operate these machines and utilize
13 whatever income for productive uses. In many instances, the proceeds will have to
14 be "plowed back" into the operations of the photocopying machines. If the Board
15 authorizes them, whatever income generated from operations will be reported at
16 the end of the year.

17 Regent Bulayog commented that in the Main Campus, photocopying
18 services are done by private parties located in the VSU Market.

19 The Hon. Chair inquired whether this can be incorporated in the
20 Resolution for this matter.

21 Regent Fiel commented that part of the "COA Observations" is the fact
22 that some IGPs do not remit their income daily to the Treasury or to the Cashier,
23 as required by law. So, if the report of income will only be done at the end of the
24 year, will this not contradict the COA Observations.

25 President Tulin informed the Board that the idea of the law is that income
26 of more than P500.00, must be remitted to the Treasury or the Cashier. The end-
27 of-year report is just for the reportorial requirements. The daily transactions will
28 still be required.

1 Regent Fiel commented that the COA Report calls for remittance of any
2 income to be done on a daily basis.

3 The Board Secretary commented that due to the very limited scope of
4 operations, the proceeds from operations will not really amount to a lot of money.
5 Thus, the remittance to the Campus Cashier will not be a problem. This will
6 effectively address the concerns of the COA.

7 Regent Caminade informed the Board that maybe to really have a cashless
8 system, the University can provide the Tap Card technology to the students such
9 that at the start of the semester, the students "secure a loaded tap card" that may
10 be used to pay for some school services like the photocopying machine. The
11 students then "tap" the photocopying machine to have the desired number of
12 pages photocopied.

13 The Hon. Chair pointed out that this is an entirely different project
14 proposal and there has to be a study on it and later presented to the Board for
15 approval.

16 President Tulin indicated that this "Tap Card" technology is indeed very
17 appropriate technology that the University may be able to use in the near future.

18 The Board Secretary commented that with the onset of the "Free Tuition
19 Law" this 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019, the University can no longer automatically
20 assess any type of fee from students. Further, the level of technology of
21 photocopiers is also quite low and still needs to be operated by a person.

22 Regent Fiel informed the Board that he was invited by the Board Secretary
23 to be part of the 2017 Annual Review of IGPs of the University in late July 2017.
24 During the course of the review of operations of various University IGPs in the
25 Main Campus, it was found that the IGPs were not doing very well, insofar as
26 income generation was concerned. There is really a need for each IGP to come up
27 with a sound Business Plan to improve their overall profitability.

28 Regent Fiel pointed out that since the University has a Department of
29 Business Management, it would be necessary for this Department to take the lead

1 in helping the different IGPs craft their own Business Plan. Even this new
2 photocopying business should be guided by a well-made Business Plan.

3 The Hon. Chair inquired if the Board was now ready to approve the
4 proposal.

5 Regent Fiel moved for the approval of the proposal *Provided that*, a
6 simple Business Plan be prepared be each campus, using a “simplified Business
7 Plan” template that will be prepared by the OVPRGEA in coordination with the
8 Department of Business and Management. This will be used by all IGPs in the
9 University, including the proposed photocopying services in the External
10 Campuses.

11 Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel moved for the approval of the proposal,
12 *Provided that*, a simple Business Plan be prepared by each campus, using a
13 “simplified Business Plan” template that will be prepared by the prepared by the
14 OVPRGEA in coordination with the Department of Business and Management.

15 Regent Deogracias E. Pernitez seconded the motion.

16 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
17 objections to the proposal.

18 No objection was raised.

19 The Board passed

20 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 91, s. 2018**

21 **A Resolution Approving the Omnibus Proposal of the External**
22 **Campuses to Operate Photocopying Services, *Provided that*, a simple**
23 **Business Plan be prepared by each campus, using a “simplified Business**
24 **Plan” template that will be prepared by the prepared by the OVPRGEA in**
25 **coordination with the Department of Business and Management.**

26 **4. Sabbatical Leave Applications of Four (4) Faculty Members**

27 The Hon. Chair requested President Tulin to present the proposal.

28 President Tulin informed the Board that all applications for sabbatical
29 leave including their proposed outputs have been approved by the University’s
30 Academic Personnel Board (APB).

1 Three (3) faculty will be going on sabbatical leave starting on 01 August
2 2018 until 31 July 2019, as follows: (1) Dr. Editha G. Cagasan, Professor V; (2)
3 Dr. Lijuera J. Cuadra, Associate Professor V; (3) Dr. Teofanes A. Patindol,
4 Professor III. One (1) faculty, Dr. Jacqueline M. Guarte, Professor III, will be on
5 sabbatical leave in January 2019 until 31 December 2019.

6 Regent Fiel inquired why the sabbatical leave of Dr. Jacqueline M. Guarte
7 is being presented now when in fact it will commence in 01 January 2019 and the
8 Board still has two (2) regular meetings before the end of 2018.

9 President Tulin informed the Board that this is just “advanced planning”
10 since a sabbatical leave can only start at the beginning of the semester so as not to
11 jeopardize any classes. The 2nd Semester of SY 2018-2019 starts in January 2019.

12 The Hon. Chair informed the members of the VSU Board of Regents that
13 the issue on sabbatical leave has also been discussed in other Boards. The Hon.
14 CHED Chair, Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera III, commented that the Boards, in
15 general, have made it easier for faculty to go on sabbatical leave. In his view,
16 taking a sabbatical leave tantamount to a “rest period” for the faculty where they
17 can renew, rejuvenate, and rest. In the case of VSU, the faculty members are still
18 required to come up with outputs.

19 Regent Bulayog, the Faculty Regent, informed the Board that at present
20 the Faculty Association is proposing that faculty intending to go on sabbatical
21 leave will have the option of spending the whole time on “rest and recreation” or
22 make a submission of the required academic outputs. As an academic institution,
23 having academic outputs is quite advantageous because it can be part of the points
24 considered for promotion.

25 The Hon. Chair pointed out that the option of “rest and recreation” should
26 be included in the faculty manual as an option for those going on sabbatical leave.

27 Regent Bulayog indicated that once the proposal of the Faculty
28 Association is finalized, it will be filed with the Board of Regents for approval.

1 The Board Secretary clarified that the matter still has to be discussed in
2 the different levels of the University

3 Regent Anna Liza L. Gonzales moved for the approval of the sabbatical
4 leave applications of the four (4) faculty members, as proposed.

5 Regent Deogracias E. Pernitez seconded the motion.

6 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
7 objections to the proposal.

8 No objection was raised.

9 The Board passed

10 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 92, s. 2018**

11 **A Resolution Approving the Sabbatical Leave applications of four (4)**
12 **faculty members: Dr. Editha G. Cagasan, *Professor V*; Dr. Lijuera J.**
13 **Cuadra, *Associate Professor V*; Dr. Teofanes A. Patindol, *Professor III* and**
14 **Dr. Jacqueline M. Guarte, *Professor III*, as proposed.**

- 15 4. Request of VSU President, Dr. Edgardo E. Tulin, for Authority to Travel to
16 Istanbul, Turkey

17 The Hon. Chair requested President Tulin to present the request.

18 President Tulin informed the Board that he will be presenting a Research
19 Paper entitled: "*Microbial-induced mobilization of micronutrient from soil*
20 *minerals from different soil environments for increased yield and nutritional*
21 *quality of sweet potato and purple yam*" on the occasion of the International
22 Symposium on Root and Tuber Crops (RTC) organized by the International
23 Horticultural Society (IHC2018) to be held on 12-16 August 2018 in Istanbul,
24 Turkey.

25 The President also informed the Board that this trip will also provide a
26 rare opportunity for a sitting SUC President to have some personal time off-the-
27 job, in order to maintain a high standard of mental, emotional and physical
28 conditioning in and around Turkey. So, for the period 17-26 August 2018, this
29 will be personal time charged to available vacation leave credits.

30 Regent Gonzales inquired whether the University has passed a Guideline
31 on International Travel.

1 Regent Bulayog indicated that the University has already an existing
2 Guideline on International Travel.

3 Regent Gonzales indicated that she would like to include in the Resolution
4 the colatilla, that: *"each foreign travel conform to the existing CHED Guidelines*
5 *on Foreign Travel."*

6 The Hon. Chair also indicated that *"it should also conform to existing*
7 *University Guidelines on Foreign Travel."*

8 Regent Deogracias E. Pernitez moved for the approval of the proposal,
9 *Provided That* all existing CHED and VSU Guidelines on Foreign Travel be
10 strictly followed.

11 Regent Ernesto F. Bulayog seconded the motion.

12 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
13 objections to the proposal.

14 No objection was raised.

15 The Board passed

16 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 93, s. 2018**

17 **A Resolution Approving the Request of VSU President, Dr. Edgardo**
18 **E. Tulin, for Authority to Travel to Istanbul Turkey for the period 10-26**
19 **August 2018, as proposed, *Provided That* all existing CHED and VSU**
20 **Guidelines on Foreign Travel will be strictly followed.**

- 21 5. Designation of Dr. Beatriz S. Belonias, VP for Instruction, as Officer-In-Charge
22 (OIC) of the Visayas State University from 10-16 August 2018, in connection
23 with the President's trip to Istanbul, Turkey

24 The Hon. Chair requested President Tulin to present the request.

25 President Tulin informed the Board that initially, Dr. Belonias will be the
26 Officer-In-Charge of the University from 10-16 August 2018 while he is on
27 official business in Istanbul, Turkey.

28 Regent Ernesto F. Bulayog moved for the approval of the proposal, as
29 presented.

30 Regent Deogracias E. Pernitez seconded the motion.

31 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
32 objections to the proposal.

1 No objection was raised.

2 The Board passed

3 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 94, s. 2018**

4 **A Resolution Approving the Designation of Dr. Beatriz S. Belonias,**
5 **VP for Instruction, as Officer-In-Charge (OIC) of the Visayas State**
6 **University from 10-16 August 2018, in connection with the President's trip to**
7 **Istanbul, Turkey, as presented.**

- 8 6. Designation of Dr. Dilberto O. Ferraren, VP for Planning, Resource Generation
9 and External Affairs, as Officer-In-Charge (OIC) of the Visayas State University
10 from 17-26 August 2018, in connection with the President's trip to Istanbul,
11 Turkey

12 The Hon. Chair requested President Tulin to present the request.

13 President Tulin informed the Board that initially, Dr. Ferraren will be the
14 Officer-In-Charge of the University from 17-26 August 2018 while he is on
15 official business in Istanbul, Turkey.

16 Regent Ernesto F. Bulayog moved for the approval of the proposal, as
17 presented.

18 Regent Deogracias E. Pernitez seconded the motion.

19 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
20 objections to the proposal.

21 No objection was raised.

22 The Board passed

23 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 95, s. 2018**

24 **A Resolution Approving the Designation of Dr. Dilberto O. Ferraren,**
25 **VP for Planning, Resource Generation and External Affairs, as Officer-In-**
26 **Charge (OIC) of the Visayas State University from 17-26 August 2018, in**
27 **connection with the President's trip to Istanbul, Turkey, as presented.**

- 28 6. Request of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) – Isabel,
29 Leyte to Construct Public Comfort Rooms at the VSU Isabel Campus

30 The Hon. Chair requested President Tulin to present the request.

31 President Tulin informed the Board that the Campus Dean, Dr. Alberto L.
32 Carillas, has endorsed the construction of the public comfort rooms within the
33 VSU Isabel Campus.

The Hon. Chair inquired who will maintain the comfort rooms. The cleanliness of the comfort rooms is of utmost importance. Normally, public comfort rooms are quite malodorous especially when it is not properly maintained.

The President pointed out that the incumbent Mayor of the Municipality of Isabel, Leyte, Mayor Saturnino M. Medina, Jr. has given his assurance that the Municipality of Isabel, Leyte will provide the needed Job-Order personnel who will look after the cleanliness of the said public comfort rooms.

The Hon. Chair inquired about the location, whether it will not unduly affect the aesthetics of the Campus.

The President informed the Board that the General Services Office of the Main Campus has looked into the proposed site as well as the design of the comfort rooms.

Regent Ernesto F. Bulayog moved for the approval of the proposal, as presented.

Regent John Allan A. Gulles seconded the motion.

The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or objections to the proposal.

No objection was raised.

The Board passed

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 96, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Request of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) – Isabel, Leyte to Construct Public Comfort Rooms at the VSU Isabel Campus, as presented.

7. Recommendation to Hire Engr. Dindo L. Sacay as Engineer III (SG-19) on Permanent Status

The Hon. Chair requested President Tulin to present the request.

President Tulin informed the Board that on account of the dearth of applicants for a licensed civil engineer who can help the General Services Office in managing the various construction works in the University, the position of Engineer III was re-opened. Engr. Sacay, a faculty member of the Department of

1 Civil Engineering, College of Engineering, VSU Main Campus, then applied for
2 the vacant position. The Non-Academic Personnel Board (NAPB) is
3 recommending Engr. Sacay to be hired as Engineer III (SG-19).

4 Regent Bulayog mentioned that Engr. Sacay is also requested to teach
5 some subjects in the Civil Engineering program.

6 Regent Allan A. Gulles informed the Board that Engr. Engineer Sacay has
7 agreed to teach part-time in the Department of Civil Engineering teaching some
8 courses scheduled 12-1PM or 4-5 PM.

9 The Hon. Chair expressed hope that considering the number of
10 construction projects all over the University, an additional Engineer will be most
11 welcome.

12 Regent Ernesto F. Bulayog moved for the approval of the proposal, as
13 presented.

14 Regent John Allan A. Gulles seconded the motion.

15 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
16 objections to the proposal.

17 No objection was raised.

18 The Board passed

19 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 97, s. 2018**

20 **A Resolution Approving the Recommendation to Hire Engr. Dindo L.**
21 **Sacay as Engineer III (SG-19) on Permanent Status, as presented.**

22 **D. Other Matters**

- 23 1. Request of Dr. Rico Cruz to be permitted to spend 35 days with the University as
24 a Balik Scientist

25 The Board Secretary informed the Board that under Other Matters, there is
26 a request from Dr. Othello B. Capuno, the Vice President for Research and
27 Extension, is recommending that the University accept Dr. Rico Cruz as a Balik
28 Scientist.

29 President Tulin explained to the Board that Dr. Cruz, an Agricultural
30 Engineer and a ViSCA graduate is now in campus. He informed Dr. Capuno of

1 his desire to be a Balik Scientist for a period of 35 days while he is in the
2 University, effective immediately. He was told that this may not possible because
3 he still has to process his application for Balik Scientist from the Department of
4 Science and Technology (DOST) and that this may take some time.

5 The Hon. Chair pointed out that there is a unit in the DOST that takes care
6 of this.

7 The President Board approval is a requirement before his application for
8 DOST Balik Scientist program can be endorsed to the DOST. Only then will the
9 University know if Dr. Cruz meets the minimum requirements for the Balik
10 Scientist program.

11 The Hon. Chair mentioned that there is a "short-stay" and a "long-stay"
12 Balik Scientist program. If he is only asking for 35 days, this qualifies as a "short-
13 stay" Balik Scientist program.

14 The President informed the Board that he is also looking for another
15 school who might want to sponsor him for another Balik Scientist schedule. What
16 VSU would like is a "long stay" Balik Scientist stay so that the expertise of the
17 person can be fully harnessed.

18 Regent Fiel commented that many of the farmers in the environs of Ormoc
19 City are now designing and producing their own agricultural implements and even
20 making their own fertilizers. These are things that farmers should entrust to more
21 knowledgeable and more competent persons. Given the expertise of Dr. Cruz, he
22 might make a major contribution insofar as having a more efficient and more
23 productive agricultural sector in and around Ormoc City.

24 President Tulin informed the Board that Dr. Daniel Tan and Dr. Sonny
25 Sinon are agricultural engineers who have experience in producing agricultural
26 implements. The University can arrange for these two engineers to make an "on-
27 site" farm visit in Ormoc.

28 Regent Fiel thanked the President for this gesture.

1 Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel moved for the approval of the Request of the
2 Office of the Vice President for Research and Extension, VSU Main Campus, to
3 permit Dr. Rico Cruz to spend 35 days with the University as a Balik Scientist, as
4 proposed.

5 Regent Deogracias E. Pernitez seconded the motion.

6 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
7 objections to the proposal.

8 No objection was raised.

9 The Board passed

10 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 98, s. 2018**

11 **A Resolution Approving the Request of the Office of the Vice**
12 **President for Research and Extension, VSU Main Campus, to permit Dr.**
13 **Rico Cruz to spend 35 days with the University as a Balik Scientist, as**
14 **proposed.**

15 The Board Secretary informed the Board that there are a number of
16 scholars who were sent to pursue advanced degrees in the 1970s and 1980s who
17 have not returned to the Philippines after completing their studies. Dr. Rico Cruz
18 is one of them.

19 Regent Bulayog mentioned that Dr. Cruz is really an asset having worked
20 with him before he went to the US for his doctorate degree. He also mentioned
21 that Dr. Cruz also has some financial obligations to the University having been
22 sent to the US on a scholarship. Since the time he went on study leave (in the
23 1980s) in the US, he has not returned to the University until now. Other faculty
24 members situated similarly, were required to payback their financial obligations.
25 We will just remind Dr. Cruz of his financial obligations to the University while
26 he is still here. This is just fair because others have paid.

27 The Hon. Chair indicated that maybe, Dr. Cruz is doing this Balik
28 Scientist as a "payback."

29 The Board Secretary indicated that the Board has to be aware that if this is
30 construed to be a "repayment in-kind" of his financial obligations, then 35 days is
31 definitely not worth P1+ million of his financial obligations to the University.

1 The President commented that the amount involved is really quite large
2 and this can be tackled separately from this request. For this instance, the Board
3 just approved his proposed engagement with VSU under the Balik Scientist
4 program of the DOST.

5 The Hon. Chair commented that maybe Dr. Cruz can return to the
6 University for some time, maybe a year, to solve his financial obligation.

7 Regent Bulayog commented that this is not allowed since all others were
8 required to pay their monetary obligation in full. Actually, Dr. Cruz' financial
9 obligation was only about P350,000.00 but, after computing the interest over the
10 past 30 years, the total amount now is more than P1.0 million.

11 The Hon. Chair (*Comm. De Vera*) commented that maybe the University
12 waive the interest computation and just let him pay the original amount of
13 P350,000.00. The University of the Philippines also had its share of problems
14 similar to this. Normally, the UP just waives all interest payments and just stick to
15 the original amount. The rationale for this is that wherever this person goes, he
16 has developed his potential already. He will always be associated with the
17 University considering that this will be considered a "marketing tool" in the long
18 term. The University will also "reap honors" whenever he does great things in the
19 future. So, the University might rethink its position and be more understanding so
20 that it will still be able to salvage some funds. This will be very much better than
21 having zero collection, at all. However, if the person has done something that will
22 ruin the reputation of the University, the full amount (*including interest*) should
23 be assessed.

24 The Hon. Chair also mentioned that there was a case in the UP that a
25 faculty opted to teach for free *in lieu* of paying for his obligations. And the UP
26 allowed him to do so but the College where he belonged did not want to accept
27 him anymore. But, this is another problem. But, as a matter of policy, this is better
28 than doing nothing at all.

1 The Board Secretary mentioned that the name of Dr. Rico Cruz is included
2 in the "blacklist" in the Bureau of Immigration (BI) such that, the BI will cancel
3 his Philippine passport once he enters the Philippines. Unfortunately, he is no
4 longer a citizen of the Philippines as he already acquired American citizenship
5 some time ago.

6 President Tulin inquired from Dir. Esperancilla whether the DOST will
7 accept American citizens in its Balik Scientist program.

8 Dir. Esperancilla commented that he is not sure about the new requirement
9 and the definition of Balik Scientist which is in the new Balik Scientist law.

10 Regent Fiel indicated that we will just give the President the authority to
11 negotiate and then when he is able to come up with a viable "win-win" solution,
12 to present it to the Board.

13 2. Request to Award the Vacant University Professor position either to Dr. Roberto
14 C. Guarte or to Dr. Daniel Tan

15 President Tulin presented to the Governing Board the issue of who should
16 be given the vacant University Professor position: Dr. Daniel Leslie S. Tan or Dr.
17 Roberto C. Guarte.

18 The President narrated that last January 2018, the position of University
19 Professor was deemed vacant upon the retirement from the service of Dr. Ruben
20 M. Gapasin. The two (2) faculty members, Dr. Tan and Dr. Guarte, have both
21 qualified for that position.

22 Dr. Tan qualified for the position on 11 March 2015 much earlier than Dr.
23 Guarte. However, Dr. Guarte copped the CSC Lingkod Bayan Award in
24 November 2015. Because of this, the University is in a quandary on who should
25 be given the vacant University Professor position.

26 Chairperson De Vera inquired what is the process followed by the
27 University to determine when somebody becomes a University Professor?

1 President Tulin informed the Board that the existing policy on the
2 awarding of the position of University Professor is First-Come, First-Served
3 basis.

4 The Hon. Chair indicated that a Lingkod Bayan Award carries with it a
5 “one-salary grade” promotion.

6 The Hon. Chair inquired whether the existing University policy indicates
7 that if a person is a recipient of a CSC Award (like the Lingkod Bayan), such a
8 person takes precedence over somebody who qualified earlier to a rank/position
9 by virtue of the CSC Award?

10 President Tulin answered in the negative.

11 The Hon. Chair indicated that if this is the case, then the University has to
12 follow the existing policy of First-Come, First-Served. There is then the need to
13 inform the Civil Service Commission that the University will comply as soon as a
14 vacancy for the position of University Professor occurs.

15 President Tulin informed the Board that the Academic Personnel Board is
16 proposing that the University Administration make a request with the Department
17 of Budget and Management (DBM) to give Dr. Guarte the position title of
18 University Professor, just the same, because there is no more corresponding salary
19 increase because Dr. Guarte has already been given the one-salary grade
20 promotion (SG-31) which is equivalent to the salary grade for a University
21 Professor position. If the DBM agrees to give Dr. Guarte a University Professor
22 position, this will be a co-terminous position. The vacant University Professor
23 position will then be given to Dr. Daniel Leslie S. Tan.

24 Chairperson De Vera suggested that the Board authorize the University
25 President to discuss with the DBM whether it will be possible to secure a “co-
26 terminous University Professor position” that can be given to Dr. Roberto C.
27 Guarte considering that there is no more money involved. If the DBM does not
28 agree to this proposal, then the vacant University Professor position will be given
29 to Dr. Daniel Leslie S. Tan.

1 Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel moved that the Board authorize the University
2 President to discuss with the DBM whether it will be possible to secure a "co-
3 terminous University Professor position" that can be given to Dr. Roberto C.
4 Guarte considering that there is no more money involved. If the DBM does not
5 agree to this proposal, then the vacant University Professor position will be given
6 to Dr. Daniel Leslie S. Tan following the University policy on the awarding of
7 vacant University Professor positions on a First-Come, First-Served basis.

8 Regent Deogracias E. Pernitez seconded the motion.

9 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
10 objections to the proposal.

11 No objection was raised.

12 The Board passed

13 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 99, s. 2018**

14 **A Resolution Authorizing the University President to discuss with the**
15 **DBM whether it will be possible to secure a "co-terminous University**
16 **Professor position" that can be given to Dr. Roberto C. Guarte considering**
17 **that there is no more money involved, and, if the DBM does not agree to this**
18 **proposal, the vacant University Professor position will be given to Dr. Daniel**
19 **Leslie S. Tan following the First-Come, First-Served University policy on the**
20 **awarding of University Professor positions.**

21 **E. Matters for Confirmation**

- 22 1. Confirmation of BOR Resolution No. 39, s. 2018 Approved by the Governing
23 Board through Referendum:

24 *A Resolution Coursed through Referendum Approving the Tentative List of*
25 *Candidates for Graduation, VSU System, 2nd Semester, SY 2017-2018*

- 26 2. Confirmation of BOR Resolution No. 40, s. 2018 Approved by the Governing
27 Board through Referendum:

28 *A Resolution Coursed through Referendum Approving the Tentative List of*
29 *Candidates for Graduation with Latin Honors, VSU System, 2nd Semester, SY*
30 *2017-2018*

- 31 3. Two (2) Additional Candidates for Graduation with Latin Honors as Addendum
32 to BOR Resolution No. 40, s. 2018

33 The Board Secretary informed the Board that BOR Resolutions No. 39
34 and 40, s. 2018 were approved by the Board through Referendum and are now
35 presented for Confirmation by the Governing Board.

1 Regent Ernesto F. Bulayog moved for the Confirmation of the List of
2 Candidates for Graduation and the List of Candidates with Latin Honors for SY
3 2017-2018.

4 Regent John Allan F. Gulles seconded the motion.

5 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
6 objections to the proposal.

7 No objection was raised.

8 4. List of MOAs and MOUs

9 Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel requested for a clarification on a Matter of
10 Procedure, whether or not the Board needs to pass a Resolution first authorizing
11 acting for or on behalf of the University before an agreement or contract can be
12 **validly** signed. And, corollary to that query is, *“is there a definition or a*
13 *qualification of contracts which needs prior Board approval before the execution*
14 *of the Contract.”*

15 Regent Annal Liza L. Gonzales opined that *“the Governing Board must be*
16 *the one to approve the contract.”* So, the power emanates from the Board. If the
17 Board wants to delegate such power, it can. In other SUC Boards, the signing of
18 MOUs are delegated to the President because MOUs are *“mere expressions of*
19 *intentions addressed to the President”* **Subject to Confirmation** during the next
20 regular or Special BOR Meeting. In other SUC boards, even the signing of MOAs
21 is delegated to the President, *Provided That “it will not involve the resources of*
22 *the University and it is beneficial to the University”* **Subject to Confirmation**
23 during the next regular or Special BOR Meeting. So, the general rule is that the
24 Governing Board (GB) approves ALL Contracts, but after reviewing and
25 approving, the GB authorizes the President to sign on behalf of the GB.

26 Regent Bulayog mentioned that in the past, when the President mentioned
27 MOUs and MOAs, the Chairperson would indicate that these are just for the
28 Information of the GB and no discussion ensued. However, if money is involved,
29 then Regent Gonzales is correct.

1 The Board Secretary informed the Board that as early as 21 February
2 2006, the GB already gave the President “blanket power to sign MOUs and
3 MOAs for as long as it did not involve any special budgetary outlay on the part of
4 the University” *Subject to Confirmation* by the Board of Regents. At that time,
5 the Procurement Law was still in its initial implementation stage and the Board
6 felt that it would be best to leave it to the discretion of the President. This is the
7 same BOR Resolution that gave the President the power to approve Bidding
8 Contracts *Subject to Confirmation* by the Board of Regents, which was changed
9 only last 23 March 2018.

10 The President requested a clarification on the definition of budgetary
11 outlay that was discussed at that time. If the University uses faculty time or its
12 physical facilities, will that be interpreted to budgetary outlay.

13 The Board Secretary commented that at that time, budgetary outlay
14 referred only to direct monetary outlay by the University like “counterpart
15 budgetary commitment” on the part of the University.

16 Regent Gonzales commented that there is definitely make a review of the
17 “authority” that may be designated upon the President. It will be necessary to
18 “widen the scope of the limitation to include other resources i.e. human and
19 physical and not just monetary resources.”

20 Director Esperancilla added that “it MUST be approved by the Board and
21 not just Confirmed.”

22 Regent Bulayog commented that the University’s many departments are in
23 touch with other government agencies like the DOST and the DA. In many
24 instances, there is very short notice given for the implementation of a project
25 which is necessarily covered by a MOA. It definitely cannot wait for a Regular
26 BOR meeting before it is implemented. Maybe, there should also be some
27 exemptions to this.

28 Director Esperancilla suggested that there must also be Thresholds that
29 must be followed.

1 Regent Fiel commented that he raised this issue because the third to the
2 last item on Page 1 of Tab X, pertains to the donation of the Sugar Regulatory
3 Authority (SRA) which basically is composed of some laboratory equipment for
4 the Soils Laboratory of the University. At the time the SRA was negotiating with
5 the University Administration, the SRA was informed that the President had "full
6 authority to transact and negotiate with the SRA without any need to secure Board
7 approval." And now, the same item is now being presented to the Governing
8 Board for Confirmation. There has to be a very clear policy regarding things like
9 this.

10 President Tulin informed the Board that the President had the authority to
11 "approve and sign all MOUs and MOAs *Subject to Confirmation* by the Board of
12 Regents in the next Regular or Special Meeting."

13 Regent Fiel suggested that the Administration come up with a definite
14 Guideline so that the GB and the officers of the University can be properly guided
15 on how to properly proceed. The Board has to see what degree of flexibility has to
16 be incorporated in these Guidelines so that the Board can make the right policy.

17 The Board Secretary informed the Board that he will provide the members
18 of the Board a copy of BOR Resolution No. 14, s. 2006 dated 21 February 2006
19 in the next BOR meeting so that the Board can be properly guided on the next
20 steps to be taken.

21 President Tulin inquired whether he can sign for and on behalf of the GB
22 regarding the MOAs related to the On-the-Job Trainings (OJTs) of students.

23 Director Esperancilla pointed out that for as long as no budgetary matter is
24 involved, the President can continue the present practice of signing the MOAs for
25 OJT of students.

26 Regent Gonzales made a Manifestation, to wit: "For the Management to
27 propose to the board what kind of flexibility it needs in terms of signing
28 Contracts, and for the GB to study the proposal of Management and approve it in
29 the next Regular BOR Meeting."

Director Esperancilla requested for a motion to Confirm the various MOUs and MOAs, as presented.

Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel moved for the Confirmation of the various MOUs and MOAs, as presented.

Regent Deogracias E. Pernitez seconded the motion.

The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or objections to the proposal.

No objection was raised.

The Board passed

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 100, s. 2018

A Resolution Confirming the MOUs and MOAs entered into by the Visayas State University and various public and private entities, as presented.

Director Esperancilla informed the Board that the Chairperson of the Board would like to remind University Administration to *“focus on the outcomes and outputs of the different MOAs because these outcomes and outputs are definitely going to be included in the accreditation proves.”*

5. Change in Appointment Status of Six (6) Academic Staff from Temporary to Permanent

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item Number</u>
a. ALIBANGBANG , Maria Dulce L.	INST1-13-2015 (<i>VSU Main</i>)
b. DECENA , Syrus Cesar P.	INST1- 4-2014 (<i>VSU Main</i>)
c. MAMOLO , Leo A.	INST1-14-2003 (<i>VSU Main</i>)
d. RATILLA , Mark C.	INST1-28-2013 (<i>VSU Main</i>)
e. VILLAGONZALO , Ginas Aurea A.	INST1-26-2015 (<i>VSU Main</i>)
f. DAFFON , Catherine C.	INST1- 3-2015 (<i>VSU Isabel</i>)

President Tulin informed the Board that these six (6) academic staff have obtained the minimum requirements for permanency. They have all finished their respective Master’s degrees and have obtained VS performance ratings for the past two (2) years. Their appointments have been reviewed by appropriate bodies within the University and are presented to the Board for Confirmation.

The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or objections to the proposal.

No objection was raised.

The Board passed

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 101, s. 2018

A Resolution Confirming the Change in Appointment Status of Six (6) Academic Staff from Temporary to Permanent, as presented.

6. One (1) Academic Staff Recommended for Temporary Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item Number</u>
a. POMIDA , Jan Joshua M.	INST1-10-2017 (<i>VSU Main</i>)

President Tulin informed the Board that Mr. Pomida is a licensed civil engineer and has been requested to teach in the Department of Civil Engineering on a temporary appointment. His appointment has been reviewed by appropriate bodies within the University and is presented to the Board for Confirmation.

The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or objections to the proposal.

No objection was raised.

The Board passed

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 102, s. 2018

A Resolution Confirming the Temporary Appointment Status of Engr. Jan Joshua M. Pomida, as presented.

7. Three (3) Academic Staff Recommended for Substitute Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item Number</u>
a. CAVERO , Jedan A.	INST1- 9-2017 (<i>VSU Main</i>)
b. MANGUILIMOTAN , Emn A.	INST1-19-2016 (<i>VSU Main</i>)
c. JUNCO , Michelle Ann M.	INST1- 5-2015 (<i>VSU Villaba</i>)

President Tulin informed the Board that these three (3) academic staff are substitutes for regular faculty who have been sent for graduate studies. Their appointments have been reviewed by appropriate bodies within the University and are presented to the Board for Confirmation.

The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or objections to the proposal.

No objection was raised.

1 The Board passed

2 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 103, s. 2018**

3 **A Resolution Confirming the Substitute Appointments of Three (3)**
4 **Academic Staff, as presented.**

5 8. Renewal of Appointment (Substitute) of Six (6) Academic Staff from VSU
6 Villaba

7	<u>Name</u>	<u>Item Number</u>
8	a. GIVA , Phyllis Faye D.	INST1-4-2015
9	b. MONTERO , Sheena Lee T.	INST1-112-2016
10	c. PARAMI , Shemer D.	INST1-3-2015
11	d. SARINO , Jica May P.	INST1-114-2016
12	e. YOCTE , Joe Marie C.	INST1-113-2016
13	f. ZABATE , Kimkim S.	INST1-18-2014

14 President Tulin informed the Board that these six (6) academic staff are
15 substituting for the faculty who have been sent for graduate studies. Their
16 appointments have been reviewed by appropriate bodies within the University and
17 are presented to the Board for Confirmation.

18 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
19 objections to the proposal.

20 No objection was raised.

21 The Board passed

22 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 104, s. 2018**

23 **A Resolution Confirming the Renewal of Appointment (Substitute) of**
24 **Six (6) Academic Staff from VSU Villaba, as presented.**

25 9. One (1) Academic Staff Recommended for Renewal (Temporary Status)

26	<u>Name</u>	<u>Item Number</u>
27	a. TABUNAN , Harvey G.	INST1- 8-2001 (VSU Tolosa)

28 President Tulin informed the Board that the renewal of appointment of Mr.
29 Tabunan has been reviewed by appropriate bodies within the University and is
30 presented to the Board for Confirmation.

31 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
32 objections to the proposal.

33 No objection was raised.

34 The Board passed

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 105, s. 2018

A Resolution Confirming the Renewal of Appointment (*Temporary Status*) of Mr. Harvey G. Tabunan, as presented.

10. Administrative Staff Recommended for Promotion

	<u>Name</u>	From	To
a.	DOHILING , Raquel H.	Admin. Aide IV	Admin. Officer I
b.	MIRAFLO R, Ma. Roberta S.	Admin. Officer I	Admin. Officer II

President Tulin informed the Board that the two (2) administrative staff possess the qualifications needed and obtained the highest ratings from among the applicants to the vacant positions. The Non-academic Personnel Board has recommended the promotions of these two administrative personnel and is presented to the Board for Confirmation.

The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or objections to the proposal.

No objection was raised.

The Board passed

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 106, s. 2018

A Resolution Confirming the Promotion of Ms. DOHILING, Racquel H. from Administrative Aide IV (SG-4) to Administrative Officer I (SG-10) and Ms. MIRAFLOR, Ma. Roberta S., from Administrative Officer I (SG-10) to Administrative Officer II (SG-11), as presented.

11. Administrative Staff Recommended for Permanent Appointment

	<u>Name</u>	Position	Effectivity
a.	ABABAT, Claudio Jr. R.	Admin. Aide VI	March 16, 2018
b.	GUCELA, Arnel F.	Admin. Aide VI	April 20, 2018
c.	ESCALA, Leopoldo Jr. S.	Admin. Aide III	April 20, 2018
d.	PRADO, Louis P.	Admin. Aide VI	June 16, 2018

President Tulin informed the Board that these casual administrative personnel have been recommended for Permanent appointment on account of vacancies in certain positions. Their appointments have been reviewed by appropriate bodies within the University and are presented to the Board for Confirmation.

The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or objections to the proposal.

1 No objection was raised.

2 The Board passed

3 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 107, s. 2018**

4 **A Resolution Confirming the Issuance of Permanent Appointments to**
5 **ABABAT, Claudio Jr. R.; GUCELA, Arnel F.; ESCALA, Leopoldo Jr. S.;**
6 **and PRADO, Louis P., as presented.**

7 **F. Legal Matters**

- 8 1. Dishonesty, Grave Misconduct, and Conduct Prejudicial to the Best Interest of the
9 Service against Mr. Gilberto Merto

10 President Tulin requested the Board Secretary to make the presentation.

11 The Board Secretary informed the Board that Mr. Gilberto O. Merto is a
12 Security Guard of the University who had been employed for the past ten (10)
13 years. He was caught **“in the act of selling University property”** to a nearby
14 junk shop.

15 Regent Fiel inquired whether Mr. Merto was “caught selling” or “caught
16 stealing”?

17 The Board Secretary clarified that Mr. Merto was **“caught selling”**
18 University property. In law, there is a saying, **“he who is in possession of stolen**
19 **goods is presumed to be the thief of such goods.”** Mr. Merto was caught **“*in***
20 ***flagrante delicto*”** selling government property to a nearby junk shop. It bears
21 pointing out that during the arrest, Mr. Merto was using his own Multi-Cab,
22 which incidentally was full of stolen metal products from the VSU Main Campus
23 compound. With him in the Multi-Cab were his wife and two small children.

24 The arresting officer immediately brought Mr. Merto to the Baybay City
25 Police Station for immediate processing. The Station-In-Charge of the Baybay
26 city Police Station, at that particular time, happened to be the brother-in-law of
27 Mr. Merto who also was shocked at this development. Mr. Merto was then
28 booked for theft of University property.

29
30 Section 5, Rule 113 of the Rules on Criminal Procedure lists the situations when a person may be arrested without a warrant.

31 Paragraph (a) of Section 5 is commonly known as an *in flagrante delicto* arrest. For a warrantless arrest of an accused
32 caught *in flagrante delicto* to be valid, two requisites must concur: (1) the person to be arrested must execute an overt act
33 indicating that he has just committed, is actually committing, or is attempting to commit a crime; and (2) such overt act is done in
34 the presence or within the view of the arresting officer.

1 Soon after, the University decided to pursue an administrative case against
2 Mr. Merto for Dishonesty, Grave Misconduct and Conduct Prejudicial to the Best
3 Interest of the Service. During the administrative proceedings, Mr. Merto pleaded
4 GUILTY. The Case Officer then recommended to the University that Mr.
5 Gilberto O. Merto be immediately DISMISSED from the Service.

6 The University President is now recommending to the Governing Board
7 that Mr. Gilberto O. Merto be immediately ***DISMISSED from the Service*** and be
8 *Perpetually Disqualified to Enter into Government Service.*

9 Regent Fiel inquired whether it is within the Powers of the Governing
10 Board to mete the penalty of Perpetual Disqualification from Government
11 Service.

12 The Hon. Chair commented that maybe the powers of the Board will only
13 be up to Dismissal. Perpetual disqualification can be meted out by the /Civil
14 Service but not by the Board.

15 Regent Fiel emphasized that the delegated power of the Board comes from
16 the entity that created it, and its powers are limited to that which is expressly
17 granted. This means that the board cannot assume and presume that it has a Power
18 which is not very categorically stated in the law creating the Board. The board
19 might be accused of usurpation of authority. There is a good case against Mr.
20 Merto for the imposition of the accessory penalty of Perpetual Disqualification
21 from holding public office, but that this power does not belong to the Governing
22 Board and as the Hon. Chair pointed out earlier, this is clearly a power possessed
23 by the Civil Service Commission.

24 Regent Pernitez inquired about the age of Mr. Merto.

25 The President informed the Board that Mr. Merto is around 38 or 39 years
26 old.

27 Regent Fiel inquired whether the University is thinking of undertaking any
28 other action against Mr. Merto aside from the administrative proceeding.

1 The Board Secretary commented that it was his personal stand that a
2 criminal case should be filed in the regular court against Mr. Merto for Qualified
3 Theft with the aggravating circumstance that he was hired as a security guard of
4 the University.

5 The Hon. Chair commented that the Formal Investigation Committee only
6 recommended the penalty of "Six (6) months suspension" but the University
7 President raised the penalty to Dismissal.

8 President Tulin explained that for this kind of violation, the
9 Administrative Rules imposes Dismissal on the First Offense because of the
10 seriousness of the case.

11 Regent Fiel pointed out two (2) main things as follows: *First*, from the
12 legal standpoint, the Security Guard committed a CRIME of Qualified Theft not
13 just simple theft, because he is supposed to guard and take care of Government
14 property and this is punishable under the Revised Penal Code. He also committed
15 a CRIME punishable under the Anti-Fencing Law because he was caught in the
16 act of selling stolen goods and the buyer, should also be prosecuted under this
17 same law. *Second*, from the moral standpoint, that crime involves moral
18 turpitude. His position in the University requires a higher degree of moral
19 fastidiousness because he is a Security Guard. In sum, suspension is definitely not
20 the correct penalty for the CRIMES that this Security Guard had committed.

21 Chairperson De Vera indicated that the penalty recommended by the
22 President is Dismissal from the Service.

23 Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel moved for the imposition of the penalty of
24 Dismissal from the Service of SG, Gilberto O. Merto for Dishonesty, Grave
25 Misconduct, and Conduct Prejudicial to the Best Interest of the Service, effective
26 upon BOR approval.

27 Regent Joel R. Caminade seconded the motion.

28 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
29 objections to the proposal.

1 No objection was raised.

2 The Board passed

3 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 108, s. 2018**

4 **A Resolution Approving the Imposition of the Penalty of DISMISSAL**
5 **from the Service on SG Gilberto O. Merto for the administrative offense of**
6 **Dishonesty, Grave Misconduct and Conduct Prejudicial to the Best Interest**
7 **of the Service in accordance with the Revised Uniform Rules on**
8 **Administrative Cases in the Civil Service, effective upon BOR approval.**

9 2. The Case Against Mr. Rogelio Ponce

10 President Tulin requested the Board Secretary to make the presentation.

11 The Board Secretary informed the Board that Mr. Rogelio Ponce is a
12 casual employee of the University and assigned as foreman in the construction of
13 the new College of Engineering building.

14 One of his Job-Order laborers figured in a motorcycle accident and as a
15 consequence, could not immediately report for work because he was still
16 recuperating. This laborer then requested from Mr. Ponce that he still be allowed
17 to receive his daily wage so that he could buy medicine as well as feed his family
18 while he could not yet report for work. This JO laborer promised Mr. Ponce that
19 once he is able to report back for work, he will repay all his absences with an
20 equivalent number of days without pay.

21 Because of this arrangement, Mr. Ponce is now facing an administrative
22 charge of Grave Misconduct partly due to the falsification of time cards which
23 indicated that the particular laborer was never absent from his work. Mr. Ponce,
24 being the foreman, had the responsibility of "certifying" the daily time records of
25 the JO workers under him for them to be able to collect their wages.

26 The Formal Investigation Committee finally decided to downgrade the
27 administrative offense from Grave Misconduct to Simple Misconduct given the
28 "humanitarian" rationale of why this offense happened. Simple misconduct
29 carries with it a penalty of Suspension without pay for a period of 1 month and 1
30 day to 6 month for the first offense.

1 The University President is also recommending to the Board that Mr.
2 Ponce be penalized One (1) month and one (1) day for the administrative charge
3 of Simple Misconduct as this happens to be Mr. Ponce's first offense.

4 The Hon. Chair requested for a motion.

5 Regent Ernesto F. Bulayog moved for the imposition of the penalty of
6 Suspension Without Pay for the period of One Month and One Day on Mr.
7 Rogelio Ponce for the administrative offense of Simple Misconduct.

8 Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel seconded the motion.

9 The Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any questions and/or
10 objections to the proposal.

11 No objection was raised.

12 The Board passed

13 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 109, s. 2018**

14 **A Resolution Approving the Imposition of the Penalty of**
15 **SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY for the period of One Month and One Day**
16 **on Mr. Rogelio Ponce for the administrative offense of Simple Misconduct in**
17 **accordance with the Revised Uniform Rules on Administrative Cases in the**
18 **Civil Service, effective upon BOR approval.**

19 3. The Case against Dr. Antonio L. Acedo

20 ARD Mylene D. Rosales informed the board that Director Bonifacio G.
21 Uy, Chairperson of the BOR Investigation Committee, is still finalizing his report
22 on this case.

23 4. The Case against Ms. Alicia M. Flores

24 President Tulin informed the Board that he undertook a *moto proprio*
25 investigation as requested by the Board in the last meeting. As a result of the
26 discrete investigation, he was able to come up with a narrative report on the facts
27 of the case of Ms. Alice M. Flores.

28 The President mentioned that this case is about an alleged falsification of
29 official records in that Ms. Flores had claimed she was a graduate of the Master of
30 Education major in Public Administration degree from the Western Leyte College
31 of Ormoc City, Inc. in 2002, but could not present adequate proof of this.

1 The President then narrated the chronology of events from the time Ms.
2 Flores was with the Accounting Division in the Main Campus up to the time of
3 her application for the position of Director for Finance.

4 The President explained that Ms. Flores narrated that she applied for the
5 position of Finance Management Office (SG-24) which was vacated by Ms.
6 Roberta C. Lemos upon when she retired from the service. She was then required
7 by the Personnel Records and Performance Evaluation Office (PRPEO) to present
8 incontrovertible proof of her possession of a Master's degree like a Diploma or a
9 duly authenticated Transcript of Records (TOR) from the school where she
10 graduated because all SG-24 positions require an earned Master's degree as the
11 minimum educational requirement.

12 Not being able to present the required proof, the Non-Academic Personnel
13 Board (NAPB) requested the University Legal Counsel, Atty. Rysan C. Guinocor,
14 to conduct a background investigation on the matter.

15 Atty. Guinocor reported back to the NAPB that per his investigation, Ms.
16 Flores was not in possession of a Master's Degree because she was not yet issued
17 a Special Order from the CHED. Apparently, Ms. Flores "failed to submit her
18 Thesis."

19 Sometime in 2017, Ms. Flores narrated that she applied for the vacant
20 Administrative Officer V position which is a SG-18 position and this new position
21 does not require a Master's degree. So, in her application form, she no longer
22 claimed to be a graduate of a Master's degree unlike in her first application for
23 Finance Management Officer (FMO), she indicated that she was a Master's
24 degree holder.

25 In attestation of her narrative, the President presented to the Board
26 "evidences" that would indicated that Ms. Flores indeed participated in the
27 Graduation Ceremonies and that her name was included in the List of Graduates.

28 The President mentioned that he also requested Ms. Flores to present
29 evidences either her Diploma or her Transcript of Records (TOR) duly issued by

1 the school authorities bearing the Special Order No. issued by the CHED. She
2 explained that she believes she “graduated from her Master’s degree” *in good*
3 *faith*, but could not present any confirmable evidences to back that up.

4 The President clarified that the objection raised the last time is valid. It
5 will now be up to the Board to decide on what further action should be taken to
6 resolve this case.

7 Regent Fiel gave the following observations, *vis-à-vis* the “evidences”
8 presented by Ms. Flores: 1) in the Transcript of Records issued by the Franciscan
9 College of the Immaculate Conception (FCIC) where Ms. Flores earned her
10 Bachelor of Science in Commerce *major* in Accounting in Baybay, Leyte, there
11 appears at the bottom the Special Order No. issued by the CHED attesting that
12 indeed she graduated with the aforementioned degree; 2) in the Transcript of
13 Records issued by the Western Leyte College of Ormoc City, Inc., there is no
14 Special Order No. issued by the CHED indicated; 3) in the “Graduation
15 Program,” the Middle initial of a certain Ms. Flores is Ms. Alicia **A.** Flores and
16 not Ms. Alicia M. Flores; 4) Ms. Flores is listed under Males and not Females; 5)
17 the supposed “degree graduated” from is Master of Public Administration (MPA);
18 and 6) there is no listing of graduates with the degree of Master of Arts in
19 Education *major* in Public Administration.

20 The Hon. Chair inquired what exactly is the Board trying to settle here.

21 President Tulin commented that the Board would like to have a better
22 understanding of whether or not the claim of Ms. Flores that she has a Master’s
23 degree is true or not true. This is because Ms. Flores initially claimed that she is a
24 Master’s degree holder then, actually changed it to Not Graduated.

25 The Hon. Chair indicated that this is related to the Falsification angle
26 when she first applied for the higher position of Finance Management Officer
27 (SG-24).

28 Regent Bulayog expressed his thoughts on whether Ms. Flores did actually
29 have the intent of deceiving the University because she “indicated” that she

1 “graduated already.” In practice, many colleges allow students to march (*in the*
2 *graduation ceremony*) and even **declared** “Graduate” despite the fact that the
3 student still has not completed all the requirements for graduation. So, as a person
4 trying to “protect her interest, she claimed that she has a Master’s degree because
5 she was allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. Unfortunately, when
6 the requirement of having to produce a TOR was made, she could not provide the
7 valid TOR with a Special Order No. from the CHED.

8 The Hon. Chair commented that Ms. Flores was and still is aware that she
9 did not complete the course because there are still requirements that she failed to
10 do.

11 Regent Bulayog commented that all the while, Ms. Flores believed that
12 she completed all the requirements because she was allowed to “graduate.”

13 Regent Fiel commented that in some instances when compliance with
14 certain financial obligations are not met, students are still allowed to join the
15 “Graduation Ceremony.” However, if it pertains to the non-submission of a thesis,
16 students are not allowed to participate in the “Graduation Ceremony.”

17 Regent Bulayog inquired about the “official personality” of this Dr.
18 Ramon Romano, whether he is the President of the College, or the Registrar of the
19 College because he signed the Certification and something is wrong with this
20 certification.

21 Regent Fiel commented that there is now a question raised on the veracity
22 of the Certification issued by a certain Dr. Ramon Romano whether indeed this
23 certification is truthful or not. Ms. Flores might have submitted another falsified
24 document.

25 The Hon. Chair inquired whether the University Lawyer made a Report of
26 his findings whether or not Ms. Flores indeed graduated with a Master’s degree
27 from the Western Leyte College.

28 The Board Secretary commented that joining the “graduation ceremony”
29 and GRADUATING are two different things. Joining the “graduation ceremony”

1 is a social thing while GRADUATING is an Academic matter. Even in the
2 University, a student cannot claim to be a graduate of VSU if his Transcript of
3 Records does not bear the BOR Resolution Number which CERTIFIES that
4 indeed the student has completed **ALL REQUIREMENTS** (*academic and other*
5 *requirements*).

6 Regent Fiel expressed his serious reservations regarding the status and the
7 position being occupied by the employee in question considering that she is the
8 Head of the Supply and Procurement Unit of the University. This is a very
9 sensitive position and if the moral standard of the person heading it is in serious
10 question, the University Administration needs to seriously rethink whether this is
11 an appropriate position for her to be in.

12 Regent Bulayog commented that Ms. Flores has been with the University
13 for quite a long time already. The question is, why did the University not notice
14 this and put a stop to it such that it has finally come to a head only now. Why was
15 there no action done by the University?

16 The Board Secretary informed the Board that it is a mistake to say that the
17 University did not notice. The University took note of this and even the Personnel
18 Office took note of this. What the University lacked was PROOF. It is customary
19 for an employee who claims to have obtained an advanced degree to provide
20 proof of his/her assertion to be able to get promoted. In the case of Ms. Flores, she
21 held the position of Clerk I until 1999 and was promoted to Administrative Aide
22 III (SG-3) in 2004. However, in 2010, she was promoted to Administrative Aide
23 IV (SG-4), then Administrative Officer I (SG-10) in 2012 and again promoted to
24 Administrative Officer II (SG-11) in 2014. Presumably, her earning a “*masteral*
25 *degree*” was a **key** factor in all these promotions. She had an “edge” over the
26 other applicants because of her “advanced degree.”

27 Finally, it happened. Ms. Flores applied for the position of Finance
28 Management Officer (SG-24) which requires a Masteral degree as a basic

1 educational requirement. This was the ONLY reason **why** the University was
2 *forced to investigate the matter.*

3 Many had doubts on the truthfulness of her assertions, but had no axe to
4 grind. So, the NAPB sent Atty. Rysan C. Guinocor, University Legal Counsel, to
5 verify the educational records of Ms. Flores from the Western Leyte College of
6 Ormoc City, Inc. in Ormoc City so that once and for all, the matter of whether
7 Ms. Flores obtained a Masteral degree or not will be finally settled. And, Atty.
8 Guinocor reported back to the University that Ms. Flores DID NOT GRADUATE
9 contrary to her assertion.

10 Regent Fiel commented that all this time, she was already claiming to
11 have a "master's degree."

12 The Board Secretary indicated in the affirmative. It is because of this that
13 the matter is being raised at the level of the Governing Board so that final action
14 on this matter will be arrived at.

15 Regent Bulayog commented that maybe this could have been prevented
16 much earlier had the University possessed strict screening procedures.

17 The Board Secretary pointed out that during the UADCO meeting, I posed
18 the question on why the "big jump" in position (*salary grade*) for Ms. Flores from
19 Administrative Officer II (*SG-11*) to Administrative Officer V (*SG-18*).

20 Regent Bulayog explained that under normal conditions, the Civil Service
21 allows only a "jump" of up to three (3) salary grades.

22 The Board Secretary informed the Board that Atty. Guinocor, a member of
23 the NAPB, reasoned out during that UADCO meeting that the NAPB undertook a
24 "deep selection process" **and** that a Master's degree is not required for the
25 position.

26 The Board Secretary pointed out that it bears noting that this is the same
27 NAPB that "discovered the ANOMALY" when Ms. Flores applied for the
28 vacant FMO position which was a Salary Grade 24 position. There and then, the
29 NAPB should have filed a FALSIFICATION case against Ms. Flores for having

1 FALSELY claimed having a “*master’s degree*” when in truth and in fact, she did
2 not such an educational degree.

3 Regent Bulayog indicated that in the future, the University should make it
4 a policy to strictly look at documents especially when it will have bearing of
5 future promotions. Advanced degrees will always have bearing on promotions
6 and therefore documents presented should pass through a much closer scrutiny.

7 Regent Fiel commented that this can become a policy recommendation
8 that can be implemented later on. In the meantime, we have an active case which
9 touches on “falsification.” After careful assessment of the facts, it is apparent that
10 the root of the matter started when Ms. Flores claiming something (*a master’s*
11 *degree*) that she did not have. The “falsification” came as an afterthought. She
12 just presented pictures and whatever other “evidences” as proof. Then, she filled
13 up that form claiming she has a master’s degree.

14 The Board Secretary indicated that the form Ms. Flores filed up was a
15 Personal Data Sheet or PDS.

16 Regent Fiel reiterated his earlier assessment that the employee in question
17 is holding a very sensitive position. The Board has to comply with certain
18 regulations which include giving everybody due process. This will mean that the
19 Board has to inform her of what is going on and that the Board would want her to
20 present her explanation of the matter.

21
22 Section 1, Article III of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that “(n)o person shall be deprived of life, liberty or
23 property without due process of law, nor shall any person be denied the equal protection of the law.” The first rights
24 guaranteed in our Bill of Rights are the rights to due process and equal protection of the law.

25 While such administrative agencies are not always bound by the strict requirements of judicial due process, they are still required
26 to respect the due process clause of our Constitution. The landmark case of *Ang Tibay v Court of Industrial Relations*, 69 Phil.
27 635 (1940), enumerated the following “cardinal primary requirements” of procedural due process in administrative proceedings:
28 “(1) The right to a hearing, which includes the right to present one’s case and submit evidence in support thereof; (2) The
29 tribunal must consider the evidence presented; (3) The decision must have something to support itself; (4) The evidence must
30 be substantial. Substantial evidence means such reasonable evidence as a reasonable mind accept as adequate to support a
31 conclusion; (5) The decision must be based on the evidence presented at the hearing, or at least contained in the record and
32 disclosed to the parties affected; (6) The tribunal or body or any of its judges must act on its own independent consideration of
33 the law and facts of the controversy, and not simply accept the views of a subordinate; (7) The Board or body should, in all
34 controversial questions, render its decision in such manner that the parties to the proceeding can know the various issues
35 involved, and the reason for the decision rendered.”

36 If we simplify what these two leading cases are actually saying, we could see that procedural due process, whether judicial or
37 administrative, is all about “notice and an opportunity to be heard.”

1 Regent Fiel commented that Ms. Flores should be informed of the possible
2 violations she may have committed.

3 Regent Bulayog pointed out however, that Ms. Flores has already
4 explained her side to the President and this is already contained in the President's
5 Report.

6 Regent Fiel indicated that it is her option if she just says that "I have
7 already answered those charges," that is her option. But, the Board has to provide
8 her with Due Process. This is very important. The Board is now requiring Ms.
9 Flores to answer these charges.

10 Regent Fiel clarified that it is clear from the Report of the President on the
11 case that it is just not falsification because the "documentary" falsification was
12 done later. It now appears that Ms. Flores really misrepresented herself by
13 claiming that "she had earned a master's degree" when in fact she had not. So, it
14 was a misrepresentation which led the NAPB to act on the matter "in her favor."
15 It is now more complicated because of the "**documentary falsification.**"

16 Regent Pernitez commented that the Board should ensure that due process
17 be afforded by the Board on Ms. Flores. She may hire a lawyer to represent her in
18 a formal court of law. What is necessary at this point is giving her the chance to
19 present her side. If ever she will not submit an answer, only then will the Board
20 act based on the Report of the President on the case.

21 The Board requested the Board Secretary to send a letter to Ms. Flores
22 informing her of the need to provide necessary answers to the issues raised on the
23 veracity of her academic records *vis-à-vis* her earning a Master of Arts in
24 Education *major* in Public Administration from the western Leyte College of
25 Ormoc City, Inc. in 2002.

26 VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

27 1. The PNB Request for the Lease of a 40 sq.M. area at the Mixed-Use TBI Building

28 ARD Rosales informed the Board that this pertains to the request of the
29 Philippine National Bank for the lease of a 40 square meter area in the mixed-use TBI

1 building in the VSU Main Campus, City of Baybay, Leyte. The Finance Committee
2 reviewed this request and based on the recommendation of the Bids and Awards
3 Committee (BAC), the BOR Finance Committee favorably recommends the lease of
4 PNB on the stated location.

5 The Board Secretary informed the Board that this item was already approved
6 earlier under Financial Matters (BOR Resolution No. 50, s. 2018).

7 2. Proposed Policy in the Giving of Positions to Returning Scholars after Completing
8 His/Her Graduate Studies and

9 3. Proposed Policy in the Giving of Positions to Newly Hired Faculty

10 The Board Secretary informed the Board that during the 80th BOR Meeting
11 held at the Granda Manor Hotel, Tacloban City last 07 December 2017, the
12 Governing Board passed BOR Resolution No. 124, s. 2017 approving the original
13 proposal on the giving of positions to returning scholars and newly hired faculty.
14 However, it was discussed that the said resolution be further refined so that there will
15 be separate proposal that will affect only the returning faculty and another proposal
16 that will be applied only for newly hired faculty.

17 There are now two (2) separate proposals for Board action which are really
18 just refinements of the original proposal.

19 Regent Ernesto F. Bulayof moved for the approval of the two proposals, as
20 proposed.

21 Regent Deograicas E. Pernitez seconded the motion.

22 The Hon. Chair inquired whether there was any question/objection on either
23 of the proposal.

24 Heading none, the Board passed

25 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 46, s. 2018**

26 **A Resolution Approving the Proposed Policy in the Giving of Positions to**
27 **Returning Scholars after Finishing Graduate Studies, as proposed.**

28 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 47, s. 2018**

29 **A Resolution Approving the Proposed Policy in the Giving of Positions to**
30 **Newly Hired Faculty, as proposed.**

1 4. Proposed Creation of a BOR Oversight Committee

2 The Hon. Chair requested Regent Joel R. Caminade to present his thoughts on
3 the matter.

4 Regent Caminade informed the Board that there have a number of serious
5 COA Findings presented. If we go over the findings, it is reflective of the kind on
6 management we have in the University. From my present assessment, there is really a
7 pressing need to create an "independent body" that will be tasked to look at
8 management operations from an "outsider point-of-view." In the case of the COA
9 Findings, the University should have been able to "solve the problem" before the
10 COA found out such existed.

11 The Board Secretary informed the Board that the University has an Internal
12 Control Unit (ICU) which looks at how the University spends its money. However,
13 there are only 3 people in this unit and there are so many projects to monitor.

14 Regent Caminade pointed out that the University should not have that many
15 COA Findings had there been an "Oversight Committee" that would have looked at
16 the "operations" of Management. The said Committee would have prepared some
17 Guidelines that will be used in the operations of the University.

18 President Tulin commented that indeed, the University should have a
19 "system" in place so that whenever there are **shortcomings** that may possibly lead to
20 a COA Audit Order Memorandum (AOM), it would have been discovered and
21 corrected before the COA Audit.

22 ARD Rosales commented that on the second to the last paragraph of the COA
23 Findings, it says that the President is requested to immediately implement the Audit
24 recommendations contained in the "Report" and to informed the Commission through
25 the (*Resident*) Auditor of the actions (*taken*) thereon within 60 days from receipt
26 thereof. ARD Rosales then inquired whether the University has already implemented
27 the recommendations suggested by the Commission.

28 President Tulin informed the Board that the University has responded to the
29 COA Findings indicated in the initial AOM. In fact, the University's actions on the

1 COA recommendations can be found in the "Blue Book" which is also contained in
2 this Audit Report. However, the suggestion made by Regent Caminade is important
3 considering that COA Findings is reflective of the *"image of the University
4 management."*

5 The Hon. Chair pointed out that there the main reason for having this Audit is
6 to make sure that all operations conform to the standards of Government. There are
7 two types of Audits: Financial Audit and Performance Audit. A Performance Audit is
8 conducted mainly *"to determine whether the amount spent by Government gives
9 productive results."* This COA Audit Report is mainly a Financial Audit which seeks
10 to find out whether the money was spent where it was supposed to be spent and how
11 the financial transactions were recorded following Government procedures and
12 standards.

13 The COA will always have "Findings" because the measure of their
14 Performance as an Agency is dependent on the number of AOMs they have issued. If
15 they have not issued AOMs, they have not done their assigned task and they have
16 "No Performance" to speak of.

17 However, it is important for the University to look at the AOMs and
18 determine whether these are "substantial" and whether there is a need to change
19 procedures and processes, as well as determine whether the people in the unit(s)
20 is(are) fit for the responsibility(responsibilities) to carry it(them) out. This is where
21 Management has to decide on what action(s) to be taken.

22 The President mentioned that the University has already responded to the
23 COA AOMs and it has already been acknowledged by the COA. Actually, the first
24 time the Management responded, the COA was not satisfied with the actions of
25 Management and it issued "rejoinder comments." The University Management has
26 already reminded the concerned "responsible officials" to come up with a better
27 response to the COA Rejoinder Comments.

28 Regent Fiel commented that what Regent Caminade is suggesting is the
29 *"transformation of certain systems in the University."* It may be gradual or it may be

1 dramatic. Looking at the Organizational Chart of the University will be a good
2 starting point.

3 Regent Fiel indicated that after having been a member of the VSU Board of
4 Regents for the past 3 years, he has no idea of the Organizational Chart of the
5 University. As it is, he could not picture how the University is run, what is the
6 architecture of the University, whether we have clear lines of authority and the like.

7 Regent Bulayog mentioned that about two years or so before Dr. Tulin
8 became VSU President, the University had a "new" Organizational set-up approved
9 by the Board.

10 The Board Secretary informed the Board that while the University adopted a
11 "new" Organizational set-up, there were many units/divisions/colleges that were not
12 implemented because it was not "financially feasible" to implement it.

13 The Hon. Chair indicated that maybe it is high time to re-examine the
14 Organizational set-up.

15 Regent Fiel commented that it is very alarming that there are some units
16 within the Organizational set-up that are non-functioning or has never been activated.
17 It is in the light of this revelation that the suggestion of Regent Caminade is found to
18 be very apt and there is a sense of urgency regarding the creation of a Committee to
19 look into the systems of the University.

20 The President informed the Board that "the skeleton is functioning" except
21 that there are units in which "implementation has to be postponed a little bit."

22 The Hon. Chair suggested that there is really a need for the Board to talk
23 mainly about the "direction of the University" whether it is still in the right direction.
24 During this time, no agenda is even required. It affords the Board an opportunity to
25 better understand the University including the problems that beset it.

26 Regent Fiel suggested 2 or 3 days at VSU just for this.

27 The Hon. Chair suggested to President Tulin that the expertise of the two (2)
28 private sector representatives (PSRs) be tapped.

1 The President indicated that it was good that he was able to take the two (2)
2 PSRs for a "Field Tour" during the Anniversary. They were able to see some of the
3 Research and Development (R&D) facilities of the University.

4 ARD Rosales commented that the COA recommendations have to be taken
5 seriously because it might have serious consequences: suspension or disallowance.
6 Given that the University has already responded to these recommendations, there is a
7 need to "*monitor whether the recommended actions are really being followed by the*
8 *University officials.*"

9 President Tulin informed the Board that the University has always been
10 performing well because it has always received its PBB yearly, without fail, ever
11 since the PBB was instituted.

12 Regent Fiel indicated that the COA is even pointing out very basic, and simple
13 systems which are lacking or are not being followed: **No Subsidiary Ledgers**. In this
14 case, the University lists down what it earned and how this was spent. This is a very
15 elementary and basic accounting procedure. How and why the University has not
16 done this requires an answer from the University Accountant.

17 The Hon. Chair commented that Management should see to it that the COA
18 AOM does not become a disallowance. In the initial step, the COA will issue an
19 AOM and the Management will make a response. Then in the second step, if the
20 COA is not satisfied with the Management response, it issues a disallowance.
21 Management will submit response. In the third step, if the COA is again still not
22 satisfied and the Management does not make an appeal, the COA issues a Notice of
23 Finality on the disallowance and Management will be required to pay back the full
24 amount of the disallowance.

25 Regent Bulayog pushed for more discussion on the creation of a BOR
26 Oversight Committee.

27 Regent Fiel pointed out that there are two (2) things that need clarification on
28 the functions of an Oversight Committee. First function is "to Monitor the faithful
29 compliance of the recommendations of the COA." Second function is to "undertake a

1 systems check/audit” meaning it will determine what went wrong with the system so
2 much so that the anomaly was allowed to happen.

3 The Hon. Chair inquired who among the members of the Board would like to
4 volunteer to be a member of this oversight committee.

5 Regent Bulayog suggested that the Board first decide whether or not to create
6 this Oversight Committee. If the Board decides to create one, then the Board decides
7 on the Terms of Reference (TOR) and the membership of the Committee.

8 The Hon. Chair commented that there was an earlier motion made by Regent
9 Caminade for the creation of an Oversight Committee. It, however, still needs to be
10 seconded.

11 Regent Fiel suggested that the Board will meet collectively towards the end of
12 the month to discuss many things.

13 The Hon. Chair enumerated the materials that will be needed for this
14 “Meeting of the Whole,” as follows: 1) Mission and Vision Statements; 2) BOR
15 Approved Organizational Structure; 3) Response to the COA Audit Report; 4) Report
16 on all Infrastructure Projects of the University – On-Going and Uncompleted; and 5)
17 Decide on whether to create the Oversight Committee.

18 Regent Bulayog suggested that the Board come up with a timeframe so that
19 the members of the Board can allocate time for this event. Will 2 weeks be enough
20 time to go over the voluminous materials that will be needed for the meeting? Will
21 end of July be a good time for this meeting?

22 President Tulin suggested that we will just let the Board Secretary coordinate
23 the best times when the members of the Board will be able to meet.

24 The Hon. Chair indicated that this will be some kind of a Team Building exercise
25 for the members of the Board. This will be a good way for “direction setting” for the
26 University.

27 The President added that it will also be a good time to meet the responsible
28 officials.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

After all items were discussed, Chairperson J. Prospero E. De Vera III requested for a motion to adjourn the 82nd BOR Meeting.

President Edgardo E. Tulin moved for the adjournment of the 82nd Board of Regents meeting.

Regent Bonifacio G. Uy seconded the motion.

Chairperson J. Prospero E. De Vera III thanked everybody for their presence and adjourned the 82nd Board of Regents (BOR) Meeting of the Visayas State University at 5:30 P.M.

Certified True and Correct

DANIEL M. TUdTUD, JR.
Board Secretary

Attested:

J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III, PhD.
Chairperson