1 2 Granda Manor Conference Room 3 Granda Manor Hotel Juan Luna St., Tacloban City 07 December 2018 5 6 Present: Chairperson 7 Hon. J. Prospero E. De Vera III 8 Chairperson, Commission of Higher Education 9 Vice Chairperson Hon. Edgardo E. Tulin President, Visayas State University 10 Member Regent Bonifacio G. Uy 11 12 Regional Executive Director 13 NEDA Regional Office VIII 14 Regent Deogracias E. Pernitez Member President, VSU Federated Alumni Association 15 Member Regent Denny J. Catindoy 16 President, VSU Federated Faculty Association 17 Member 18 Regent John Allan A. Gulles 19 President, VSU Federated Supreme Student Council 20 Regent Joel R. Caminade Member 21 Private Sector Representative 22 Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel Member 23 Private Sector Representative Not Present: 24 Regent Francis Joseph G. Escudero Member Chairperson, Committee on Education, Arts & Culture 26 27 SENATE of the Philippines 28 Regent Paulo Everardo S. Javier Member 29 Chairperson, Committee on Higher & Technical Education House of Representatives of the Philippines 30 Represented by: Mr. Jude A. Acidre 31 Regent Andrew Rodolfo T. Orais Member 32 33 Regional Executive Director 34 Department of Agriculture Regional Office VIII **Others Present:** 35 Director Edgardo M. Esperancilla 36 37 Regional Executive Director 38 Department of Science and Technology Regional Office VIII 39 Director Maura Consolacion D. Cristobal 40 Regional Director 41 Commission on Higher Education Regional Office VIII 42 Mr. Daniel M. Tudtud, Jr. **Board Secretary** 43 Board Secretary V 44 Ms. Vivian V. Balbarino Administrative Officer 45 Administrative Officer III 46 Office of the Board Secretary

MINUTES OF THE 87th VSU BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

CHED Commissioner and Chairperson of the VSU Board of Regents, Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera III, requested the Board Secretary to call the Roll of Members present for the 87th VSU Board of Regents' Meeting.

The Board Secretary then called the roll of members present for the 87th BOR Meeting as follows: Regent Edgardo E. Tulin; Regent Bonifacio G. Uy; Regent Deogracias E. Pernitez; Regent Denny J. Catindoy; Regent John Allan A. Gulles; Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel; and Regent Joel R. Caminade.

After the roll call, the Board Secretary informed the Hon. Chair that eight (8) members of the VSU BOR were present for the 87th BOR meeting and that there was a quorum of members present.

The Board Secretary informed the Hon. Chairperson that three (3) Regents were not present: Regent Paulo Everardo S. Javier, *represented by* Mr. Jude A. Acidre; Regent Andrew Rodolfo T. Orais of the Department of Agriculture; and there is still no representative from the Senate Committee on Education, Arts, and Culture.

Also present for the meeting as Resource Persons were Director Edgardo M. Esperancilla, DOST-8 Regional Executive Director and Director Maura Consolacion D. Cristobal, CHED RO-8 Regional Director.

19 II. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson of the VSU Board of Regents, Dr. Prospero J. De Vera III, declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Presiding 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.

President Edgardo E. Tulin informed the Board that he would like to include, under Other Matters, List of Students for Graduation, 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel indicated that he would like to include the following items, also under Other Matters: 1) Prohibition of lending activities by VSU employees to

1		other VSU employees, at usurious rates; 2) Status Report on Tree Planting activities
2		within the University; 3) Training of the HOPE on the nuances of R.A. 9184; and 4)
3		Training on Procurement of the other procurement personnel.
4		The Board Secretary also indicated that he would like to present the Status Report
5		on the validity of Licenses of VSU Security Guards.
6		No additional items were suggested for inclusion in the 87 th BOR Meeting.
7		Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel moved for the approval of the Agenda for the 87th
8		BOR Meeting, as presented.
9		Regent Joel R. Caminade seconded the motion.
10		The Board passed
11		BOR RESOLUTION NO. 196, s. 2018
12 13		A Resolution Approving the Proposed Agenda for the 87^{th} Board of Regents Meeting, as modified, to wit:
14 15		87 th BOR Meeting CALENDAR OF BUSINESS
16	I.	PRELIMINARIES
17		A. Call to Order
18		B. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
19		C. Approval of the Provisional Agenda (87th BOR Meeting)
20	II.	UNFINISHED BUSINESS
21		A. Acedo Case
22		B. Flores Case
23	III.	CONFIRMATION OF BOR RESOLUTIONS
24		A. BOR Resolution No. 193, dated 14 October 2018
25 26 27		Request of Dr. Ma. Vanessa E. Gabunada, Ms. Paula Nadrea M. Paquibulan and Mr. Lemuel S. Preciados for Authority to Travel abroad to Present Papers in International Conferences and Represent the University in these Events.
28		B. BOR Resolution No. 194, dated 19 October 2018
29 30 31		Request of Dr. Guiraldo C. Fernandez and Ms. Diane Christa G. Milloza for Authority to Travel abroad to Present Papers in International Conferences and Represent the University in these Events.

1	C. BOR Resolution No. 194, dated 19 October 2018
2 3 4 5	Request of Dr. Beatriz A. Belonias, Dr. Felix M. Salas, Dr. Rosario A. Salas, Dr. Marisel A. Leorna, and Mr. Ronald Arlet P. Villaber for Authority to Travel abroad to Present Papers in International Conferences and Represent the University in these Events.
6	IV. NEW BUSINESS
7	A. Financial Matters
8 9 10	 BAC Resolution No. 54: Issuance of Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed to the BNC Construction for the Road Network with Drainage System, VSU Tolosa, in the amount of P7,449,000.00
11 12 13	 BAC Resolution No. 55: Issuance of Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed to the ER Reyna Construction for the Renovation and Repair of the Administration Building, VSU Main Campus, in the amount of P6,348,523.89
14 15	 Proposal of VSU Main for Supplemental Budget sourced from STF 164 for CY 2018 in the amount of P4.2 million
16	4. Grant of CNA Incentive to All VSU Employees for CY 2018
17 18	 Utilization of 2017 Aggregate Balance of Vermiculture Project in the amount of P300,726.20
19 20	 Proposal to Grant equal rate of Honorarium for Department Heads and Directors of Academic Units
21 22	 Proposal to Use P230,607.30 for VSU's Contribution to the National Culture and Arts Festival 2018, Charged against Income from Cultural Fees under STF
23	8. BAC-1 Resolutions
24	a. BAC Resolution No. 56, s. 2018
25 26 27	Granting the Motion for Reconsideration of Baybay Printshop which was declared to have Failed in the eligibility Requirements for the Supply and Delivery of Appliances and Other Office equipment
28	b. BAC Resolution No. 57, s. 2018
29 30 31 32	Denying the Request of Winstonbuilt Industries, R.S. Reyna Construction, and LIMAR Construction for the Replacement of Floor Tiles from MARIWASA to Granite in the construction of 2-storey Academic Buildings, Phase-2, in VSU Campuses (Alangalang, Isabel and Tolosa)
33	c. BAC Resolution No. 58, s. 2018
34 35	Approval of the Request for Time Extension of R.S. Reyna Construction in the Construction of 2-storey Academic Building (Phase 2) for VSU Isabel
36	d. BAC Resolution No. 59, s. 2018
37 38 39	Approval of the Request for Time Extension of LIMAR Construction for the Implementation in the Construction of 2-storey Academic Building (Phase 2) for VSU Tolosa

1	e	. BAC Resolution No. 60, s. 2018
2 3		Approval of the Request for Time Extension of Winstonbuilt Industries, in the Construction of 2-storey Academic Building (Phase 2) for VSU Alangalang
4	f	BAC Resolution No. 64, s. 2018
5 6 7		Recommending the Final Termination of Contract of Toyota Tacloban Leyte, Inc. for the Supply and Delivery of One (1) Unit Toyota Innova J 2.0 Gas, M/T for VSU under Contract No. BAC17-11-182
8	g	BAC Resolution No. 65, s. 2018
9 10 11		Declaring Brodeth Marketing as the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid (LCRB) and Recommending the Award of Contract for the Supply and Delivery of Construction Materials, Supplies and Equipment
12	ŀ	n. BAC Resolution No. 69, s. 2018
13 14 15 16 17 18 19		Finding Electrocomputer Data Systems (EDS) for Giving False Additional Information in its BoQ when it copied in toto the VSU Specifications in Addition to its Offered Brand and/or Model but said action is not Sufficient to warrant Blacklisting, since said False Information has no bearing to BAC-I during the conduct of the Post Qualification and in Making the Decision to Award and Therefore is Recommending instead, Stern Warning to do the Same in the Future
20 21 22	I	Motion for Reconsideration filed by Baybay Printshop for the Resolution of the BAC on the Blacklisting Complaint of Baybay Printshop against Electrocomputer Data Systems (EDS)
23	10. I	BAC-2 Resolutions
24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39	t c c f f g l i j k	BAC Resolution No. 28, s. 2018 BAC Resolution No. 29, s. 2018
40	B. Acad	demic Matters
41 42 43	I	Proposal to Offer Master in Land Administration and Management (MLAM) Degree for Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Employees (in Metro Manila)
44	2. I	Proposed Revision of the Implementing Guidelines for Sabbatical Leave

1	C. Au	ministrative Matters
2 3	1.	Request of Dr. Jose L. Bacusmo for Time Extension of Two (2) NAFES Projects of VSU Funded by the CHED
4 5		a. Technical assistance to accelerated Sustainable Anti-Poverty Program (ASAP) to Leyte Province with an Approved Budget of P 7.5 million
6 7 8		b. Livelihood Opportunity for Small-Scale Coconut Farmers Through Expansion and Establishment of Community-Based Coconut Nursery in Eastern Visayas with an Approved Budget of P15.0 million
9	2.	Proposed Mentoring System for Administrative Staff of VSU
10	3.	Proposal to Increase the Monthly Garbage Collection Fee from P30.00 to P100.00
11 12	4.	Plans and Budgetary Requirements in the Conduct of Information Campaign and Admission Test for SY 2019-2020
13	5.	Requests from VSU Villaba:
14 15		a. Authority to Open an ATM Payroll Account to the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP); and
16 17		b. Authority to Close the following DBP Accounts and Transferring these Accounts to the LBP:
18 19 20		 Acct. No. 0000-5291-765-3 (STF) Acct. No. 0000-5441-765-1 (IGP) Acct. No. 0000-5392-765-0 (Other Trust Fund 284)
21	6.	Sabbatical Leave Applications:
22 23		 a. ORIAS, Ramon R. from 02 Jan 2019 to 31 December 2019 b. DUMAGUING, Nancy V. from 02 Jan 2019 to 31 December 2019
24 25	7.	Approval of the Request of Dr. Melinda L. Vega for <u>Extension of Service</u> after Compulsory Retirement
26 27 28	8.	Application of Dr. Antonia Cecilia Y. Sandoval as <u>Adjunct Professor</u> (<i>Research Adviser</i>) for Three (3) Graduating Graduate Students, 2 nd Semester, SY 2018-2019, as Recommended by the Academic Personnel Board
29 30 31 32	9.	Letter Request of Dr. Christina A. Gabrillo, Station Manager of DYDC-FM, to Dr. Giovanni P. Aportadera, Jr., Director IV - Bureau of Broadcast Services, RE: Request that DYDC-FM Get affiliated with the Government Radio Network Franchise
33 34	10.	Grant of Salary Differentials to Three (3) Vice-Presidents: Dr. Beatriz S. Belonias, Dr. Dilberto O. Ferraren, and Dr. Remberto A. Patindol
35	D. Pe	ersonnel Matters
36	1.	Upgrading of Some Faculty per NBC 461 Evaluation, 7 th Cycle
37 38	2.	Recommendation for the Promotion of Ms. Ma. Teresa A. Cruz from Accountant II (SG-16) to Internal Auditor IV (SG-22)

1 2 3		3.	Academic/Administrative Staff Recommended for a One (1) Rank Promotion/Salary Increase as Recipients of the Presidential Lingkod Bayan Award (<i>Group Category</i>)
5 6 7 8 9 10 11			a. PEQUE, Dennis P. from SG-20-1 to SG 21-1 b. BANDE, Marlito M. from SG-20-1 to SG 21-1 c. GOLTIANO, Henry Y. from SG-23-2 to SG 24-1 d. GRAVOSO, Rotacio S. from SG-29-1 to SG 30-1 e. MANGAOANG, Eduardo O. from SG-29-2 to SG 30-1 f. PASA, Arturo E. from SG-29-1 to SG 30-1 g. POGOSA, Jimmy O. from SG-12-1 to SG 13-1 h. GORRE, Elvira B. from SG-08-1 to SG 09-1
12 13 14		4.	Four (4) Academic Staff Recommended for Change of Appointment Status, <i>from</i> Temporary <i>to</i> Permanent Item No.
15 16 17 18			 a. ALVAREZ, Corazon L. INST1-8-2011 b. SALAMIA, Shiela S. INST1-5-2014 c. ELE, Niño B. INST1-40-2012 d. MONSERATE, Nolan Federico INST1-38-2005
19 20		5.	Academic Staff Recommended for Temporary Appointment (Ms. Marjen A. Villaremo)
21		6.	Three (3) Administrative Staff Recommended for Promotion
22 23 24 25			 a. MAURILLO, Leonarda A. from Admin. Aide VI to Admin. Asst. II b. POSAS, Edgar P. from Security Guard I to Security Guard II c. MUAÑA, Roger T. from Hvy. Equip. Opr. 1 to Admin Aide VI
26 27		7.	List of MOUs and MOAs Entered Into by and Between the VSU and Various Public/Private Entities
28		E. Ot	her Matters
29		1.	List of Students for Graduation, 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019
30 31		2.	Prohibition of lending activities by VSU employees to other VSU employees, at usurious rates
32		3.	Status Report on Tree Planting activities within the University
33		4.	Training of the HOPE on the nuances of R.A. 9184
34		5.	Training on Procurement of the other procurement personnel
35		6.	Status Report on the validity of Licenses of VSU Security Guards
36 37	IV.		DING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS
38			VSU BOR Chairperson J. Prospero E. De Vera III, inquired from the Board
39		Secreta	ary whether the members of the Governing Board were furnished copies of the
40		Minute	es at least five (5) days in advance.

The Board Secretary informed the Hon. Chairperson that all the members of the 1 Governing Board were furnished copies of the Minutes of the past meeting as well as the 2 other materials for the 87th BOR meeting five (5) days prior to today's meeting. The Hon. Chairperson inquired if there were any comments or corrections. 4 No comments and/or corrections were made. 5 The Hon. Chairperson declared the Minutes of the 86th BOR Meeting approved. 6 The Board passed 7 BOR RESOLUTION NO. 197, s. 2018 8 A Resolution Approving the Minutes of the 86th Board of Regents Meeting 9 held at the CHED Conference Room, CHED Central Office, C.P. Garcia Ave., UP 10 Diliman, Diliman, Quezon City last 04 October 2018 from 12:34 P.M. to 4:30 P.M., as corrected. 12 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE APPROVED MINUTES V. 13 The Hon. Chair inquired from Pres. Edgardo E. Tulin whether there were still 14 matters from the previous meeting that still needs the attention of the Board. 15 President Tulin informed the Board that there is a Matrix of Actions relative to the 16 different Items approved by the Board during the last meeting and the corresponding 17 BOR Resolutions from BOR Resolution No. 140, s. 2018 to BOR Resolution No. 192, s. 18 19 2018. Regent Fiel informed the President that during the last BOR Meeting, he 20 requested that in the President's Report on Infrastructure Projects (Page 14) there should 21 be an "additional column" showing the slippage status of the various infrastructure 22 projects under construction. 23 Chairperson De Vera inquired why the comments of Regent Fiel on slippage has 24 not been incorporated in the Matrix. 25 The Hon. Chair commented that the Matrix just shows the Resolutions and the 26 actions taken by Management. Ideally, the Matrix should also include all the other 27

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of what happened and what actions were undertaken relative to the comments/instructions.

President Tulin informed the Board that in the President's Report for this Meeting, there is only one (1) project that has incurred slippage, and this pertains to the Cebu Office (*Item 3*). The President indicated that he will place an additional column for slippage in his next President's Report.

The Hon. Chair requested that the President come up with a Matrix (of the infrastructure projects mentioned in the President's Report dated 4 October 2018 and 7 December 2018) and email it to all the members of the Board.

The Board Secretary informed the Board that he just received last 5 December 2018 a Certification from the VSU Tolosa that Phase 2 of the Construction of the Two-Storey Academic Building has finally been completed because in the previous Board meeting, this same structure was reported as only 90.02% completed.

Chairperson De Vera indicated that this is noted by the Board of Regents.

VI. CHAIRPERSON'S TIME

The Hon. Chair informed the Board that he received complaints for on-going ESGPPA beneficiaries (in VSU) that they have not yet received their stipend. The President was informed of this complaint and inquired whether these ESGPPA beneficiaries have received their stipends, now.

President Tulin informed the Board that a few days after receiving the text message from the Hon. Chair, the stipends of the ESGPPA beneficiaries were released.

The Hon. Chairperson requested the CHED RO-8 Director, Dr. Maura Consolacion D. Cristobal to update the Board on the Compliance of VSU with the Reimbursement, ESGPPA, and other mandated UNIFAST and CHED requirements.

Dr. Maura Consolacion D. Cristobal informed the Board that VSU has already received a cheque for the 92 ESGPPA beneficiaries covering the 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019 payment. VSU submitted the documents last 8 November 2018. There were some deficiencies that were noted. It was only last 3 December 2018 when these deficiencies were corrected.

December and for this reason, they still have not been issued a cheque. For the Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) grantees, VSU had a total of 1,220 qualifiers for the five campuses of the System. It is sad to note that for the VSU Villaba, the campus with the

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most economically depressed students, only one (1) qualified. Further, the Main Campus only had thirty (30) qualifiers.

President Tulin commented that the University submitted 5,612 names for possible inclusion in the TES.

Dr. Cristobal also reported that VSU submitted their papers to AFMS only last

The Hon. Chair indicated that in terms of the number of Qualified Beneficiaries, the VSU campuses are, apparently, under represented.

President Tulin indicated that he was not aware of this as this is the first time hearing about the number of qualified TES beneficiaries for the whole VSU system. We were waiting for the results to be given to us.

Dr. Cristobal informed the Board that per information from UNIFAST to the CHED Regional Office, it already sent a copy of the results to all the SUCs. The Regional Office is now awaiting the needed documents so that the vouchers for the TES beneficiaries can be downloaded to the SUCs.

Chairperson De Vera inquired who was in-charge of this in the University? The President indicated that the Dean of Students was the person in-charge of this. He is the focal person for the UNIFAST because he has people who work on and submit the needed documents. The University submitted the total population of students (5,612 students).

The President pointed out that the University was told that the list of students still had to be screened and verified in the "portal." Because of this, the University Administration was just waiting for the "number of qualified TES grantees" from the UNIFAST. Up until the present, the Office of the University President is not in receipt of any communication informing us of the number of TES grantees for the different campuses of the University.

The Hon. Chair suggested that VSU work on this immediately as this was urgent. Given that the University was able to get allocation for 1,220 TES slots. Thus, the University Administration should now issue a Press Release informing the community of the new TES beneficiaries plus the 92 ESGPPA beneficiaries or 1,312 students are fully supported by the national government.

Chairperson De Vera informed the Board of the process followed in selecting students who will qualify for the 300,000 TES vouchers, as follows:

1. Stage 1

All existing ESGPPA scholars are automatically included in the TES grant.

The VSU was late in submitting this list and so, the money for the ESGPPA grantees was sent to VSU, late. The other SUCs got it much earlier.

Thus, 300,000 less 13,000 ESGPPA grantees (nationwide) = 287,000 slots left.

2. Stage 2

The next cut is the "DSWD list."

SUCs and private colleges and universities nationwide then submit the names of their students and these names are then "matched" with the "DSWD list."

Only the students whose names are found in the DSWD list, are qualified for the TES voucher system. From the available 287,000 slots for TES, only 150,000 names were successfully matched using the DSWD list. Thus, only 137,000 slots remain unfilled

3. The SUCs then inform their students who qualified for the TES and make a payroll ahead of time (good the 1st semester, June to December). The cheques for the TES beneficiaries will be released to the SUC President by 18 December for immediate release to the qualified TES beneficiaries.

4. Stage 3

Students in private colleges and universities will be eligible for this Stage 3 screening. These private schools then send the list of their students to UNIFAST for screening. A total of 77,000 students from the private schools (nationwide) qualified. So, only 60,000 slots remain.

5. Stage 4

Students in private colleges and universities where there are no SUCs and/or LUCs in the municipality/City will be eligible for this Stage 4 screening. A total of 60,000 slots (nationwide) were reserved for them.

Chairperson De Vera informed the Board that the UNIFAST has tapped the services of the Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC) of the Department of Education (DepEd) to handle the TES voucher program for the private schools. Incidentally, PEAC also handles the DepEd voucher program.

The UNIFAST had to tap PEAC considering that there are about 1,000 private colleges and universities nationwide. PEAC handles the administrative work and the CHED for the TES voucher program.

The Hon. Chair emphasized that he had to insert special language in the 2019 GAA indicating that the PEAC will do the job and because of this, the TES cash vouchers for the 1st Semester of SY 2018-2019 for TES beneficiaries in the private schools will be given only within the 1st Quarter of 2019.

VSU has to move faster on this reimbursement thing. Reimbursement is not a function of size. UP, with about 50,000 students, was the first SUC to get a reimbursement of about P700 million. The deadline for all SUCs to complete all documents is this coming 10 December 2018. This is the "Cut-Off" date so that the CHED will be able to obligate for the 2nd Semester (January - May 2019) because we "close the books" at the end of December. If the CHED does not have an amount to obligate (for a particular SUC), it cannot obligate, and will not be able to pay for the coming 2nd Semester, SY 2018-2019. The money then <u>lapses</u>. NSU is the 1st SUC in Region 8 to comply with all the needed documents. SLSU and UEP have also received their reimbursement.

The Hon. Chair informed the Board that for SY 2019-2020, the CHED will "open" the applications for TES as early as March 2019 so that the money intended for the 1st Semester will be given early in the 1st Semester. The first time this TES grant was implemented, is quite difficult because there were about 1.1 million applicants for only 300,000 slots. The next time around (SY 2019-2020), it will not be as difficult nor time

consuming because there are already existing TES beneficiaries (300,000 or so). What needs screening are the incoming freshmen only. The total number of slots for SY 2019-2020 will be 400,000. This means only 100,000 students will be awarded. There is a need to determine "how best to catch" the incoming freshmen so that soon after they have enrolled, we will be able to release their stipends (*for the whole semester*).

President Tulin informed the Board that usually, freshmen students start enrolling in the University by May although the majority of freshmen students enroll by June to early July.

Chairperson De Vera indicated that once the students are officially enrolled, their names can be submitted for the TES program. So, the time gap between admission and the start of classes (2 months) is the "processing time" for them to be run through the TES processing.

Chairperson De Vera likewise informed the Board that he will give the UNIFAST Board "additional authority to create special categories of financial assistance to TES." It will include possible beneficiaries living under conflict areas; indigenous peoples (IPs) living in remote areas; and others who are not included in the DSWD list. If the proposal will be included in the 2019 GAA, the CHED will create a mechanism in conjunction with the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process and the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) to create a parallel list that the CHED can slowly integrate with the DSWD list. Under the existing law, R.A. 10931, this is not possible.

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Edgardo E. Tulin presented the specific activities for the 4th Quarter as follows:

A. ADMINISTRATION

- Hosting of 22nd Asian Association of Agricultural Colleges and Universities (AAACU) Biennial Conference and General Assembly, Oct. 15-18, 2018
- Hosting of Cine Europa, Oct. 15-19, 2018
- Attended Forum on Federalism and Meeting/discussion on the project "University System of Eastern Visayas" with CHED Chairperson Prospero De Vera, Tacloban City, Nov. 12, 2018

- Attendance to CRISPR Dissemination and Planning Workshop, OVCRE Annex, UPLB, Nov. 19-21, 2018
- Served as Plenary Speaker during the 2018 International Conference on Information Technology and Applied Sciences on 21-24 October 2018 at Chia Nan University, Tainan, Taiwan
- Awards on Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM):
 - Maturity Level 2 in Rewards and Recognition (RR)with Serial No.: M2RR-102018-003
 - Maturity Level 2 in Recruitment, Selection and Placement (RSP) with Serial no.: M2RSP-102018-002
 - Maturity Level 2 in Learning and Development with Serial no.: M2LD RR-102018-003
 - o Maturity Level 2 in Performance Management with Serial no.: M2PM-102018-002
 - O Best Competency-Based Merit Selection Plan for developing Customized Merit Selection Plans (MSPs) compliant to the provisions of the 2017 ORAOHRA and PRIME-HRM Maturity Level 2 Indicators worthy being the Model for Competency-Based MSP for all State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in Eastern Visayas.

• Status of Infrastructure Projects:

	Project	Location	Contractor	Completion
1.	Construction of Three-Storey Innovation Building – Phase 1	VSU Main, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte	Rovinval Engineering & Construction	100.00%
2.	Renovation of VSU Manila Office	Lourdes St., Pasay City	CFV Arar Contractors Phils., Inc.	100.00%
3.	Renovation of VSU Cebu Office	Molave St., Lahug, Cebu City	Limar Construction	42.62%
4.	Construction of Two (2) Storey Academic Building for VSU Tolosa – Phase 2	VSU Tolosa, Tanghas, Tolosa, Leyte	Limar Construction	90.02%
5.	Construction of Two (2) Storey Academic Building for VSU Alangalang – Phase 2	VSU Alangalang, Alangalang, Leyte	Winston Built Industries	97.69%
6.	Construction of Two (2) Storey Academic Building for VSU Isabel – Phase 2	VSU Isabel, Isabel, Leyte	RS Reyna Construction	96.8%
7.	Construction of Two (2) Storey Academic Building for VSU Villaba – Phase 2	VSU Villaba, Cagnocot, Villaba, Leyte	E.H. Antig Construction & Supply	98.29%
8.	Construction of Two (2) Storey RCCRDC Building – Phase 2	VSU Main, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte	Winston Built Industries	63.74%
9.	Construction of Two (2) Storey Girl's Dormitory for VSU Villaba	VSU Villaba, Cagnocot, Villaba, Leyte	D.L. Aureo Construction	100.00%
10.	Construction of Two (2) Storey Boy's Dormitory for VSU Villaba	VSU Villaba, Cagnocot, Villaba, Leyte	E.H. Antig Construction & Supply	100.00%
11.	Construction of Two (2) Storey Academic Building for VSU Alangalang	VSU Alangalang, Alangalang, Leyte	Joni Construction	97.69%
12.	Construction of Two (2) Storey Academic Building for VSU Main	VSU Main, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte	CFV Arar Contractors Phils., Inc.	90.00%
13.	Construction of Three-Storey Innovation Building – Phase 2	VSU Main, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte	Rovinval Engineering & Construction	30.00%
14.	Construction of Western Campus Perimeter Fence (Tolosa)	VSU Tolosa, Tanghas, Tolosa, Leyte	Limar Construction	82.10%
15.	Roof Framing of Academic Building of the Academic Building of VSU-Isabel	VSU Isabel, Isabel, Leyte	3A's Builders	100.00%
16.	Roof Framing of Academic Building of the Academic Building of VSU-Villaba	VSU Villaba, Cagnocot, Villaba, Leyte	3A's Builders	100.00%
17.	Repair/ refurbishing Academic Bldg	Main (DFST, DCHM, ISRDS)	By Admin	100.00%
18.	Flood Control Dike	Isabel	BNC	20.00%

19.	Road Network with Drainage	Tolosa	BNC	For Award
	Renovation of Admin Building	Main	Reyna Construction	For Award
21.	Expansion of Gym	Main	ELG	20.00%
22.	Completion of New Library	Main	By Admin	100.00%
23.	Spring Development for Additional Water Supply (Lago- lago Dam)	Main	By Admin	100.00%

• In-House Training/Seminars:

Date	Title of Training	No. of Participants
Nov. 5-9, 2018	Firefighting and Rescue Training	60
Nov. 7-8, 2018 Seminar-Workshop on How To Conduct Preliminary and Formal Investigation of Administrative Cases		30
Nov. 26-27, 2018	Retooling/Capacity Building Seminar-Workshop on Effective Facilitating Skills and Proactive Intervention Techniques in Responding Student-at-Risk Situation	100
Nov. 27-28, 2018	Management Information System Development Workshop	30

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No.	Collaborator/s	Address of Collaborator/s	Nature of Collaboration/ Title of Project
Regio	onal		
1	Municipal Government of Hindang Barangay Local Government Units of Hindang	Municipal Hall, Hindang, Leyte	Implementation of BMIS, component of BIDANI in 20 barangays of Hindang, Leyte
2	Ms. Florence Pastor	Purok 1, Andresa Compound, Brgy alta Vista, Ormoc City	Project ACIAR ASEM 2016/103 enhancing Livelihoods through Forest and Landscape Restoration
3	Rubia Farmers Association	Brgy. Catmon, Tabango, Leyte	On-Farm Action Research: Integration of Commercial Native Chicken Production in Corn-based Farming Systems
4	Basak Farmers Association	Brgy. Campokpok, Tabango, Leyte	On-Farm Action Research: Integration of Commercial Native Chicken Production in Corn-based Farming Systems
5	Mahayahay Vegetable & Roocrop Farmers Association	Brgy. Mahayahay, Villaba, Leyte	On-Farm Action Research: Integration of Commercial Native Chicken Production in Corn-based Farming Systems
6	Calbugos-Ilagay Farmers Association	Brgy. Ilagay, Villaba, Leyte	On-Farm Action Research: Integration of Commercial Native Chicken Production in Corn-based Farming Systems
7	Macupa Agriculture Cooperative	Brgy. Macupa, Leyte, Leyte	On-Farm Action Research: Integration of Commercial Native Chicken Production in Corn-based Farming Systems
8	Belen Producers and Food Processing Association	Brgy. Belen, Leyte, Leyte	On-Farm Action Research: Integration of Commercial Native Chicken Production in Corn-based Farming Systems
9	Tinubdan Goat Raisers and Livelihood Association	Brgy. Tinubdan, Palompon, Leyte	On-Farm Action Research: Integration of Commercial Native Chicken Production in Corn-based Farming Systems
10	Tinabilan Bayanihan Association	Brgy. Tinabilan, Palompon, Leyte	On-Farm Action Research: Integration of Commercial Native Chicken Production in Corn-based Farming Systems
11	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), RO8	3F RPMG Bldg., Marasbaras, Tacloban City	Participatory Resource and Socio- economic Assessment of Silago Cabalian Bay
12	Department of Education – Leyte Division	Palo, Leyte	Pre-service training program of students

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Integrated Livelihood Projects to

Department of Environment and

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Courtesy visit/Benchmarking of External Stakeholders:

- Visit of delegates from Netherland Embassy, Oct. 24, 2018
- Visit of faculty from College of Vet Medicine, UPLB, Oct. 24, 2018

1	C	. RESEARCH AND EXTENSION
2 3 4 5		 Joint RRDCC Chairpersons Consortium Directors, PCAARRD Directorates Meeting, PCAARRD, Los Banos, Oct. 29, 2018
6 7 8		 International Training on Global RDE Updates on Climate Change, Welcome Remarks, Leyte Park Hotel, Oct. 30, 2018
9		 DA-BAR Gold Award for Best Research Applied Category, Nov. 7, 2018
10 11 12 13		 ViCARRP RRDEN 30th Regional RDE Symposium, Queen Pineapple Farm and Industry Encounter through Science and Technology (FIESTA), and Technology Forum, Nov. 21-23, 2018
14 15 16		 Eastern Visayas Inter-Provincial Conference on Humanitarian Preparedness and Response to Climate-related Disasters, VSU, Nov. 22, 2018
17	D	D. PLANNING, RESOURCE GENERATION AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
19 20 21		 Finalization of Draft Revision of the VSU Organizational Structure for UAdCo deliberation
22 23		Submission of CHED-HEMIS data
24 25 26 27 28		 Strict compliance on the implementation of fire safety measures in student dormitories in consonance to the rules and regulations of the Fire Code of the Philippines
29 30		 Submission of the 2020 Infrastructure Budget Proposal to NEDA via the PIPOL System
$\frac{31}{32}$		Finalization of the 2017 Annual Report
33	VIII. U	UNFINISHED BUSINESS
34	A. A	Acedo Case
35		Chairperson De Vera inquired from the Board Secretary regarding Board action
36	О	n the Acedo Case.
37		The Board Secretary informed the Board that during the last meeting, the
38	P	President was requested by the Governing Board to inquire from the Personnel Office of
39	tl	he University with an explanation for the AWOL Status on Dr. Acedo's record. The
40	Е	Board also required the Board Secretary to come up with a Chronology of Events.
41		The Board Secretary again presented to the Board the Chronology of Events.
42		The Hon. Chair then inquired from Regent Uy what had the Board decided
43	r	elative to the case.

Regent Uy informed the Board that he already submitted his recommendation to the Board which was to "restore the status of Dr. Acedo's leave status back to Secondment." This is based on his Service Record that was previously approved by the (former) President and by the (former) Board of Regents. The, the Hon. Chair made some preliminary statements that it might be best not to "disturb" the decision of the past Boards. No decision was reached because some members of the Board again wanted another presentation of the chronology of events.

Chairperson De Vera indicated that this should have been acted with dispatch a long time ago. Dr. Acedo's service to the University should have been terminated during that time because of the AWOL. It is now very difficult for the present Board to change the decision of a previous Board. There are a lot of implications especially when a previous action is reversed. The fact that the (previous) Board did not disallow it, means that they practically allowed it.

The Board Secretary indicated that during SY 2007-2008, the issue on Leave of Absence (of Dr. Acedo) was never raised to the level of the Governing Board.

Regent Uy pointed out that the former Regent from the DA, Atty. Cipriano Santiago, raised a very important issue, that a person cannot be unilaterally declared to be in AWOL. There is a process prescribed by the CSC *vis-à-vis* AWOL. Written notices have to be issued for the immediate return (of the employee) and if these were not issued, it is not possible to declare an employee as AWOL. If indeed there was a "recall order" issued but, there was no timeline indicated (30 days) to report back or be dropped from the rolls, an employee cannot be meted AWOL. This will prevent the present Board from declaring him (Dr. Acedo) on AWOL.

Regent Uy emphasized that Dr. Acedo has already retired from the service and would just want to have the "AWOL" be stricken off his Service Record and replaced with "secondment" so that he can proceed with his GSIS retirement claims.

Chairperson De Vera expressed his concern about the legal ramifications if the present Board tinkers with this issue. If the present Board does "roll back the decision made by a previous Board" and "goes through the whole process again (despite the

passage of time)," this case will keep on returning back to the Board and it becomes more and more difficult to defend.

Technically, there are some things that have been "overtaken by time," as in this case. In the UP, whenever we are faced with similar situations, the Board just says "charge to experience."

As it is, there have been some "mis-steps" that were done, including not informing the Board. This might mean that the Board will hold the previous President to be accountable because he did not bring this matter to the attention of the Board. The President may then say that he presumed regularity because the VP for Academic Affairs or his other subordinates did not inform him so, therefore, he never knew about it.

DOST Regional Director Edgardo M. Esperancilla inquired whether the Board of Regents faces any liability if it grants the request of Dr. Acedo.

The Board Secretary commented that there is no attendant liability on the part of the Governing Board if the request (of Dr. Acedo) is granted.

Director Esperancilla indicated that this could be one of the bases which can guide the Board in making its decision.

Chairperson De Vera pointed out that if the (present) Board does not restore it (secondment), the Governing Board will be held liable. It has to be realized that the "AWOL" status indicated in the Service Record was not based on the decision of the Governing Board and apparently, "due process" was not observed. On the other hand, if the (present) Board restores it, the problem that the Board will face will be "why was this allowed over time."

Regent Uy commented that if the (present) Board will restore it (secondment status), and later on the Board finds that there were specific mistakes committed by University officials, these officials should be made to respond, including former President Bacusmo. They have to defend their side.

President Tulin indicated that all administration officials who may be found liable for "mis-steps" will be required to respond.

The Hon. Chair agreed that the University officials who were responsible should also be held accountable for their actions or in-actions.

Director Esperancilla inquired what will be placed in Dr. Acedo's Service Record if the AWOL is removed? Will it be secondment?

Chairperson De Vera indicated that the AWOL status will be replaced by Secondment.

Regent Uy commented that this Secondment was what was indicated in his Service Record before it was changed to AWOL status.

Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel commented that this decision to remove the AWOL status does not preclude any complaint from anybody on the legal basis for such a notation in the Service Record of Dr. Acedo.

The Hon. Chair commented that once the (present) Board restores the Secondment status but later finds that there is no legal basis for the "secondment," this is another issue that the Board will tackle at some future date. Anybody can challenge the Service Record (but this will require proof).

After thorough discussion and after all questions were raised and answered, the Board unanimously passed

Special BOR RESOLUTION NO. 3, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Restoration of the Secondment Status in the Service Record of Dr. Antonio L. Acedo, Jr. during the contested periods: 01 June 2007 to 31 May 2008 and 01 December 2008 to 31 May 2010), without prejudice to possibly changing the status once duly challenged and the documentary proofs are confirmed to be true.

B. Flores Case

Chairperson De Vera requested the Board Secretary to update the Board on this case.

The Board Secretary informed the Board that this case is about a University employee who presented that she is a holder of a Master's degree from a school in Ormoc City. However, the Transcript of Records (TOR) that she presented does not bear a CHED Special Order Number, which indicates that Ms. Flores is not in possession of a valid Master's degree.

The Board Secretary further narrated that he inquired from the CHED Regional Office why Ms. Flores' TOR does not bear a CHED Special Order Number. The CHED Regional Director informed the Board Secretary that she will personally talk to the school President about this.

On account of this assurance from the Regional Director, , the Governing Board decided to defer any action until after the CHED Regional Director and the President of the school shall have been able to talk on the matter.

The Hon. Chair then requested the CHED Regional Director, Dr. Maura Consolacion D. Cristobal to make a short report.

Dr. Cristobal informed the Board that the school had been offering the program, Master in Education *major* in Public Administration, since the time when the school was still under the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS). This indicates that the program itself is an old program.

Incidentally, the person in question (*Ms. Alicia M. Flores*) was allowed to "graduate" even without submitting her Final Paper (thesis). Thus, the school could not request for a CHED Special Order (SO) for the person concerned because she was unable to complete all the requirements for the degree, her thesis. The CHED, as a matter of protocol, requires the school to submit a soft-copy as well as a hard copy of the thesis before an SO Number will be issued. Until today, the concerned person has not submitted her thesis.

On the issue why the school permitted her to "graduate," the school President indicated that the past school administration allowed students to "graduate" even if they still had other requirements to be completed. However, the present school administration has stopped this practice and only allows those students who have submitted all final documents to graduate.

Chairperson De Vera then inquired from Dr. Cristobal, the conclusion she had reached, taking into account all the documents and the personal interview of the school President.

The CHED RO-8 Director, Dr. Maura Consolacion D. Cristobal, informed the 1 Board that she has come to a conclusion that the person in question "does not have a Master's degree." The Hon. Chair inquired from the members of the Board what should be the next 4 5 step. 6 Regent Fiel indicated that as a matter of due process, the Board assigns this matter (investigation) to the highest Administrative Officer or the President. 7 Chairperson De Vera inquired whether the Board formally instructed the 8 9 President through a Board Resolution. The Board Secretary informed the Board that the Board did not formally instruct the President to make an investigation of the matter. 11 12 Chairperson De Vera motioned that this time around, the Board of Regents formally passes a Resolution instructing the University President to "gather and secure 13 any and all documents related to the Alice Flores Case, for presentation in the 1st 14 15 Quarter BOR Meeting." Regent Fiel seconded the motion. 16 17 President Tulin inquired whether he will create a Fact-Finding Committee in the 18 University. 19 The Hon. Chair indicated that the President is now formally directed by the Board 20 to present a Formal Report what he has found (documents) so far and make a 21 recommendation as to what the Board should do next, and whether to formally charge her 22 based on documentary evidences gathered. 23 Once the Board formally hears the President's Report on this issue, the Board will 24 be guided on what the next step(s) need to be taken. 25 After thorough discussion and after all questions were raised and answered, the 26 Board unanimously passed 27 Special BOR RESOLUTION NO. 4, s. 2018 28 A Resolution Formally requiring President Edgardo E. Tulin to gather and 29 secure any and all documents related to the Alice M. Flores case for presentation in

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the 1st Quarter 2019 BOR meeting including recommendation(s) on the next step(s)

1 2	that the BOR will take, and whether to formally charge her based on documentary evidence(s).
3	IX. NEW BUSINESS
4	A. BOR Resolution for Confirmation
5	The University Secretary informed the Board that there are three (3) BOR
6	Resolution coursed through Referendum pertaining to requests for travel abroad by VSU
7	faculty, as follows:
8	1. BOR Resolution No. 193, s. 2018 dated 14 October 2018
9 10 11	Request of Dr. Ma. Vanessa E. Gabunada, Ms. Paula Nadrea M. Paquibulan, and Mr. Lemuel S. Preciados for Authority to Travel Broad to Present Papers in International Conferences and Represent the University in These events.
12	2. BOR Resolution No. 194, s. 2018 dated 19 October 2018
13 14 15	Request of Dr. Guiraldo C. Fernandez and Ms. Diane Christa G. Milloza for Authority to Travel Broad to Present Papers in International Conferences and Represent the University in These events.
16	3. BOR Resolution No. 195, s. 2018 dated 14 November 2018
17 18 19 20	Request of Dr. Beatriz S. Belonias, Dr. Felix M. Salas, Dr. Rosario A. Salas, Dr. Marisel A. Leorna, and Mr. Ronald Arlet P. Villaber for Authority to Travel Broad to Present Papers in International Conferences and Represent the University in These events.
21	Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection or question on either of
22	the three Referendum Resolutions.
23	Hearing none, the Hon Chair declared the three (3) BOR Resolutions coursed
24	through Referendum, Confirmed.
25	The Board Secretary raised an inquiry regarding the time constraint faced by the
26	Office of the Board Secretary on account of very small lead time available to complete all
27	the needed paperwork to enable faculty to travel abroad. Is there any other way between
28	the time the University receives the IAS Certification, the internal processes of the
29	University, until the time the Office of the Board Secretary receives the documents for
30	possible Referendum. Can the process be possibly truncated?
31	Chairperson De Vera indicated that first and foremost, the routing of any

Referendum must be approved by the CHED. Without this, No Referendum is possible.

The Board Secretary commented that request for travel abroad to present papers was already coursed through the CHED IAS and in attestation, the CHED IAS issues a Certification that the said international conference is legitimate. So, it is suggested that once the CHED IAS gives its Certification, the Board Secretary is authorized to route a Referendum for this purpose.

The Hon. Chair inquired what the other members of the Board thought of the matter.

Chairperson De Vera informed the Board that the CHD put in a screening mechanism through the International Affairs Section (IAS) in order to protect faculty from "becoming victims of predatory conferences and journals" which has become a very big business worldwide. It is not meant to make life miserable for the faculty who will travel. It is there to ensure that the Conferences attended by the faculty of SUCs are legitimate and are organized by legitimate organizations. Once this portion is done, it becomes the basis for the CHED Chairperson to sign.

The Board Secretary informed the Board that based on the unnumbered CHED en banc Resolution, there is a "process flow" (labeled Annex A) that has to be followed before a BOR Resolution can be routed and an Authority to Travel can be issued by the University President.

The Hon. Chair suggested that the University President study this process flow and suggest in the next BOR Meeting a "better process flow" that will tend to fast-track the process.

B. Financial Matters

Chairperson De Vera requested for an Omnibus Approval of all Financial Matters under Tab D, except the item with the "Complaint filed by the Baybay Printshop against the Electrocomputer Data Systems – BAC Resolution No. 69, s. 2018."

President Edgardo E. Tulin moved for the approval of all items under Financial Matters as these items were recommended for approval by the Finance Committee.

No objection was raised.

The Board unanimously passed the following BOR Resolutions

1	BOR RESOLUTION NO. 198, s. 2018
2 3 4 5	A Resolution Approving BAC-1 Resolution No. 54, s. 2018 – Issuance of Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed to the BNC Construction and Repair Services for the Construction of the Road Network with Drainage System. VSU Tolosa in the amount of P7,449,000.00, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.
6	BOR RESOLUTION NO. 199, s. 2018
7 8 9 10	A Resolution Approving BAC-1 Resolution No. 55, s. 2018 – Issuance of Notice of Award and Notice to proceed to the R.S. Reyna Construction for the Renovation and Repair of the VSU Administration Building (VSU Main Campus), in the amount of P6,348,532.89, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.
11	BOR RESOLUTION NO. 200, s. 2018
12 13 14	A Resolution Approving the Proposal of the VSU Main Campus for Supplemental Budget sourced from STF-164 for CY 2018 in the amount of P4.2 million, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.
15	BOR RESOLUTION NO. 201, s. 2018
16 17 18	A Resolution Approving the Grant of Collective Negotiations Agreement (CNA) Incentive to all VSU Employees for CY 2018, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.
19	BOR RESOLUTION NO. 202, s. 2018
20 21 22	A Resolution Approving the Utilization of 2017 Aggregate Balance of Vermiculture Project in the amount of P300,726.20, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.
23	BOR RESOLUTION NO. 203, s. 2018
24 25 26	A Resolution Approving the Grant of Equal Rate of Honorarium for Department Heads and Directors of Academic Units, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.
27	BOR RESOLUTION NO. 204, s. 2018
28 29 30 31	A Resolution Approving the Proposal to Use P230,607.30 for VSU's Contribution to the 2018 National Culture and Arts Festival Chargeable against STF 164 (<i>Income from Cultural Fees</i>), as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.
32	BOR RESOLUTION NO. 205, s. 2018
33 34 35 36	A Resolution Approving BAC Resolution No. 56, s. 2018 – Granting the Motion for Reconsideration of Baybay Printshop which was declared to have failed in the eligibility Requirements for the Supply and Delivery of Appliances and Other Office Equipment (GOODS-18-28), as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.
37	BOR RESOLUTION NO. 206, s. 2018
38 39 40 41	A Resolution Approving BAC Resolution No. 57, s. 2018 – Denying the Request of Winstonbuilt Industries, R.S. Reyna Construction, and Limar Construction for the Replacement of Floor Tiles from Mariwasa to Granite, in the Construction of 2-storeyAcademic Buildings (Phase 2) in VSU Alangalang, VSU Isabel, and VSU

Tolosa, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.

1	BOR RESOLUTION NO. 207, s. 2018
2 3 4 5	A Resolution Approving BAC Resolution No. 58, s. 2018 – Recommending Approval of the Request for Time Extension of R.S. Reyna Construction for the Implementation of the Construction of the 2-Storey Academic Building (Phase 2), VSU Isabel, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.
6	BOR RESOLUTION NO. 208, s. 2018
7 8 9 10	A Resolution Approving BAC Resolution No. 58, s. 2018 – Recommending Approval of the Request for Time Extension of Limar Construction for the Implementation of the Construction of the 2-Storey Academic Building (Phase 2), VSU Tolosa, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.
11	BOR RESOLUTION NO. 209, s. 2018
12 13 14 15	A Resolution Approving BAC Resolution No. 58, s. 2018 – Recommending Approval of the Request for Time Extension of Winstonbuilt Industries for the Implementation of the Construction of the 2-Storey Academic Building (Phase 2), VSU Alangalang, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.
16	BOR RESOLUTION NO. 210, s. 2018
17 18 19 20 21	A Resolution Approving BAC Resolution No. 60, s. 2018 – Recommending the Final termination of Contract of Toyota Tacloban, Leyte, Inc. for the Supply and Delivery of One (1) Unit Toyota Innova J 2.0 Gas M/T for VSU Main Campus under Contract No. BAC17-11-182, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.
22	BOR RESOLUTION NO. 211, s. 2018
23 24 25 26 27	A Resolution Approving BAC Resolution No. 65 – Declaring <u>Brodeth Marketing</u> and <u>UNIREAL Trading Corporation</u> , with the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid (LCRB) for Certain Goods (<i>per item basis</i>) and Recommending the Award of Contract for the Supply and Delivery of Construction Materials, Supplies and Equipment (GOODS-18-34), as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.
28 29	The Blacklisting Complaint of Baybay Printshop against Electrocomputer Data Systems (EDS)
30	Chairperson De Vera requested the Board Secretary to update the Board what this
31	item is all about.
32	The Board Secretary informed the Board that Atty. Rysan C. Guinocor, the
33	University Legal Counsel and a member of the Bids and Awards Committee -1 (BAC-1)
34	is present and will be in a better position to explain the whole thing to the Board of
35	Regents.
36	Atty. Guinocor informed the Board that the complaint was lodged with the BAC-

Delivery of Appliances and other Office Equipment). Before the BAC-1 was able to

1 as a consequence of the bidding that was conducted for GOODS-18-28 (Supply and

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Blacklisting against Electrocomputer Data Systems (EDS) allegedly for "false information on the techno aspects" that was included in the Bill of Quantities that was submitted by the EDS.

The BAC-1 instructed the Technical Working Group (TWG) of the BAC to look into the complaint and verify whether there are indeed alterations/changes in the technical specifications submitted by the EDS. For its part, the TWG reported back that indeed there were some differences in the specifications and EDS was immediately given a copy of the TWG findings.

Atty. Guinocor explained that EDS did not just indicate the Brand name/Model but also the technical specifications of the items it made a bid on. It bears noting that the BAC-1 added an additional column to the GPPB template (which provides only up to the offered/quoted amount). This additional column is where the bidders will indicate the Brand name/Model of the item being bided.

The BAC-1 decided that "those specs (that EDS included in the BoQ) cannot influence the BAC-1's decision" because what the BAC-1 does is compare the technical specs as published in the PhilGEPS against the technical specs of the Brand name/Model per search in the internet of that particular Brand name/Model as well as based on the brochure(s) presented.

The EDS, for its part, did not bother to answer the first complaint filed by Baybay Printshop on the grounds that it was not the enterprise being named in the complaint. When the complaint was first filed by Baybay Printshop, the complaint was dismissed by the BAC-1 because the name of the respondent was incorrect – Electronic Computer Data Systems.

A day or so after Baybay Printshop was informed that its complaint for blacklisting was dismissed on grounds that the name of the respondent was wrong, Baybay Prinshop immediately filed an amended complaint, this time correctly indicating the name of the respondent enterprise as Electrocomputer Data Systems (EDS).

Now, the owner of the Baybay Prinshop has been very insistent of securing a "copy" of the BAC-1 Resolution which is a reply to his Blacklisting complaint. He has

been pestering all the members of the BAC-1 and even the BAC Secretariat so much so that the Chairman of the BAC-1 unilaterally decided to provide Baybay Printshop a "soft copy" of the BAC-1 Resolution (now numbered BAC-1 Resolution No. 69, s. 2018 dated 24 November 2018). As the members of the Board can plainly see, it bears no signature of the members of the BAC-1. The official stand of the BAC-1 is that the BAC-1 Resolution No. 69, s. 2018 is not yet final and executory as this is only a recommendation to the HoPE. The HoPE has yet to make a decision on the matter whether to sustain or to reverse the recommendations contained in BAC-1 Resolution No. 69, s. 2018. The BAC-1 just followed the procedure for blacklisting as provided for in the 2016 Revised IRR of R.A. 9184. Further, BAC-1 Resolution No. 69, s. 2018 dated 14 November 2018 recommended for the "Dismissal of the Complaint."

However, Baybay Printshop contends that in accordance with Blacklisting Procedure 5.3 (page 216 of the 2016 Revised IRR of R.A. 9184), the BAC has no power to recommend dismissal. Baybay Printshop further contends that "nowhere in 5.3 does it say that the BAC has the power to dismiss a complaint." This being the case, the BAC Resolution recommending to the HoPE the dismissal of the Blacklisting Complaint is "illegal." The materials that have been provided by the BAC are provided to all the members of the Board of Regents.

Atty. Guinocor informed the Board that the current situation has become even more confused because of the so many motions that Baybay Printshop has filed. The latest was an *ex parte* Motion dated 6 December 2018 that was filed directly with the Board of Regents.

The Board Secretary informed the Board that the situation would have been less complicated had the BAC not provided an advanced copy *albeit* a "soft copy" of the BAC Resolution No. 69, s. 2018. He said that he became aware of the rather complicated situation during the University Administrative Council Meeting (UADCO) wherein there was already a "Motion for Reconsideration" that was presented to the UADCO for consideration even before the Original Motion had been disposed of. As University Secretary, I advised the UADCO members not to get involved in the issue because there

were no lawyers in the group, with the exception of the University Legal Counsel. Everybody was caught unaware of what was happening in the Bids and Awards Committee -1. It was later explained that the "Motion for Reconsideration" was filed because the Baybay Printshop was able to secure an "advanced copy" of the BAC-1 Resolution which recommended the "dismissal" of the complaint. It was also explained that the Chairman of the BAC-1 felt "very pressured" to provide a copy to Baybay Printshop.

Atty. Guinocor commented that indeed the owner of Baybay Prinshop has been exerting a lot of pressure on all the members of the BAC-1. In fact, all BAC-1 members already received a "draft Ombudsman Complaint" from the owner of Baybay Printshop although the said document did not yet bear the signature of his lawyer. However, all the allegations have already been neatly laid out. The owner also keeps on texting the BAC-1 members and giving deadlines. The two (2) members of the BAC-1, the Chairperson and the Vice Chair, are nearing retirement, and have already indicated that they will no longer accept being designated as members of the BAC-1 in the coming 2019.

Regent Uy requested for additional background of Baybay Prinshop considering that EDS is a well-known, reputable and reliable supplier of computers, printers and other electronic equipment of many government agencies and institutions.

Atty. Guinocor narrated that Baybay Printshop started as a simple printing press. Then just about a few years ago, it got into the business of supplying IT equipment. In Baybay, there are a few IT equipment enterprises, the biggest of which is Greenware which until about 2 or 3 years ago, was the main supplier of Computers, peripherals, and other IT equipment. A short time after Baybay Printshop joined in the bidding for IT equipment, Greenware decided it no longer wanted to join VSU biddings.

Today, Baybay Printshop has actively joined in the biddings of the University for IT equipment, peripherals and IT components. It has also joined the bidding for appliances and office equipment. As a supplier, the University has not encountered any problem with Baybay Printshop or EDS for that matter. It is really a wonder why Baybay Printshop is now acting in this way.

The owner of the Baybay Prinshop is a Mr. Nello Roa IV who is a Baybayanon. Mr. Roa is a "barrister" but for some reason, he did not take the Bar Examination, until the present. Given his background, he is very familiar with legal terminology especially in his text messages to the members of the BAC-1.

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Regent Uy opined that the issue at hand is still in the hands of the BAC because the BAC still has to dispose of the Motion for Reconsideration that was filed.

Atty. Guinocor explained to the Board that even before the BAC could decide who to award based on the submitted bids, Baybay Printshop already filed a Complaint for Blacklisting. The BAC is now in a quandary whether the Awarding should proceed because the BAC is aware that "it cannot make an Award to a bidder who is blacklisted." The BAC cannot make a final determination whether or not EDS will be blacklisted. What will happen if the BAC-1 awards to EDS some of the items and later, the EDS will be blacklisted?

The Hon. Chair commented that when an agency of government blacklists, it is prospective. It is not possible to blacklist while the procurement process is on-going.

Atty. Guinocor informed the Board that he personally called the GPPB Legal Office and inquired about this. The GPPB Legal opined that "there is no prohibition for you to award or not to award, whether EDS is blacklisted or not is not yet finalized." However, GPPB Legal likewise advised that "the COA might question the actions (on the BAC-1 in awarding) that the BAC-1 did not exercise prudence." It was the word "prudence" that made the BAC-1 hesitate in going forward with the awarding. However, the BAC-1 completed making the Notice of Awards but did not issue it.

The Hon. Chair then requested clarification what exactly is the position of the BAC-1 in its BAC Resolution No. 69, s. 2018 because something is missing. Is it to blacklist or not to blacklist?

Atty. Guinocor clarified that the recommendation of the BAC-1 in its BAC-1 Resolution No. 69, s. 2018 is to "Dismiss the Complaint for Blacklisting and Instead Issue a Stern Warning (to EDS) Not to Do this Again." On account of the information that Mr. Roa was able to secure, he filed for a Motion for Reconsideration on the

recommendation of the BAC-1. The BAC-1 has also made a reply to the Motion for Reconsideration to the effect that "this is still premature since the Main Complaint has not yet been decided by the HoPE."

Chairperson De Vera clarified that the main reason why complainant wanted to disqualify one of the bidders was the "alleged" false information it provided. The proper action would be to disqualify the bidder and not blacklist.

Atty. Guinocor pointed out that the Complainant, Baybay Printshop, used this "false information" as basis for his Complaint for Blacklisting. Indeed, the BAC-1 TWG ascertained that there was some false information that was given by EDS in the technical specifications on four (4) of its bids, the BAC-1 held that for this "false information to be a basis for blacklisting," it should be done in order to influence the outcome of the bidding. The BAC-1 found that this very crucial element is missing because "the BAC-1 cannot be influenced by false information considering that the BAC-1 does not need that information, in the first place."

Chairperson De Vera inquired about any action that the BAC-1 has done attendant to the Bidding.

Atty. Guinocor informed the Board that for the four (4) items that Baybay Printshop complained about which was also verified by the TWG of the BAC-1 to have some false information, EDS was disqualified for these items and these items were awarded to Baybay Printshop.

The Hon. Chair opined that despite being awarded these four (4) items it complained about, the main agenda of this Baybay Prinshop is probably to eliminate competition in the near future.

Chairperson De Vera inquired how much time does the Board have to come up with a decision.

Atty. Guinocor informed the Board that based on the 2016 Revised IRR for R.A. 9184, the BOR has 15 days to come up with a decision.

The Hon. Chair indicated that if the Board "adopts the BAC-1 recommendation to Dismiss the Blacklisting Complaint" and the Complainant files a "Motion for

Recommendation" then the whole Bidding will lapse and nobody will benefit from it. Everybody loses.

Regent Fiel commented on the "Prayer" made by the Complainant in his Motion for Reconsideration of the BAC-1 Resolution No. 69, s. 2018 dated 24 November 2018, that, this was made in order for the BAC-1 to "reconsider its Resolution" and not for the HoPE to make a decision on the BAC Resolution.

Atty. Guinocor emphasized that BAC-1 Resolution No. 69, *s.* 2018 is not a Final Decision based on the procedure in the 2016 Revised IRR of R.A. 9184. The HoPE will have to make a decision where or not to accept the BAC-1 recommendation. Only the HoPE can either sustain or reverse the recommendations contained in BAC-1 Resolution No. 69, *s.* 2018. The process on Blacklisting rests with the HoPE and not with the BAC.

Regent Uy commented that in the interest of time, the BAC should move forward and MOTIONED that the BAC be allowed to proceed with the Awarding so that the GAA funds allocated for this can be used by the University. The issue on Awarding and Blacklisting are separate issues and will have to be dealt with separately.

Regent Uy pointed out the following facts which can serve as basis for proceeding with the Awarding, to wit:

- 1. first, the BAC-1 was not "misled" which is a material element to be considered;
- second, the BAC-1 has to decide whether the information that was given is material
 and the BAC-1 is saying that it was not misled by the "false information" given; and
- third, the question on whether the "information given was done in bad faith" and the BAC-1 indicated that it may not be the case.

Chairperson De Vera indicated that in this case, No Board action is needed.

Regent Uy commented that at this stage, no Board action is necessary.

Atty. Guinocor expressed his apprehension that if this is the stand of the Board, the complainant may "take this up with the Governing Board as the HoPE." He will be asking for the "decision of the HoPE" because his complaint is "left hanging."

Regent Fiel made the following statement to the Board, to wit:

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- that, he was in possession of a document (Letter Response to Motion for Reconsideration) that the BAC-1 sent to Mr. Roa signed by four (4) members of the BAC-1 informing Mr. Roa that his Motion for Reconsideration is premature;
- that, he was also in possession of a letter from Mr. Roa dated 6 December 2018
 which in essence is his response to the BAC-1 Letter informing him that his Motion
 for Reconsideration is premature;
- that, said letter from Mr. Roa dated 6 December 2018 does not address the issue or claim of the BAC-1 that his Motion for Reconsideration is premature and instead reiterated his complaint;
- 4. that, the issue on prematurity has not been responded to by the Complainant;
- 5. that, the so-called ex-parte Motion for Disqualification (of Mr. Roa) is a response to the 3 December 2018 letter of the BAC-1 is a mere rehash of his complaint which quotes the <u>original recommendation</u> of the BAC-1 and not on the issue of prematurity which should be properly responded to (by Complainant); and
- 6. that, the issues, at this point in time, have not been joined meaning that issues at the level of the BAC should be dealt with by the BAC before these are raised to the level of the Board acting as the HoPE.

Chairperson De Vera inquired from Regent Uy whether indeed the two issues – Awarding and Blacklisting – are indeed not connected. What Regent Uy was saying a while ago was that the Board instruct the BAC-1 to proceed with the Awarding and "just take note of the (BAC-1) recommendation and decide not to do anything with it if we find that there is no merit to the idea of blacklisting."

Regent Uy commented that there is a need to review the procedures and process that have been made in order to give EDS <u>due process</u>. For instance, has the BAC-1 written EDS about the complaint? What was the comment of the EDS on the complaint? It bears pointing out that EDS has the right to be informed and submit their response to whatever complaints that may have been filed. If all the <u>due process procedures and processes were not properly implemented</u>, this may be a cause for legal action against the

Board acting as HoPE. It is necessary that before any DECISION is made on the Complaint, all parties concerned have to be informed.

Atty. Guinocor informed the Board that the BAC-1 provided the EDS will all the documents and EDS also submitted replies attendant to the Complaint filed by the Baybay Printshop. The BAC-1 followed all the procedures indicated in the 2016 Revised IRR of R.A. 9184. After the TWG of the BAC-1 verified that there is ground for blacklisting, it furnished EDS a copy of the Complaint for Blacklisting. EDS was given five (5) days to submit his answer. On the issue whether EDS was given notice to choose either to have a Hearing or Not, EDS did not expressly state that it wanted a Hearing. So, the BAC-1 just evaluated the Complaint, the answer of the EDS to the Complaint, and the other documents in the possession of the BAC-1. Based on all these processes and procedures, the BAC-1 was able to come up with its Recommendations.

Regent Fiel pointed out that the MR is addressed to the BAC and not the Board.

Atty. Guinocor explained that the BAC-1 has already written Mr. Roa explaining to him that the BAC-1 cannot act on his MR because it is premature. However, Mr. Roa apparently has not accepted the explanation of the BAC-1.

Chairperson De Vera inquired whether the Complainant (Mr. Roa) has made a letter addressed to the Board saying that "he does not accept the decision made by the BAC-1."

Atty. Guinocor indicated that although there is no such letter, Mr. Roa has made it very clear in his text messages.

The Hon. Chair inquired whether the letter does point out that "he disagrees with the decision of the BAC-1 and that he wants to elevate the matter to the Governing Board?"

The Board Secretary informed the Board that there is really a letter from Mr. Roa addressed to the Board of Regents dated 4 December 2018 and then reads the contents of the said letter.

Director Esperancilla made the following comments, to wit:

- that, nobody should feel intimidated or harassed just because of a threat of a possible
 case to be filed with the Office of the Ombudsman. This should be relayed to the
 members of all the Bids and Awards Committee members of the University;
- that, giving of advance information should be banned as this would not have become this complicated had the BAC-1 Chair not given advance information;
- that, the specifications submitted by the bidders should be compared to the specifications that the University bid and it has to be proven whether or not the University specifications were copied or not, but the item offered has different specifications;
- 4. that, while it is common practice to receive Suppliers providing Brands and Models for items being bided with technical specifications different from what was posted for bidding, this is not <u>misinformation</u>, but rather the <u>right information</u> of the Brand/Model they are offering at no extra cost which is advantageous to government and help the BAC decide whether or not to purchase the item.

Atty. Guinocor inquired whether the BAC-1 will give Mr. Roa a duly signed copy of the BAC-1 Resolution No. 69, s. 2018 dated 24 November 2018 because he has been requesting this from the BAC. What Mr. Roa has in his possession right now is an unsigned copy of the BAC-1 Resolution No. 69, s. 2018 as it was just a soft copy without any signatures.

The Hon. Chair directed Atty. Guinocor to inform the BAC-1 Chair to make a request to the Governing Board if there are any requests for information and it will be the Governing Board that will decide whether to give out information or not based on the Freedom of Information (FoI) Law.

Chairperson De Vera emphasized that as a Policy, no lower offices or officials of the University, is authorized to give anyone or any organization sensitive information without authorization from the President or the Governing Board. All Bid documents belong to the University and should be secured, protected and made Strictly Confidential.

Chairperson De Vera then instructed the VSU Legal Counsel to prepare a draft letter to answer the MR of Mr. Roa dated 4 December 2018 in order for the Board to be

able to act on the matter forthrightly. The draft Letter from the VSU Legal Counsel will be transmitted to the CHED Chair's Office so that it can be referred to the CHED Legal Office to be able to come up with a strong rebuttal to the case. It will also be circulated to all the members of the Board for comments. The VSU Legal Counsel was also tasked to draft a point-by-point answer to the various issues raised by Mr. Roa.

Chairperson De Vera directed the University President to "tighten up" the security of documents and especially of the release of documents of the University. The Office of the President should issue a Memorandum to this effect informing all officials and offices in the University of this Policy.

In the CHED, for instance, there is only one (1) spokesperson who can speak for and on behalf of the Commission. Thus, any other official or office when they speak about basic information about the CHED has to be authorized by the CHED. If they are not authorized, it is not Official. For instance, a Regional Director when invited to be a Keynote Speaker, the CHED requires that the Keynote Speech be submitted before the said engagement to check if the Speech has consistency with the directions of the CHED. The University should also do some checking so that there will be consistency in everything that the University projects to the Public.

President Tulin indicated that he will issue a Memorandum to this effect.

Regent Fiel informed the Board that indeed there is a 15-day prescription period for the Board to make a decision on the matter at hand. This implies that with 15 days, the Governing Board will have to decide whether the BOR will suspend the Contractor (EDS) and whether the BOR will order the forfeiture of its (EDS) Bid Security. These are the issues that the BOR should answer within the next 15 days.

Regent Fiel also informed the Board that based on the 2016 Revised IRR for R.A. 9184, it provides that the Procuring Entity shall furnish the suspended contractor a copy of the Decision immediately upon ... promulgation. Thus, the BOR is duty bound to furnish EDS and not Baybay Printshop with a copy of its Decision.

Chairperson De Vera indicated that the Board is essentially sustaining the BAC-1 finding no merit in the complaint for blacklisting because the alleged infractions were not

critical in the decision making of the BAC-1. Therefore, the Board cannot blacklist. This will be the tenor of the decision of the Board. Now, if the Complainant wants to debate the decision of the Board, he goes to the Board and makes his presentation directly with the Board. If he files a Motion for Reconsideration, the Board will no longer have to face a 15-day deadline.

The Board Secretary inquired who will draft this reply.

Chairperson De Vera indicated that the University Legal Counsel will be the one who will prepare it. The reply has to be within the 15 day period prescribed under the Law or the Complainant may file a case against the Board per RA 6713.

C. Academic Matters

1. Proposal to Offer the Master of Land Administration and Management (MLAM)

President Tulin informed the Board that the VSU Main Campus has been offering the Master in Land Administration and Management (MLAM) since 2009 with the passage of BOR Resolution No. 54, s. 2009 dated 10 August 2009.

Now, the DENR Central Office has requested the University to offer the same MLAM program in Metro Manila to cater to the needs of the employees of the DENR Central Office.

Chairperson De Vera inquired why should the DENR Central Office make such a request for VSU to teach the said course.

The President informed the Board that the Graduate Program (MLAM) started because of the interest of the Department of Natural Resources (DENR) for a graduate-level academic program that would equip their employees with a better understanding of land valuation, land conservation, as well as land conflict management. When the program was initially launched in 2009, all the students came from the DENR RO-8. This being the case, the University conducted the classes in the premises of the Land Management Bureau, Government Center, Palo, Leyte

The Hon. Chair inquired what will be the actual Mode of Delivery for this program considering that the VSU Professors will be all flying-in from Leyte to Manila.

President Tulin indicated that the mode of delivery will be lecture-discussions 1 as well as field visits. These will be primarily done during weekends. Dr. Maura Consolacion D. Cristobal, the CHED RO-8 Director suggested that the Regional Office first take a look at the program considering that said degree 4 program will be offered in another area outside of Region 8. 5 Chairperson De Vera indicated that he was amenable to the suggestion of the 6 CHED RO-8 Director that the proposal be first coursed through the CHED RO-8 and 7 let them recommend the proper action. Let the CHED RO-8 guide VSU on the next 8 steps to take. 10 2. Proposed Revision of the Implementing Guidelines for Sabbatical Leave President Tulin informed the Board that Rest and Recreation has now been 11 added to the options faculty may avail of when they apply for Sabbatical Leave. 12 Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection on the proposal. 13 Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the Proposal approved. 14 The Board passed 15 BOR RESOLUTION NO. 213, s. 2018 16 17 A Resolution Approving the Proposed Revision of the Implementing Guidelines on Sabbatical Leave, effective upon Board approval. 18 19 D. Administrative Matters 1. Request of Dr. Jose L. Bacusmo for Time Extension of Two (2) NAFES Projects of 20 21 VSU funded by the CHED President Tulin informed the Board that Dr. Jose L. Bacusmo is requesting for 22 a six-month extension of two (2) NAFES projects funded by the CHED without 23 additional cost. Dr. Bacusmo handles both projects. A BOR Resolution is required by 24 the CHED before any fund release is made for the continuation of the project. 25 Chairperson De Vera inquired if the President was recommending the six-26 27 months extension for both projects funded by the CHED. President Tulin indicated that he was recommending the six-month extension 28

requested by Dr. Bacusmo for both projects.

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Chairperson De Vera indicated that this will be a one-time extension for both 1 projects. No other request for extension will be entertained by the Board. 2 No objection was raised on the one-time extension for six-months for both projects. 4 5 The Board passed BOR RESOLUTION NO. 214, s. 2018 6 7 A Resolution Approving a One-Time Extension for Six Months of the CHED Funded Project: "Technical Assistance to Accelerated Sustainable Anti-Poverty Program (ASAP) to Leyte Provinces" as proposed. 9 BOR RESOLUTION NO. 215, s. 2018 10 1 A Resolution Approving a One-Time Extension for Six Months of the CHED Funded Project: "Livelihood Opportunities for Small-Scale Coconut 12 Farmers through Expansion and Establishment of Community-Based Coconut 13 14 Seedling Nursery in Eastern Visayas" as proposed. 2. Proposed Mentoring System for Administrative Staff 15 16 President Tulin informed the Board that there is a need to prepare younger staff to take over the responsibilities of senior staff once they are no longer in 17 government service. At present, once the senior staff retires, the persons left behind 18 19 scramble to learn what needs to be done, how it is to be done, and when it is to be done. This is part of the CSC procedures on succession. 20 Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection on the proposal. 21 22 Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the Proposal approved. 23 The Board passed 24 BOR RESOLUTION NO. 216, s. 2018 25 Resolution Approving the Proposed Mentoring System Administrative Staff effective upon Board approval. 26 27 3. Proposal to Increase the Monthly Garbage Collection Fee from P30.00 to P100.00 per 28 Month 29 President Tulin informed the Board that the University has been collecting a small "Garbage Collection Fee" of P30.00 per month for the past so many years. This 30 small fee is mainly shouldered by the residents living in the University Housing 31

facilities. In essence, the fee is used to facilitate collection of garbage at different

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"collection points" around the campus as well as for the treatment of collected garbage in the University landfill.

The Hon. Chair inquired from the President whether there is a need to consult the residents regarding the proposed increase. It would not look good if the Governing Board approved the proposal without double checking whether there is a requirement for consultation prior to an increase.

The President indicated that he is not aware of any rule requiring consultation but that he will double check whether indeed a consultation is required.

Chairperson De Vera suggested that if it is found that no consultation is required, then, this proposal is deemed approved by the Board. If there is a need for consultation, to immediately undertake the consultation and go back to the Board.

No objection was raised.

The Board passed

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 217, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Proposal to Increase the Monthly Garbage Collection Fee from P30.00 to P100.00 per Month *Provided*, That Consultation with the affected Residents is Not Required.

4. Plans and Budgetary Requirements in the Conduct of Information Campaign and the VSU Admission Test for SY 2019-2020

President Tulin presented to the Board the Schedule of Activities for the upcoming Information Campaign and the VSU Admission Test. The President explained that this schedule has been posted in the University's web site for easy access to interested person. On top of this, there will be an active information campaign that will be conducted in 10 Testing Centers in Leyte, So. Leyte, Cebu and Bohol. The Admission Tests will be conducted during the weekends starting 19-20 January 2019 and ending by 24 February 2010. A budget of P206,810.00 is being proposed to cover all necessary expenses for this undertaking.

Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection on the proposal.

Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the Proposal approved.

The Board passed

1		BOR RESOLUTION NO. 218, s. 2018
2 3 4		A Resolution Approving the Proposed Plans and Budgetary Requirements in the Conduct of Information Campaign and the VSU Admission Test for SY 2019-2020, as proposed and effective upon Board approval.
5 6	5.	Proposal of the VSU Villaba to Open an ATM Payroll Account with the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP)
7		President Tulin informed the Board that VSU Villaba is requesting authority
8		to open an ATM Payroll Account with the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP). The
9		rationale for this request is that the LBP is planning to put up an ATM machine in
10		Villaba town proper and VSU Villaba would like to take the chance of availing of this
11		vital service.
12		Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection on the proposal.
13		Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the Proposal approved.
14		The Board passed
15		BOR RESOLUTION NO. 219, s. 2018
16 17 18		A Resolution Approving the Proposal of the VSU Villaba to Open an ATM Payroll Account with the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), as proposed and effective upon Board approval.
19 20	6.	Request of the VSU Villaba to Close Three (3) Existing Accounts in the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) and Transfer said Accounts to the LBP
21		President Tulin informed the Board that the VSU Villaba is again requesting
22		for authority this time to close three (3) accounts deposited in the Development Bank
23		of the Philippines (DBP) and transfer these accounts to the Land Bank of the
24		Philippines, Ormoc City Branch. The reason cited by the Dean of the Villaba Campus
25		is that by transferring the said DBP accounts to the LBP, it will minimize the risks
26		faced by the Cashier of the VSU Villaba. All transactions will now be with the LBP
27		to make all transactions safer.
28		Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection on the proposal.
29		Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the Proposal approved.
30		The Board passed

A Resolution Approving the Proposal of the VSU Villaba to Close Three (3) Existing Accounts in the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) and

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 220, s. 2018

1 2		Transfer said Accounts to the LBP, as proposed and effective upon Board approval.
3	7.	Sabbatical Leave Application of Two (2) Faculty from the VSU Main Campus
4		President Tulin informed the Board that there are two (2) faculty members
5		from the Main Campus who have applied for Sabbatical Leave effective 1 January
6		2019 until 31 December 2019.
7		Both applications have been coursed through channels and the Academic
8		Personnel Board is favorably recommending approval of the Sabbatical Leaves of
9		both faculty members.
10		Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection on the proposal.
11		Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the Proposal approved.
12		The Board passed
13		BOR RESOLUTION NO. 221, s. 2018
14 15 16 17 18		A Resolution Approving the Sabbatical Leave Application of Prof. Ramon R. Orias covering the period 1 January 2019 until 31 December 2019, <i>Provided</i> , That the Expected Outputs agreed upon with the Academic Personnel Board (APB) will be submitted at the end of the Sabbatical Leave, effective upon Board approval.
19		BOR RESOLUTION NO. 222, s. 2018
20 21 22 23 24		A Resolution Approving the Sabbatical Leave Application of Dr. Nancy V. Dumaguing covering the period 1 January 2019 until 31 December 2019, <i>Provided</i> , That the Expected Outputs agreed upon with the Academic Personnel Board (APB) will be submitted at the end of the Sabbatical Leave, effective upon Board approval.
25 26	8.	Request of Dr. Melinda L. Lavega for Extension of Service to the University After Her Compulsory Retirement
27		President Tulin informed the Board that one faculty, Dr. Melinda L. Lavega,
28		is due to retire at the compulsory age of 65 this coming 19 February 2019. However,
29		upon her retirement from Government service, Dr. Lavega has not been able to
30		complete the minimum requirement of 15-years of service under the GSIS Law.
31		The Hon. Chair inquired whether the Governing Board is empowered to
22		extend the services of an employee beyond the compulsory retirement age

The Board Secretary informed the Board that Section 129 of Rule XII of the CSC 2017 Omnibus Rules on Appointments and Other Human Resource Actions (ORA-OHRA) provides, to wit:

"However, for one who will complete the fifteen (15) years of service required by the GSIS Law, a maximum period of two (2) years may be allowed. Services rendered during the extension shall be credited as part of government service for purposes of retirement. The official or employee, may file the request of extension of service."

Thus, the Board has the power to extend the services of Dr. Lavega beyond the compulsory retirement age.

The Board Secretary further informed the Board that the request of Dr. Lavega for extension is only up to 15 September 2019 as by this date she will have been able to complete the 15 years of service requirement under the GSIS Law. The University Administrative Council (UADCO) is recommending that Dr. Lavega's service until 31 December 2019. Whether the Board will extend Dr. Lavega's service beyond 15 September 2019, it is up to the Board.

Chairperson De Vera commented that since this action is allowed under the CSC Rules, for humanitarian reasons, Dr. Lavega's services should be extended as recommended by the UADCO.

Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection on the proposal.

Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the Proposal approved.

The Board passed

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 223, s. 2018

A Resolution Approving the Request of Dr. Melinda L. Lavega for Extension of Service to the University until 31 December 2019 after her Compulsory Retirement on 19 February 2019 as provided for in Section 129 of Rule XII of the CSC 2017 Omnibus Rules on Appointments and Other Human Resource Actions (ORA-OHRA), as presented.

9. <u>Proposal to Hire Dr. Antonia Cecilia Y. Sandoval as Adjunct Professor (Research Adviser)</u> for the Three (3) Graduating Graduate Students in the 2nd Semester, SY 2018-2019

President Tulin informed the Board that Dr. Antonia Cecila Y. Sandoval, of the Department of Ag. Education and Extension (DAEE), will be retiring by 31 December 2018. She is currently the research Adviser of three (3) Graduate Students

who are expected to graduate by the 2nd Semester of SY 2018-2019 or by June 2019. It is for this reason that the DAEE Personnel Committee has recommended that Dr. Sandoval be hired as Adjunct Professor (Research Adviser) until her three (3) advisees graduate.

Chairperson De Vera inquired about the University Rule regarding hiring an Adjunct Professor whether it is really by Semester and not by School Year.

The Board Secretary informed the Board that based on BOR Resolution No. 39, s. 2014 dated 26 July 2014 provides the Guidelines on the appointment of Adjunct faculty in the Graduate School. Specifically, Guideline No. 7 provides that "Contract of Services, shall be on a semestral basis..." Further, Guidelines No. 8, it indicates that an Adjunct Research Adviser "shall not be given an hourly pay, but shall be given an honorarium as GAC Chairman/Member based on existing BOR-approved rates."

The Hon. Chair inquired what will the adjunct faculty do during the semester and what degree level are the students pursuing.

The Board Secretary informed the Board that she will the thesis adviser of the three (3) graduate students who are completing their Masteral degrees.

The Hon. Chair inquired whether the three (3) students will be able to complete their thesis in the 2nd Semester, SY 2018-2019.

The Board Secretary replied in the affirmative.

Chairperson De Vera informed the Board that in the UP system, adjunct professors are extended yearly up to the age of 70 to provide flexibility. It is a fact that many graduate students are unable to graduate on time. What might happen here is that the BOR might have to keep on renewing her appointment until all three (3) are finally able to graduate.

Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection on the proposal.

Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the Proposal approved.

The Board passed

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 224, s. 2018

2 3 4 5	A Resolution Approving the Recommendation of the Academic Personnel Board (APB) to Hire Dr. Antonia Cecilia Y. Sandoval as Adjunct Professor (Research Adviser) for three (3) Masteral Student who will Graduate in the 2 nd Semester, SY 2018-2019, as presented.
6 7 8	 Proposal of Dr. Christina A. Gabrillo, Station Manager of VSU Radio Station DYDC- FM to Affiliate with the Government Radio Network Franchise through Dr. Rizal Giovanni P. Aportadera, Jr. Director IV, Bureau of Broadcast Services
9	President Tulin informed the Board that the University Radio Station is
10	operating at 10 watts of power output and this low wattage can only reach the very
11	near barrios. The DYDC Station Manager is hoping to secure a non-commercial, 1-
12	kilowatt transmitter from the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC)
13	Office through an affiliation with the Government's Radio Station Network, Radyo
14	ng Bayan, which is operated by the Bureau of Broadcast Services.
15	The Hon. Chair inquired what are the requirements set by the Radyo ng
16	Bayan in order for DYDC-FM to become an affiliate radio station. Usually, there is a
17	programming requirement that the affiliate radio station has to devote X hours/X
18	minutes to air government programs, and others.
19	President Tulin informed the Board that so far, Dr. Giovanni P. Aportadera.
20	the head of the Bureau of Broadcast Service, is just requiring a Memorandum of
21	Agreement (MOA) between the Bureau of Broadcast Services (BBS) and the
22	University.
23	Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection on the proposal.
24	Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the Proposal approved.
25	The Board passed
26	BOR RESOLUTION NO. 225, s. 2018
27 28 29 30	A Resolution Approving the Proposal of Dr. Christina A. Gabrillo Station Manager of VSU Radio Station, DYDC-FM, to Affiliate with the Government Radio Network Franchise through Dr. Rizal Giovanni P Aportadera, Jr., Director IV, Bureau of Broadcast Services, as presented.
31	11. Request for Salary Differential of Three (3) Vice Presidents
32	President Tulin informed the Board that the proposal was coursed through the
33	Administrative Council which also recommended this. The proposal is based on
34	DBM-CHED Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2003 dated 28 July 2003.

1	The President continued that Section 6 of the abovementioned Circular is very
2	clear that the designated Vice-Presidents shall be entitled to the difference between
3	their present salaries and the 1st Step of the Salary Grade of the (permanent) VP
4	position. The salary differentials will cover the period January 2018-December 2018.
5	Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection on the proposal.
6	Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the Proposal approved.
7	The Board passed
8	BOR RESOLUTION NO. 226, s. 2018
9 10 11 12	A Resolution Approving the Proposal to Give Salary Differential of Three (3) Vice Presidents: VP Administration and Finance, VP Instruction, and VP Planning, Resource Generation and External Affairs, for the Period January to December 2018, as presented.
13	E. Personnel Matters
14	1. <u>Upgrading of Some Faculty Members per NBC 461, 7th Cycle Evaluation Results</u>
15	President Tulin informed the Board that around 200 faculty from the five (5)
16	campuses of the University have qualified for promotion based on the NBC 461, 7th
17	Cycle results. Those who qualified for Professor rank are still undergoing
18	accreditation by a Team from the DBM and PASUC.
19	The Hon. Chair pointed out that funds for this increase are tied with the
20	proposed 2019 GAA Budget now pending in Congress.
21	Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection on the proposal.
22	Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the Proposal approved.
23	The Board passed
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29	President Tulin informed the Board that the Non-Academic Personnel Board
30	(NAPB) of the University has recommended Ma. Teresa A. Cruz (Accountant II [SG-
31	16]) to occupy the vacant position of Internal Auditor IV (SG-22), effective upon

1	BOR approval. The NAPB action was likewise coursed through the University
2	Administrative Council which also recommended Ms. Cruz for the position.
3	Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection on the proposal.
4	Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the Proposal approved.
5	The Board passed
6	BOR RESOLUTION NO. 228, s. 2018
7 8 9	A Resolution Approving the Promotion of Ms. Ma. Teresa Cruz, from Accountant II (SG-16) to Internal Auditor IV (SG-22), effective upon BOR approval.
10 11 12	3. One-Rank Promotion Salary Increase of Some Academic and Administrative Employees as Recipients of the Presidential <i>Lingkod Bayan</i> Award (<i>Group Category</i>)
13	President Tulin informed the Board that some Academic and Administrative
14	employees of the University were recipients of the Presidential Lingkod Bayan
15	Award for 2018. Part of the Award is a "one-step promotion/salary increase" for the
16	whole group.
17	Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection on the proposal.
18	Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the Proposal approved.
19	The Board passed
20	BOR RESOLUTION NO. 229, s. 2018
21 22 23	A Resolution Approving the One-Rank Promotion Salary Increase of Some Academic and Administrative Employees as Recipients of the Presidential Lingkod Bayan Award (Group Category), as presented.
24	4. Change in Appointment Status of Four Academic Staff from Temporary to Permanent
25	President Tulin informed the Board that four (4) academic staff have been
26	recommended by the Academic Personnel Board (APB) for a change in appointment
27	status from temporary to permanent. All four (4) academic staff have completed the
28	minimum requirement for a permanent appointment, an earned Master's degree.
29	Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection on the proposal.
30	Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the Proposal approved.
31	The Board passed

1		BOR RESOLUTION NO. 230, s. 2018
2		A Resolution Approving the Change in Appointment Status of Four Academic Staff from Temporary to Permanent, effective on the dates indicated.
4	5.	One Academic Staff Recommended for Temporary Appointment
5		President Tulin informed the Board that Mr. Marjen A. Villaremo, an
6		academic staff, has been recommended for Temporary Appointment.
7		Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection on the proposal.
8		Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the Proposal approved.
9		The Board passed
10		BOR RESOLUTION NO. 231, s. 2018
11 12		A Resolution Approving the Temporary Appointment of Mr. Marjen A. Villarmeno, effective on the date indicated.
13	6.	Administrative Staff Recommended to Promotion
14		President Tulin informed the Board that three (3) administrative staff have
15		been recommended by the Non-Academic Personnel Board (NAPB) for promotion.
16		Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection on the proposal.
17		Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the Proposal approved.
18		The Board passed
19		BOR RESOLUTION NO. 232, s. 2018
20 21 22		A Resolution Approving the Change in Appointment Status of Four Administrative Staff from Temporary to Permanent, effective on the dates indicated.
23 24 25	7.	Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) and Memorandum of Agreement (MOAs) Entered into by and between the University and Various Public and Private Entities, Local and Foreign
26		President Tulin informed the Board that 17 Local, 8 National, and 2
27		International agreements have been signed by the University, as presented. These are
28		for BOR Confirmation.
29		Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection on the proposal.
30		Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the Proposal approved.
31		The Board passed

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 233, s. 2018

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A Resolution Confirming/Approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) and Memorandum of Agreement (MOAs) Entered into by and between the University and Various Public and Private Entities, Local and Foreign, effective on the dates indicated.

F. Other Matters

 BAC-1 Resolution No. 72, s, 2018 dated 29 November 2018 – Recommending Time Extension of LIMAR Construction for the VSU Cebu Office Project

The Board Secretary informed the Board that the company undertaking the construction work in the VSU Cebu Office, Limar Construction, has requested the BAC-1 for a 120-day time extension for the completion of the Cebu project. The BAC-1, for its part, is recommending a 50-day extension only or until 21 January 2019 so that the total time extension will not be more than the actual contracted days.

Chairperson De Vera inquired what is the slippage rate of the project? The technical people should be the ones who will appraise the Board on the slippage rate and how much flexibility does the University have in this project.

President Tulin explained that it took the company 5 months to secure the building permit from the Office of the Building Official of Cebu City. Thus, they first requested that the company would like a five-month adjustment in the schedule of work to compensate for the five months that they were unable to do any work. This was supposed to be completed by October 2018. However, the company again requested for an extension and promised to complete the work by 1 December 2018. This is the third time that the company is requesting for an additional extension of 120 days so that it will be able to complete the job.

The Hon. Chair pointed out that the construction firm wanted an extension until end of March 2019 but, the BAC-1, is only recommending for a 50-day extension. The BAC-1 should have a good explanation for this and should submit a "status report" on the actual construction including the slippage, etc... How can the Board make a decision whether it should be January and not March when it does not have enough data on the project.

The Board Secretary informed the Board that the BAC-1 decided to extend the contract for another 50 days because the total time requested for extension will be equal to the total time allotted for the actual work. Beyond this date (21 January 2019), the firm will start getting penalized.

The Board Secretary then passed around pictures of the "state of construction" at the VSU Cebu Office.

The Hon. Chair inquired how is the construction financed, how much was the contract price and how much has the University paid already. From the pictures, it can be noted that construction work is very slow and definitely 50 days will not be enough for the completion of the construction.

The Board Secretary informed the Board that funds for the construction is from GAA and the budget was around P9.0 million. How much had already been paid is not known as of the moment.

Chairperson De Vera indicated that if the project was bided out in October 2017, the unused funds will lapse after 31 December 2018 and reverted back to the Treasury. If this is the work completed already, it is possible that the amount billed must not have gone beyond 50%.

The Hon. Chair inquired what the President was recommending *vis-à-vis* the time extension request of LIMAR Construction.

President Tulin commented that if there is no legal complication regarding the extension of request of LIMAR Construction, he would like to endorse the extension request beyond the 50-day recommendation of the BAC-1 considering that there is no way that the said facility will be completed even by end of January 2019.

Chairperson De Vera inquired how the University will be able to pay for the construction in 2019 considering that funds for this construction was sourced from the 2017 GAA. Meaning that after 31 December 2018, all remaining funds will have to be turned over to the Treasury.

President Tulin indicated that he did not know where the funds will come from.

Regent Uy commented that as long as the 2017 GAA funds have been obligated, it should still be available for the payment to the contractor.

Chairperson De Vera commented that given this situation, there is really no incentive to cut (off) the construction company because the University will lose the funds.

Regent Uy suggested that the University first check the availability of funds and make sure that all payments to the contractor are above board. However, if the Board determines that said contractor is really unable to complete the project, then it has no other option but to rebid the project.

The President informed the Board that the University still has the funds for this because the University has not yet paid the contractor.

The Board Secretary informed the Board that the contractor has just filed for a second billing last 29 September 2018 because of the very slow pace of work.

Regent Denny Catindoy informed the Board that based on the 2016 Revised IRR of R.A. 9184, "No extension of Contract Time shall be granted to the Contractor due to unfavorable weather condition..." The request for Time Extension made by Limar Construction is excessive.

Chairperson De Vera commented that what is important now is to determine "how much money is left of the P9.0 million that was released from the 2017 GAA."

As pointed out earlier, weather condition cannot be made a basis for the unfinished construction job. Weather data from the PAGASA has to be presented as proof of adverse weather condition, but it cannot last for a long time.

The Hon. Chair requested the President to check whether there is a legal impediment on the choice of a longer Time Extension period and determine the amount of funds left for the construction and report it back to the Board as soon as possible.

Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection on the proposal.

The Board passed

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 234, s. 2018

$\frac{2}{3}$		A Resolution Approving BAC Resolution No. 72, s. 2018 – Approval of the Request for Time Extension of LIMAR Construction, Subject to 2016 Revised IRR of R.A. 9184.
5 6 7	2.	Memorandum of Agreement between VSU Alangalang and the Leyte Electric Cooperative Inc. III (LEYECO III) – <i>Re</i> : Construction of Secondary Line Extension – VSU Alangalang including the Supply and Installation of a 50 KVA Transformer
8		The Board Secretary informed the Board that VSU Alangalang is a fast
9		growing campus of the University and in view of the construction of new buildings in
10		campus, their needs for electricity has also increased. Thus, the Dean of the VSU
11		Alangalang reached out to the LEYECI III management for the installation of a 50-
12		KVA transformer including the construction of a secondary line within the VSU
13		Alangalang Campus. This is what is contained in the Memorandum of Agreement
14		(MOA) between the VSU Alangalang and the LEYECO III.
15		Regent Denny J. Catindoy informed the Board that as a faculty member of the
16		VSU Alangalang, the campus usually encounters a "low voltage" during its normal
17		daily operations. The installation of a new 50 KVA transformer will definitely
18		stabilize the voltage in campus. Thus, the campus equipment will last longer because
19		of the non-fluctuating voltage.
20		Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection on the proposal.
21		Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the Proposal approved.
22		The Board passed
23		BOR RESOLUTION NO. 235, s. 2018
24 25 26		A Resolution Approving the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Entered into by and between the Visayas State University Alangalang Campus and the Leyte Electric Cooperative Inc. III, effective upon BOR approval.
27 28	3.	Request of Ms. Hermerose E. Matutes for Authority to Travel Abroad to Present a Paper in an International Conference and Represent the University in this Event
29		The Board Secretary informed the Governing Board that a faculty from the
30		VSU Alangalang, Ms. Hermirose E. Matutes, was requesting for Authority to Travel
31		to New Zealand to attend the 50 th Freshwater Sciences Society Annual Conference at
32		Rutherford Hotel, Nelson, New Zealand on 10-14 December 2018. All required
33		documentation attendant to the travel have been complied with.

Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection on the proposal. 1 Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the Proposal approved. The Board passed BOR RESOLUTION NO. 236, s. 2018 4 5 A Resolution Approving the Request of Ms. Hermirose E. Matutes for Authority to Travel Abroad to Nelson, New Zealand to attend the 50th 6 Freshwater Sciences Society Annual Conference at the Rutherford Hotel, 7 Nelson, New Zealand on 10-14 December 2018. 8 4. Proposal for the Utilization of a Portion of the Balance of Typhoon Yolanda Fund for 9 Financial Assistance to the Former Occupants of the Burned Warner Apartments 10 President Tulin informed the Board that one residential building in the Main 11 campus, the Warner Apartments, burned down a few days ago. The University still 12 has some unutilized Yolanda Funds amounting to around P651,000.00 as certified by 13 the University's Chief accountant. This money was deposited by the University as a 14 Trust Fund and was part of the donations given by foreign donors in the aftermath of 15 the Typhoon Yolanda in 2013. It is primarily intended for the relief of those affected 16 by the super typhoon. 17 18 The President pointed out that Administration would like to utilize some part 19 of the Yolanda Fund as Financial Assistance to the 20 families that were affected by the fire which totally razed the building to the ground. Administration is proposing to 20 21 give P10,000.00 to each of the affected families broken down as follows: P5,000.00 as direct cash assistance, and the remaining P5,000.00 to defray expenses for board 22 and lodging of the displaced families immediately after the incident. 23 24 Chairperson De Vera inquired if there was any objection on the proposal. Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the Proposal approved. 25 The Board passed 26 BOR RESOLUTION NO. 237, s. 2018 27 28 A Resolution Approving the Proposal for the Utilization of a Portion of the Balance of Typhoon Yolanda Fund for Financial Assistance to the Former 29 Occupants of the Burned Warner Apartments, as proposed. 30 31 Student Regent John Allan A. Gulles, informed the Board that there is an urgent need to conduct an assessment of many major structures in the University, 32

 including the apartments and student dormitories because these structures are already old and have not undergone any refurbishment since the time it was completed.

Regent Gulles indicated that based on his observations as an engineering student, many of the major structures in the Main Campus are already fire hazards and it is time for the University to allocate funds for a thorough assessment of all the buildings in the Main Campus.

The Hon. Chair commented that maybe the University can assign the engineering students to make this assessment. Just provide them some incentive.

President Tulin informed the Board that he already constituted a Team headed by the University's Head Electrician. Further, the Head of the Baybay City Fire Hazard Committee will be coming over to the University to present their report over the fire in the University. If the engineering students are interested, they can be part of the University assessment team so that they will also gain some experience.

Chairperson De Vera narrated his experience in the preparation of the Master Plan for the Sta. Elena campus of the University of the Philippines. In this endeavor, the UP permitted the professors of engineering and architecture together with their graduate students, to come up with the Master Plan for the campus.

The campus has over 113 hectares of land and how best to develop it was the main consideration of the Master Plan. The students were elated because they already had a "thesis topic." It also provided the students a chance to present their Master Plan in France and in a local conference.

In terms of cost, the complete Master Plan prepared by the students and their professors cost the UP only P1.4 million. This amount is very much cheaper than having a "professional organization" make with a Master Plan which might cost tentimes more. So, if the Student Regent wants to be part of the University's assessment team, he should be included in it.

Regent Catindoy suggested that an assessment be also undertaken in the External Campuses because these campuses also have old buildings that are still being used.

4. Proposal for the Utilization of Mandatory Reserve Balance for CY 2016 until October 2018 for Rebuilding the Warner Apartments

President Tulin informed the Board that the Warner Apartments was built *circa* early 1980's when Dr. Bernardo was still ViSCA President. It would really be a waste to totally destroy the burnt structure considering that it can still be rebuilt. To this end, Administration would like to request authority to utilize the mandatory reserves of the Main Campus from CY 2016 to October 2018 amounting to P4,777,201.45 to partially rebuild the structure. The building insurance amounting to P3.2 million will also be plowed back if only to complete the reconstruction.

The Hon. Chair commented that the design of the building was *circa* early 1980's when the University did not have that many constituents. Today, when the University builds residential units, it should plan it differently so that more families will be accommodated.

The President indicated that for the moment, the University can only try to "restore" what was burned. The present amount about P8.2 million might not even be enough to restore the building.

Chairperson De Vera pointed out that when the University plans the whole complex, you can upgrade the plans for the complex and use the existing funds as initial investment and then ask the Board for any additional money as may be necessary to complete it.

The President explained that Administration had a plan to build two (2) sets of apartment housing complexes with each apartment complex comprising 20 housing units. However, funding for this was moved for later years. Maybe it can still be included for funding in the CY 2020 Budget.

The plan involves the moving of the existing residents of the old apartment units into the new units so that the University will be able to repair and refurbish the old apartment units so that these will be compliant with the existing Fire Code of the Philippines.

The Board Secretary explained to the Board that most of the original faculty who were recruited in the mid-1970's, were not from the Province of Leyte. Most of

us were single when we came over to the then ViSCA. The building including the housing units and the student dormitories were built in accordance with the standards set by the World Bank and EDPITAF. In particular, only a number of housing units were constructed specifically for families. However, over time, the single faculty married and the small housing units intended for single employees have become domiciles for married people and their families.

The Hon. Chair indicated that this is the whole point. When the University rebuilds its housing units, it should not be in accordance with 1980 standards. It should be on a build-back, better system. There is an apparent housing shortage not just in VSU but in other SUCs as well. If VSU is given the opportunity including funds for new housing units, these should be bigger and better than the older housing units.

The Hon. Chair inquired how much are the faculty and staff paying for their residential units.

The Board Secretary indicated that since this is not really intended as an Income Generating Project, only a token amount is collected for the maintenance. However, even this maintenance fee is no longer enough for the upkeep of the housing units.

Chairperson De Vera indicated that the University should collect much higher fees when the new housing units are completed because of the much higher construction and maintenance cost. Insofar as the burnt structure is concerned, it is highly possible that the core structure has been compromised by the fire. It may be best to demolish the standing structure and build a totally new one with a better design. It may be best to defer action on this proposal until Administration can present to the Board a plan for a new residential building complex.

As for capitalization, maybe the University should talk to PAG-IBIG or other government financial institutions like the Land Bank of the Philippines if it can provide financing. The fees generated from these housing units will help offset the repayment of funds used for the residential complex.

Regent Fiel suggested that in the 1st Quarter meeting of the Board, the President should present a short report on his recommendations about housing for employees of the University including possible fund source(s) from financial institutions or from PAG-IBIG.

President Tulin clarified that what is to be presented will be a "Status Report" on the current situation of the faculty and staff housing and not the Housing Proposal including possible sources of financing.

Chairperson De Vera indicated that as of the moment, the proposal is remanded to Administration with the suggestion of looking at possible new housing projects for the faculty and employees of the University.

5. Proposal for the Utilization of Savings Resulting from Bidding

President Tulin informed the Board that the University was able to generate savings as a result of the lower bids from contractors. The proposal is for the utilization of these savings also for the improvements of the projects where the savings were generated. There is some urgency because these savings have to be obligated before the end of December 2018 or be reverted to the Treasury.

Chairperson De Vera inquired whether these funds came from GAA Budget.

The President answered in the affirmative and requested approval of the project enumerated.

Regent Uy suggested that the University immediately proceed to bidding these out or negotiated because the amounts are small. This is covered by the "delegated authority" to the University President.

President Tulin informed the Board that these projects will be undertaken "by administration" rather than bided out.

Regent Uy suggested that in the exigency of the service, and in consideration of the relatively small amounts involved, authority be given to the President to undertake the projects by administration.

No objection was raised.

The Board passed

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 238, s. 2018

3		A Resolution Approving Proposal for the Utilization of Savings Resulting from Bidding for the Enumerated Projects, as proposed.
4	6.	Candidates for Graduation, 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019
5		President Tulin informed the Board that there are 160 undergraduate and 40
6		graduate students who are included in the list of Candidates for Graduation for the 1s
7		Semester, SY 2018-2019. The deadline for the submission of all requirements for
8		graduation will be this coming 11 December 2018. The University Academic Council
9		still has not met but will be meeting soon after the deadline.
10		Chairperson De Vera inquired when the University graduation will be.
11		The President informed the Board that the University graduation will be in
12		June 2019. However, there are students who graduate in the 1st Semester of the school
13		year but will have to attend the official graduation ceremony in June to get their
14		diplomas. However, these students will be furnished their respective Transcript o
15		Record after the semester is over. Hence, this request.
16		The Hon. Chair inquired whether there is any objection if the List will be
17		routed by Referendum.
18		Hearing none, the Chair declared the List of Candidates Tentatively
19		Confirmed Subject to the approval and endorsement of the University Academic
20		Council.
21		The Board passed
22		BOR RESOLUTION NO. 239, s. 2018
23 24 25		A Resolution Confirming the Tentative List of Candidates for Graduation, 1 st Semester, SY 2018-2019 Subject to the Approval and Endorsement of the University Academic Council.
26	7.	Lone Candidate for Graduation with Latin honors, 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019
27		President Tulin informed the Board that one (1) undergraduate student, Ms
28		Khiarah Mae S. Timtim, qualified for Latin honors for the 1st Semester, SY 2018
29		2019.
30		The Hon. Chair inquired whether there is any objection if the List will be
31		routed by Referendum.

Hearing none, the Chair declared the List of Candidates Tentatively 1 Confirmed Subject to the approval and endorsement of the University Academic Council. The Board passed 4 BOR RESOLUTION NO. 240, s. 2018 5 A Resolution Tentatively Confirming the Lone Candidate for Latin 6 honors, 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019 Subject to the Approval and Endorsement of 7 the University Academic Council. 8 G. Matters for Information 9 1. Requests of Private Sector Regent, Atty. Roy Bernard C. Fiel 10 a. Lending Activities by Some VSU Employees at Usurious Rates Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel informed the Board that he is aware that a 12 number of unscrupulous employees of the University have persisted in lending 13 money to fellow employees at usurious rates The University must intervene and 14 15 put a stop to this nefarious practice. Regent Fiel then requested President Tulin to issue a REMINDER 16 17 addressed to all employees, to remind them that Usury is an outlawed practice because it contravenes RA 2655 otherwise known as the usury Law. 19 Further, Section 2, Rule II of RA 6713 otherwise known as the Code of 20 Conduct and Ethical Standards of Government Employees provides, to wit: 21 "It is the policy of the State to promote a high standard of ethics in public 22 service. Public officials and employees shall at all times be accountable to the 23 people and shall discharge their duties with utmost responsibility, integrity, 24 competence and loyalty, act with patriotism and justice, lead modest lives, 25 and uphold public interest over personal interest." 26 Thus, it is imperative that the University Administration should remind its constituents regarding this. 27 28 b. Tree Planting 29 Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel informed the Board that the Regional Development Council (RDC) recently discussed about the Greening Program of 30

the government.

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Regent Fiel indicated that he is also aware that the University has its own Reforestation/Tree Planting program for the past few years. The RDC is trying to consolidate all these things and even passed an RDC Resolution on the matter.

Thus, the President is requested to present a "Status Report" regarding the University's Reforestation/Tree Planting activities considering that every year, all graduating students are required to "plant some trees." The Report for instance will present the number of seedlings planted, where these were planted, the tree species used, and the current condition of the planted areas.

In this regard, the University can be proud to say that it has contributed to the Greening Program of government.

President Tulin responded favorably to the request of Regent Fiel. The President informed the Board that last year (2017), that Senator Loren Legarda also inquired about the progress of the University's reforestation program and the University presented to her a Status Report, which is very similar to what Regent Fiel is requesting.

c. Retraining of Procurement Officials on the Nuances of the Procurement System

Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel informed the Board that there were insinuations from within the ranks of University employees, that the "procurement of goods and services are being unduly delayed by the Governing Board because it is now acting as the HoPE." In response to this, these Procurement Officials should be sent for "retraining on the Procurement System." There is also a standing request from the Governing Board that the University present a "Master Plan" for all the campuses of the University system at the soonest possible time.

Regent Fiel indicated that the year (2018) is almost over and the New Year (2019) is just 3 weeks away. Before the new year starts, the University should already have "charted its course for the year" meaning that budgets, plans and programs, and other things are already projected and everybody is clarified about the direction the University will be taking in the next couple of months of

2019. In this way, the Board will not be caught "off-guard" so to speak and the Governing Board will not be made the "scapegoat" for the delays in the procurement of goods and services.

President Tulin informed the Board that the DBM has a schedule of Procurement Trainings year round. The Administration will try to fix a schedule so that the members of the Board of Regents will be able to attend.

Chairperson De Vera informed the Board that the National Engineering Center in UP Diliman also conducts trainings on procurement. Graduates of the NEC Procurement Training are called Procurement Specialists. This was just recently revealed to him by DBM Undersecretary Agnes Bailen. The training program is open to all government agencies including SUCs.

Chairperson De Vera suggested that the President sit down with DBM officials and firm up a schedule for a Procurement Training of University Officials on Procurement.

2. Licenses of the University's Security Guards

The Board Secretary informed the Board that 29 Security Guards of the Main Campus had expired licenses. A meeting was called between the Regional Civilian Security Unit (RCSU) based in the Police Regional Headquarters in Campetic, Palo, Leyte last 26 November 2018 with the Assistant Head of the RCSU-8. According to the assistant Head, those Guards without valid licenses cannot be considered "in the profession of being Security Guards." The question now is, what is the proper thing that should be done now? Will Administration pay the salaries of these Guards with expired licenses?

Chairperson De Vera inquired whether these are Agency based Security Guards.

President Tulin informed the Board that the University Guards have, historically, been with plantilla items. Slowly, as soon as these plantilla item security guards retire, the University will be hiring Agency Guards to replace them.

names of the Guards in the SOCIA database. So, the Chief Security Officer, Engr. 2 Celso Gumaod wrote a letter to the RCSU and inquired whether the database has been updated. The RCSU replied that this is the latest database of the PNP-SOCIA in 4 Camp Crame but it was not sure if this has been updated. 5 The Hon. Chair indicated that the proper approach of Administration would be 6 to help these guards get their licenses updated rather than terminate them. 7 Chairperson De Vera then directed the President to immediately inform the 8 Chief Security Officer to look into this (problem) and for the Head of Security to give a non-negotiable deadline for the guards to secure their licenses. 10 ADJOURNMENT 11 X. After all items were discussed, Chairperson J. Prospero E. De Vera III requested for a 12 motion to adjourn the 85th BOR Meeting. 13 President Edgardo E. Tulin moved for the adjournment of the 85th Board of Regents 14 meeting. 15 Regent Bonifacio G. Uy seconded the motion. 16 Chairperson J. Prospero E. De Vera III thanked everybody for their presence and 17 adjourned the 85th Board of Regents (BOR) Meeting of the Visayas State University at 8:45 18 P.M. 19 Certified True and Correct 20 21

The President clarified that the RCSU indicated that they could not find the

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MATRIX OF ACTIONS

87th BOR Meeting 07 December 2018 Granda Manor Conference Room Granda Manor Hotel Juan Luna Street, Tacloban City

Issue/Item Deliberated	Board Discussion	Assignment	Board Action	VSU Action
BOR Resolution No. 196				
A Resolution Approving the Proposed Agenda for the 87 th Board of Regents' Meeting	The President presented to the Board the proposed Agenda for the 87 th BOR Meeting.	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Proposed Agenda, as modified.	
BOR Resolution No. 197			The Governing Board APPROVED the Minutes of the 86 th Board of Regents Meeting, as presented.	
A Resolution Approving the Minutes of the 86 th BOR Meeting dated 04 October 2018	The Board did not interpose any queries, comments, corrections on the Minutes for the 86 th BOR Meeting.	NONE	Chairperson De Vera requested the President to present a Matrix of the Infrastructure Projects mentioned in the President's Report dated 4 October 2018 and 7 December 2018 and email it to the members of the Board of Regents.	Complied



Issue/Item Deliberated	Board Discussion	Assignment	Board Action	VSU Action
Special BOR Resolution No. 3				
A Resolution Approving the Restoration of the Secondment Status in the Service Record of Dr. Antonio L. Acedo, Jr. during the contested periods: 01 June 2007 to 31 May 2008 and 01 December 2008 to 31 May 2010, without prejudice to possibly changing the status once duly challenged and the documentary proofs are confirmed to be true.	The Board discussed the Acedo case and decided that it was legally expedient that the Secondment Status in the Service Record of Dr. Antonio L. Acedo, Jr. be restored in lieu of the Absent Without Leave (AWOL) Status during the periods being contested, but without prejudice to any challenges to its validity in the event documentary proofs are presented and proven as true.	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED Special BOR Resolution No. 3, as discussed.	¥
A Resolution formally Requiring President Edgardo E. Tulin to gather and Secure Any and All Documents related to the Alice M. Flores Case for Presentation in the 2019 1st Quarter BOR Meeting including recommendation(s) on the next steps that the BOR will take and whether to Formally charge her based on documentary evidence.	The Board discussed the Flores Case and wanted all documents about the case to be gathered and later presented in the 1 st Q BOR Meeting in 2019. President Tulin was requested by the Board to undertake this activity in lieu of creating a Fact- Finding Committee.	Action is required from the University President	The Board formally requested Pres. Tulin to gather all documents related to the Flores case for presentation in the 1st Quarter BOR meeting of 2019 in lieu of creating Fact-finding Committee. The President was also requested to suggest what steps the BOR should take and make recommendation(s) on whether to Formally charge her based on documentary evidences gathered.	



Issue/Item Deliberated	Board Discussion	Assignment	Board Action	VSU Action
BOR Resolution No. 198				
A Resolution Approving BAC-1 Resolution No. 54, s. 2018 – Issuance of Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed to the BNC Construction and Repair Services for the Construction of the Road Network with Drainage System. VSU Tolosa in the amount of P7,449,000.00, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	Regent Bonifacio G. Uy, Chairman of the BOR Finance Committee, informed the Board that the proposal was thoroughly reviewed by the BOR Finance Committee and has recommended For Approval by the VSU Governing Board, the issuance of the Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed.	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Issuance of the Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed to the BNC Construction and Repair Services for the Construction of the Road Network with Drainage System. VSU Tolosa in the amount of P7,449,000.00, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 199	Regent Bonifacio G. Uy, Chairman of the BOR Finance Committee, informed the Board that the proposal was thoroughly reviewed by the BOR Finance Committee and has recommended For Approval by the VSU Governing Board, the issuance of the Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed.	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Issuance of Notice of Award and Notice to proceed to the R.S. Reyna Construction for the Renovation and Repair of the VSU Administration Building (VSU Main Campus), in the amount of P6,348,532.89, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	IMPLEMENTED







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BOR Resolution No. 200 A Resolution Approving the Proposal of the VSU Main Campus for Supplemental Budget sourced from STF-164 for CY 2018 in the amount of P4.2 million, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	Regent Bonifacio G. Uy, Chairman of the BOR Finance Committee, informed the Board that the proposal was thoroughly reviewed by the BOR Finance Committee and has recommended it For Approval by the VSU Governing Board.	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Proposal of the VSU Main Campus for Supplemental Budget sourced from STF-164 for CY 2018 in the amount of P4.2 million, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 201 A Resolution Approving the Grant of Collective Negotiations Agreement (CNA) Incentive to all VSU Employees for CY 2018, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	Regent Bonifacio G. Uy, Chairman of the BOR Finance Committee, informed the Board that the proposal was thoroughly reviewed by the BOR Finance Committee and has recommended it For Approval by the VSU Governing Board.	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Grant of Collective Negotiations Agreement (CNA) Incentive to all VSU Employees for CY 2018, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 202 A Resolution Approving the Utilization of 2017 Aggregate Balance of Vermiculture Project in the amount of P300,726.20, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	Regent Bonifacio G. Uy, Chairman of the BOR Finance Committee, informed the Board that the proposal was thoroughly reviewed by the BOR Finance Committee and has recommended it For Approval by the VSU Governing Board.	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Utilization of 2017 Aggregate Balance of Vermiculture Project in the amount of P300,726.20, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	IMPLEMENTED



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BOR Resolution No. 203 A Resolution Approving the Grant of Equal Rate of Honorarium for Department Heads and Directors of Academic Units, as recommended by the BOR	Chairman of the BOR Finance Committee, informed the Board that the proposal was thoroughly reviewed by the BOR Finance Committee and has recommended	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Grant of Equal Rate of Honorarium for Department Heads and Directors of Academic Units, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	IMPLEMENTED
Finance Committee. BOR Resolution No. 204	it <u>For Approval</u> by the VSU Governing Board.			
A Resolution Approving the Proposal to Use P230,607.30 for VSU's Contribution to the 2018 National Culture and Arts Festival Chargeable against STF 164 (Income from Cultural Fees), as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	Chairman of the BOR Finance	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Proposal to Use P230,607.30 for VSU's Contribution to the 2018 National Culture and Arts Festival Chargeable against STF 164 (<i>Income from Cultural Fees</i>), as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	IMPLEMENTED



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BOR Resolution No. 205 A Resolution Approving BAC Resolution No. 56, s. 2018 – Granting the Motion for Reconsideration of Baybay Printshop which was declared to have failed in the eligibility Requirements for the Supply and Delivery of Appliances and Other Office Equipment (GOODS-18- 28), as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	Regent Bonifacio G. Uy, Chairman of the BOR Finance Committee, informed the Board that the proposal was thoroughly reviewed by the BOR Finance Committee and has recommended it For Approval by the VSU Governing Board.	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the BAC Resolution No. 56, s. 2018 – Granting the Motion for Reconsideration of Baybay Printshop which was declared to have failed in the eligibility Requirements for the Supply and Delivery of Appliances and Other Office Equipment (GOODS-18-28), as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 206 A Resolution Approving BAC Resolution No. 57, s. 2018 – Denying the Request of Winstonbuilt Industries, R.S. Reyna Construction, and Limar Construction for the Replacement of Floor Tiles from Mariwasa to Granite, in the Construction of 2-storey Academic Buildings (Phase 2) in VSU Alangalang, VSU Isabel, and VSU Tolosa, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	Chairman of the BOR Finance Committee, informed the Board	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the BAC Resolution No. 57, s. 2018 – Denying the Request of Winstonbuilt Industries, R.S. Reyna Construction, and Limar Construction for the Replacement of Floor Tiles from Mariwasa to Granite, in the Construction of 2-storeyAcademic Buildings (Phase 2) in VSU Alangalang, VSU Isabel, and VSU Tolosa, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	IMPLEMENTED



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BOR Resolution No. 207				
A Resolution Approving BAC Resolution No. 58, s. 2018 – Recommending Approval of the Request for Time Extension of R.S. Reyna Construction for the Implementation of the Construction of the 2-Storey Academic Building (Phase 2), VSU Isabel, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	Chairman of the BOR Finance Committee, informed the Board that the proposal was thoroughly reviewed by the BOR Finance Committee and has recommended it <u>For Approval</u> by the VSU	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVING the BAC Resolution No. 58, s. 2018 – Recommending Approval of the Request for Time Extension of R.S. Reyna Construction for the Implementation of the Construction of the 2-Storey Academic Building (Phase 2), VSU Isabel, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 208				
A Resolution Approving BAC Resolution No. 58, s. 2018 – Recommending Approval of the Request for Time Extension of Limar Construction for the Implementation of the Construction of the 2-Storey Academic Building (Phase 2), VSU Tolosa, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	Regent Bonifacio G. Uy, Chairman of the BOR Finance Committee, informed the Board that the proposal was thoroughly reviewed by the BOR Finance Committee and has recommended it For Approval by the VSU Governing Board.	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVING the BAC Resolution No. 58, s. 2018 – Recommending Approval of the Request for Time Extension of Limar Construction for the Implementation of the Construction of the 2-Storey Academic Building (Phase 2), VSU Tolosa, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	IMPLEMENTED



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BOR Resolution No. 209				
A Resolution Approving BAC Resolution No. 58, s. 2018 – Recommending Approval of the Request for Time Extension of Winstonbuilt Industries for the Implementation of the Construction of the 2-Storey Academic Building (Phase 2), VSU Alangalang, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	that the proposal was thoroughly	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the BAC Resolution No. 58, s. 2018 – Recommending Approval of the Request for Time Extension of Winstonbuilt Industries for the Implementation of the Construction of the 2-Storey Academic Building (Phase 2), VSU Alangalang, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	IMPLEMENTED
Recommending the Final termination of Contract of Toyota Tacloban, Leyte, Inc. for the Supply and Delivery of One	Chairman of the BOR Finance Committee, informed the Board that the proposal was thoroughly reviewed by the BOR Finance Committee and has recommended	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the BAC Resolution No. 60, s. 2018 – Recommending the Final termination of Contract of Toyota Tacloban, Leyte, Inc. for the Supply and Delivery of One (1) Unit Toyota Innova J 2.0 Gas M/T for VSU Main Campus under Contract No. BAC17-11-182, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	IMPLEMENTED



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A Resolution No. 211 A Resolution Approving BAC Resolution No. 65 – Declaring Brodeth Marketing and UNIREAL Trading Corporation, with the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid (LCRB) for Certain Goods (peritem basis) and Recommending the Award of Contract for the Supply and Delivery of Construction Materials, Supplies and Equipment (GOODS-18-34), as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	Chairman of the BOR Finance Committee, informed the Board that the proposal was thoroughly reviewed by the BOR Finance Committee and has recommended it <u>For Approval</u> by the VSU	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the BAC Resolution No. 65 – Declaring Brodeth Marketing and UNIREAL Trading Corporation, with the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid (LCRB) for Certain Goods (per item basis) and Recommending the Award of Contract for the Supply and Delivery of Construction Materials, Supplies and Equipment (GOODS-18-34), as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	IMPLEMENTED
ACADEMIC MATTERS Proposal to Offer the Master of Land Administration and Management (MLAM)	CHED RO-8 Director, Dr. Maura D. Cristobal, suggested that the University submit the MLAM Proposal to the CHED Regional Office for Review. The Hon. Chair made it clear that before any program is brought outside of a SUC, it has to be reviewed by the CHED. The President agreed that the request was in order and will comply.	President Tulin	The Governing Board suggested that the Master in Land Administration and Management program be reviewed first by the CHED Regional Office 8 before this will be acted upon by the Governing Board.	IMPLEMENTED



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BOR Resolution No. 213 A Resolution Approving the Proposed Revision of the Implementing Guidelines on Sabbatical Leave, effective upon Board approval.	President Tulin informed the Board that Administration and the Faculty association has agreed to include Rest and Recreation as an option for the faculty when they apply for Sabbatical Leave. It was presented and approved by the University Administrative Council (UADCO).	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Proposed Revision of the Implementing Guidelines on Sabbatical Leave, effective upon Board approval.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 214 A Resolution Approving a One- Time Extension for Six Months of the CHED Funded Project: "Technical Assistance to Accelerated Sustainable Anti- Poverty Program (ASAP) to Leyte Provinces" as proposed.	President Tulin informed the Board that this is a request for Time Extension of a CHED-funded project handled by Dr. Bacusmo at No Extra Cost. Chairperson De Vera indicated that this will be a one-time extension of the project.	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED a One-Time Extension for Six Months of the CHED Funded Project: "Technical Assistance to Accelerated Sustainable Anti-Poverty Program (ASAP) to Leyte Provinces" as proposed.	IMPLEMENTED



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BOR Resolution No. 215				
A Resolution Approving a One- Time Extension for Six Months of the CHED Funded Project: "Livelihood Opportunities for Small-Scale Coconut Farmers through Expansion and Establishment of Community- Based Coconut Seedling Nursery in Eastern Visayas" as proposed.	Board that this is a request for Time Extension of a CHED-funded project handled by Dr. Bacusmo at No Extra Cost. Chairperson De Vera indicated	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED a One-Time Extension for Six Months of the CHED Funded Project: "Livelihood Opportunities for Small-Scale Coconut Farmers through Expansion and Establishment of Community-Based Coconut Seedling Nursery in Eastern Visayas" as proposed.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 216 A Resolution Approving the Proposed Mentoring System for Administrative Staff effective upon Board approval.	Board that this is an important	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Proposed Mentoring System for Administrative Staff effective upon Board approval.	IMPLEMENTED



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BOR Resolution No. 217 A Resolution Approving the Proposal to Increase the Monthly Garbage Collection Fee from P30.00 to P100.00 per Month <i>Provided</i> , That Consultation with the affected Residents is Not Required.	President Tulin informed the Board that the University has been collecting a token Garbage Fee since 2001. Present realities dictate that the Garbage Fee be increased on account of higher cost of labor and for vehicle maintenance. Chairperson De Vera indicated that this proposal will be deemed approved Provided That no consultation with affected residents is necessary.	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Proposal to Increase the Monthly Garbage Collection Fee from P30.00 to P100.00 per Month <i>Provided</i> , That Consultation with the affected Residents is Not Required.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 218 A Resolution Approving the Proposed Plans and Budgetary Requirements in the Conduct of Information Campaign and the VSU Admission Test for SY 2019-2020, as proposed and effective upon Board approval.	President Tulin informed the Board about the schedule of the VSU Admission Test in 10	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Proposed Plans and Budgetary Requirements in the Conduct of Information Campaign and the VSU Admission Test for SY 2019-2020, as proposed and effective upon Board approval.	IMPLEMENTED



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BOR Resolution No. 219				
A Resolution Approving the Proposal of the VSU Villaba to Open an ATM Payroll Account with the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), as proposed and effective upon Board approval.	Board that VSU Villaba would like to open an ATM Payroll Account with the Land Bank of the	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Proposal of the VSU Villaba to Open an ATM Payroll Account with the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), as proposed and effective upon Board approval.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 220 A Resolution Approving the Proposal of the VSU Villaba to Close Three (3) Existing Accounts in the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) and Transfer said Accounts to the LBP, as proposed and effective upon Board approval.	Board that VSU Villaba would like to transfer its Trust Accounts from the DBP to Land Bank for ease of transactions and for the	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Proposal of the VSU Villaba to to Close Three (3) Existing Accounts in the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) and Transfer said Accounts to the LBP, as proposed and effective upon Board approval.	IMPLEMENTED



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BOR Resolution No. 221				
A Resolution Approving the Sabbatical Leave Application of Prof. Ramon R. Orias covering the period 1 January 2019 until 31 December 2019, <i>Provided</i> , That the Expected Outputs agreed upon with the Academic Personnel Board (APB) will be submitted at the end of the Sabbatical Leave, effective upon Board approval.	Board that Prof. Orias would like to start his sabbatical this coming	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Sabbatical Leave Application of Prof. Ramon R. Orias covering the period 1 January 2019 until 31 December 2019, Provided, That the Expected Outputs agreed upon with the Academic Personnel Board (APB) will be submitted at the end of the Sabbatical Leave, effective upon Board approval.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 164	President Tulin informed the Board that Dr. Dumaguing would like to start her sabbatical this coming 01 January 2019 until 31 December 2019. No objection was raised.	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Sabbatical Leave Application of Dr. Nancy V. Dumaguing covering the period 1 January 2019 until 31 December 2019, <i>Provided</i> , That the Expected Outputs agreed upon with the Academic Personnel Board (APB) will be submitted at the end of the Sabbatical Leave, effective upon Board approval.	IMPLEMENTED



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BOR Resolution No. 223 A Resolution Approving the Request of Dr. Melinda L. Lavega for Extension of Service to the University until 31 December 2019 after her Compulsory Retirement on 19 February 2019 as provided for in Section 129 of Rule XII of the CSC 2017 Omnibus Rules on Appointments and Other	Board that Dr. Lavega is due for Compulsory retirement this coming 19 Feb. 2019. However she has not been able to have the 15-years of service required by the GSIS law and so, she is asking	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Request of Dr. Melinda L. Lavega for Extension of Service to the University until 31 December 2019 after her Compulsory Retirement on 19 February 2019 as provided for in Section 129 of Rule XII of the CSC 2017 Omnibus Rules on Appointments and Other Human Resource Actions (ORA-OHRA), as presented.	FOR IMPLEMENATION BUT THE CSC CENTRAL OFFICE ISSUED AN ADVERSE DECISION PER CSC PROMULGATION NO. 1300061
Human Resource Actions (ORA-OHRA), as presented.	2017 ORA-OHRA.		Omas), as presented:	DATED 31 JANUARY 2019
BOR Resolution No. 224	The President informed the Pound	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the	IMPLEMENTED
A Resolution Approving the Recommendation of the Academic Personnel Board (APB) to Hire Dr. Antonia Cecilia Y. Sandoval as Adjunct Professor (Research Adviser) for three (3) Masteral Student who will Graduate in the 2 nd Semester, SY 2018-2019, as presented.	The President informed the Board that Dr. Sandoval has 3 graduate students who are graduating this coming 2 nd Semester, SY 2918-2019. The Department of Ag. Education and Extension is requesting that she be hired as Adjunct Professor (Research Adviser) for the 2 nd Semester, SY 2018-2019.	NONE	Recommendation of the Academic Personnel Board (APB) to Hire Dr. Antonia Cecilia Y. Sandoval as Adjunct Professor (Research Adviser) for three (3) Masteral Student who will Graduate in the 2 nd Semester, SY 2018-2019, as presented.	



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BOR Resolution No. 225 A Resolution Approving the Proposal of Dr. Christina A. Gabrillo, Station Manager of VSU Radio Station, DYDC-FM, to Affiliate with the Government Radio Network Franchise through Dr. Rizal Giovanni P. Aportadera, Jr., Director IV, Bureau of Broadcast Services, as presented.	that the University radio station, DYDC, would like to increase the power output from 10 watts to 1 kilowatt. This can only be dome by aligning itself with the Radyo ng	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Proposal of Dr. Christina A. Gabrillo, Station Manager of VSU Radio Station, DYDC-FM, to Affiliate with the Government Radio Network Franchise through Dr. Rizal Giovanni P. Aportadera, Jr., Director IV, Bureau of Broadcast Services, as presented.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 226 A Resolution Approving the Proposal to Give Salary Differential of Three (3) Vice Presidents: VP Administration and Finance, VP Instruction, and VP Planning, Resource Generation and External Affairs, for the Period January to December 2018, as presented.	that based on a DBM-CHED Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2003 dated 28 July 2003, designated Vice	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Proposal to Give Salary Differential of Three (3) Vice Presidents: VP Administration and Finance, VP Instruction, and VP Planning, Resource Generation and External Affairs, for the Period January to December 2018, as presented.	IMPLEMENTED



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BOR Resolution No. 227 A Resolution Approving the Proposed Upgrading of Some Faculty Members per NBC 461, 7th Cycle Evaluation Results, as presented.	that about 200 faculty members,	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Proposed Upgrading of Some Faculty Members per NBC 461, 7th Cycle Evaluation Results, as presented.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 228 A Resolution Approving the Promotion of Ms. Ma. Teresa Cruz, from Accountant II (SG-16) to Internal Auditor IV (SG-22), effective upon BOR approval.	that the Non-Academic Personnel Board, has recommended Ms. Cruz for the position of Internal	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Promotion of Ms. Ma. Teresa Cruz, from Accountant II (SG-16) to Internal Auditor IV (SG-22), effective upon BOR approval.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 229 A Resolution Approving the One-Rank Promotion Salary Increase of Some Academic and Administrative Employees as Recipients of the Presidential Lingkod Bayan Award (Group Category), as presented.	that some academic and administrative staff of the University were recipients of the	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the One-Rank Promotion Salary Increase of Some Academic and Administrative Employees as Recipients of the Presidential Lingkod Bayan Award (Group Category), as presented.	IMPLEMENTED



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BOR Resolution No. 230 A Resolution Approving the Change in Appointment Status of Four Academic Staff from Temporary to Permanent, effective on the dates indicated.	The President informed the Board that 4 academic staff have now met the minimum qualifications for permanency and they have been recommended by the Academic Personnel Board.	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Change in Appointment Status of Four Academic Staff from Temporary to Permanent, effective on the dates indicated.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 231 A Resolution Approving the Temporary Appointment of Mr. Marjen A. Villarmeno, effective on the date indicated.	The President informed the Board that the Academic Personnel Board has recommended the hiring of Mr. Marjen A. Villarmeno on Temporary Status. Effective on the date indicated.	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Temporary Appointment of Mr. Marjen A. Villarmeno, effective on the date indicated.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 232 A Resolution Approving the Change in Appointment Status of Four Administrative Staff from Temporary to Permanent, effective on the dates indicated.	The President informed the Board that the Non-Academic Personnel Board has recommended the the promotion of the four (4) administrative staff, effective on the dates indicated.	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Change in Appointment Status of Four Administrative Staff from Temporary to Permanent, effective on the dates indicated.	IMPLEMENTED



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BOR Resolution No. 233 A Resolution Confirming/ Approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) and Memorandum of Agreement (MOAs) Entered into by and between the University and Various Public and Private Entities, Local and Foreign, effective on the dates indicated.	public and private, local and international, that VSU signed an	NONE	The Governing Board CONFIRMED/APPROVED the the Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) and Memorandum of Agreement (MOAs) Entered into by and between the University and Various Public and Private Entities, Local and Foreign, effective on the dates indicated.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 234 A Resolution Approving BAC Resolution No. 72, s. 2018 – Approval of the Request for Time Extension of LIMAR Construction, Subject to 2016 Revised IRR of R.A. 9184.	that LIMAR Construction has requested for a 120 day extension	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the BAC Resolution No. 72, s. 2018 – Approval of the Request for Time Extension of LIMAR Construction, Subject to 2016 Revised IRR of R.A. 9184.	IMPLEMENTED



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BOR Resolution No. 235				
A Resolution Approving the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Entered into by and between the Visayas State University Alangalang Campus and the Leyte Electric Cooperative Inc. III, effective upon BOR approval.	that this MOA was undertaken by the VSU Alangalang and the LEYECO III for the installation of a 50-KVA transformer including the construction of a secondary	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Entered into by and between the Visayas State University Alangalang Campus and the Leyte Electric Cooperative Inc. III, effective upon BOR approval.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 236 A Resolution Approving the Request of Ms. Hermirose E. Matutes for Authority to Travel Abroad to Nelson, New Zealand to attend the 50th Freshwater Sciences Society Annual Conference at the Rutherford Hotel, Nelson, New Zealand on 10-14 December 2018.	The President informed the Board that Ms. Matutes will be attending the 50 th Freshwater Sciences Society Annual Conference at the Rutherford Hotel, Nelson, New Zealand on 10-14 December	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Request of Ms. Hermirose E. Matutes for Authority to Travel Abroad to Nelson, New Zealand to attend the 50 th Freshwater Sciences Society Annual Conference at the Rutherford Hotel, Nelson, New Zealand on 10-14 December 2018.	IMPLEMENTED



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BOR Resolution No. 237 A Resolution Approving the Proposal for the Utilization of a Portion of the Balance of Typhoon Yolanda Fund for Financial Assistance to the Former Occupants of the Burned Warner Apartments, as proposed.	The President informed the Board that Administration is requesting authority to utilize P10,000 from the balance of the Yolanda Fund to be given to the families account of the fire that hit the residential complex in the University. P5,000 will be direct cash assistance and P5,000 to defray expenses for board and lodging per family.	NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Proposal for the Utilization of a Portion of the Balance of Typhoon Yolanda Fund for Financial Assistance to the Former Occupants of the Burned Warner Apartments, as proposed.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 238 A Resolution Approving the Proposal for the Utilization of Savings Resulting from Bidding for the Enumerated Projects, as proposed.		NONE	The Governing Board APPROVED the Proposal for the Utilization of Savings Resulting from Bidding for the Enumerated Projects, as proposed.	IMPLEMENTED



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BOR Resolution No. 239 A Resolution Confirming the Tentative List of Candidates for Graduation, 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019 Subject to the Approval and Endorsement of the University Academic Council.	that the University Academic Council has yet to meet since the deadline for the submission of all	NONE	The Governing Board CONFIRMED the Tentative List of Candidates for Graduation, 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019 Subject to the Approval and Endorsement of the University Academic Council.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 240 A Resolution Tentatively Confirming the Lone Candidate for Latin honors, 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019 Subject to the Approval and Endorsement of the University Academic Council.	The President informed the Board that the University Academic Council has yet to meet since the deadline for the submission of all	NONE	The Governing Board CONFIRMED the Lone Candidate for <u>Latin honors</u> , 1 st Semester, SY 2018-2019 Subject to the Approval and Endorsement of the University Academic Council.	IMPLEMENTED



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Concerns of Regent Roy Fiel 1. Usury That the Office of the President issue a Reminder to all VSU Employees that there is a Law against USURY in order to STOP the malpractice of lending money at usurious rates to other VSU employees.		President Tulin	The Governing Board \APPROVED the request made by Regent Fiel and requested the University President to act on this matter, urgently.	IMPLEMENTED
2. Tree Planting That the Office of the President present a "Status Report" on the University's Tree Planting activities.	Regent Fiel requested for a "Status Report" regarding the Tree Planting activities considering that every year, hundreds of students are mandatorily required to plant trees in the University reservation. The "Report" should contain location of where the trees have been planted, how many seedlings were planted and how many have	President Tulin	The Governing Board APPROVED the request made by Regent Fiel and requested the University President to act on this matter, urgently.	IMPLEMENTED
	survived, the tree species used, and the current condition of the areas planted to trees for the past couple of years.			



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Issue/Item Deliberated	Board Discussion	Assignment	Board Action	VSU Action
That the Office of the President make arrangements with DBM for the conduct of the needed Procurement Training for the HoPE and others.	Regent Fiel indicated that on account of the many problems affecting the Procurement system in the University, there is an URGENT NEED to have this training. Even the HoPE need this training in order to better understand how the process can be fast tracked.	President Tulin	The Governing Board APPROVED the request made by Regent Fiel and requested the University President to act on this matter, urgently.	IMPLEMENTED
Security Guard Licenses 1. Expired Licenses There are 27 Security Guards in the Main Campus with Expired Licenses	The Board Secretary informed the Board that there are 27 Security Guards with expired licenses. Chairperson De Vera suggested that Administration help these Guards secure updated licenses.	President Tulin And Chief Security Officer, VSU Main Campus	The Governing Board requested the President to immediately direct the Chief Security Officer to look into this and to immediately give a non-negotiable deadline for the Guards to secure updated licenses.	PARTIALLY IMPLMENTED