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MINUTES OF THE
80th MEETING OF THE
VSU BOARD OF REGENTS
held at

Granda Manor Hotel Function Room
Corner P. Gomez and Juan Luna Streets,
Tacloban City, Leyte
07 December 2017

10 **Present:**

11 **Hon. J. Prospero E. De Vera III** Chairperson
12 Chairperson, Commission of Higher Education

13 **Hon. Edgardo E. Tulin** Vice Chairperson
14 President, Visayas State University

15 **Regent Bonifacio G. Uy** Member
16 Regional Executive Director
17 NEDA Regional Office VIII

18 **Regent Salvador D. Diputado** Member
19 Regional Executive Director
20 Department of Agriculture Regional Office VIII

21 **Regent Deogracias E. Pernitez** Member
22 President, VSU Federated Alumni Association

23 **Regent Ernesto F. Bulayog** Member
24 President, VSU Federated Faculty Association

25 **Regent John Allan A. Gules** Member
26 President, VSU Federated Supreme Student Council

27 **Director Edgardo Esperancilla** Resource Person
28 Regional Executive Director
29 DOST Regional Office VIII

30 **Not Present:**

31 **Regent Francis Joseph G. Escudero** Member
32 Chairperson, Committee on Education, Arts & Culture
33 SENATE of the Philippines
34 Represented by:

35 **Regent Ann K. Hofer** Member
36 Chairperson, Committee on Higher & Technical Education
37 House of Representatives of the Philippines
38 Represented by: **Cong. Jose Carlos L. Cari**

39 **Regent Joel R. Caminade** Member
40 Private Sector Representative

41 **Regent Roy Bernard C. Fiel** Member
42 Private Sector Representative

43 **Others Present:**

44 **Mr. Daniel M. Tudtud, Jr.** Board Secretary
45 Board Secretary V

46 **Ms. Vivian V. Balbarino** Administrative
47 Administrative Officer III
48 Office of the Board Secretary

1 **I. ROLL CALL**

2 The Hon. Chairperson of the VSU Board of Regents, CHED Commissioner Dr. J.
3 Prospero E. De Vera III requested the Board Secretary to call the roll of members present
4 for the 80th BOR Meeting.

5 The Board Secretary called the roll of members present for the 80th BOR Meeting.
6 After the roll call, the Board Secretary informed the Hon. Chairperson that seven (7)
7 members of the VSU BOR were present for the 80th BOR meeting and that there was a
8 quorum of members present.

9 **II. CALL TO ORDER**

10 CHED Commissioner, Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera III, Chairperson of the VSU
11 Board of Regents, declared a quorum at 2:09 P.M. and called the meeting to order.

12 **III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

16 The Board Secretary informed the Board that the other items submitted for
17 inclusion in the Agenda include: a) Dr. Jose L. Bacusmo's request on the CHED
18 Institutional Development and Innovation Grant; b) list of MOAs and MOUs for
19 confirmation; and c) proposal of the Philippine National Bank (PNB) to setup a Satellite
20 Office in the VSU Main Campus.

21 Prof. Ernesto F. Bulayog requested inclusion of the Proposed Laboratory Testing
22 Fees charged by the Department of Food Science and Technology (DFST).

23 Regent Bonifacio G. Uy moved for the approval of the Agenda for the 80th BOR
24 Meeting, as modified.

25 Regent Deogracias E. Pernitez seconded the motion.

26 The Board passed

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 109, s. 2017

A Resolution Approving the Proposed Agenda for the 80th Board of Regents Meeting, as modified, to wit:

**80th BOR Meeting
CALENDAR OF BUSINESS**

I. PRELIMINARIES

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

C. Approval of the Provisional Agenda (80th BOR Meeting)

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

1. 79th BOR Meeting (23 October 2017)

E. Matters Arising from the Approved Minutes

1. Matrix of Actions/Implemented BOR Resolutions

F. Chairperson's Time

G. President's Report

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Matters

1. Receipts and Expenditures for CY 2018

2. Utilization of Income for the 1st quarter of 2018

3. Proposed 2019 Capital Outlay Projects Worth P592,346,000.00

4. Grant of Collective Negotiations Agreement (CNA) to All VSU Employees for CY 2017

5. Request to Purchase One (1) Unit of Garbage Truck for VSU Main Campus

6. Request To Purchase One (1) Unit Mini-Bus for VSU Main Campus

B. Academic Matters

1. Proposal to Adopt the New General Education Courses in the New Undergraduate Programs Offered effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019

2. Proposal to Offer the Master of Science (MS) in Chemistry in the Main Campus, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019

3. Proposal to Offer the Master of Science (MS) in Biology in the Main Campus, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019

4. Proposal to Offer the Master of Science (MS) in Development Communication in the Main Campus, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019

5. Proposal to Offer the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Soil Science in the Main Campus, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019
6. Proposal to Offer the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Agronomy in the Main Campus, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019

C. Administrative Matters

1. Proposal to Adjust Hospital Charges of the VSU Infirmary
2. Proposed Policy in the Giving of Entry-Level Positions to Newly Hired Faculty and Returning Scholars after the Completion of their Doctorate Degrees
3. Proposed Logo of the Regional Climate Change Research and Development Center (RCCRDC)
4. Proposed Merit System for Academic Employees of the Visayas State University
5. Proposed Merit System for Administrative Employees of the Visayas State University
6. Proposed Freedom of Information (FOI) Manual
7. Proposal of the USSO for the Increase in Fees for Psychological and Non-Psychological Tests Given to Clerical and Security Guard Applicants
8. VSU Guidelines on Local Off-Campus Activities (*based on CMO 63, s. 2017*)
9. Amendment of BOR 84, s. 2017 (*Proposed Fees for Battery of Psychological and Non-Psychological Tests*)
10. Request to Convert the Vacant Associate Prof. 2 (SG-20) Position to Associate Professor 1 (SG-19)
11. Recommendation to Hire Dr. Mary Joy M. Abit in the Department of Pest Management
12. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between VSU and the Department of Agriculture for the Project Entitled: *Enhanced Cassava Production Using quality Planting Materials*
13. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between VSU and DOST RO-8 for the Project Entitled: *Establishment of a Technology Center for Meat Processing in VSU Villaba, Leyte*

D. Matters for Confirmation

1. Requests Approved by the Governing Board through Referendum:
 - a. BOR Resolution No. 108, s. 2017

A Resolution Approving the Request of the University for the Funding of the Institution Development Grant (IDG) of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) of the Proposal Entitled: *"Strengthening the Distance Education Program of the Visayas State University"* in the amount of Five Million Pesos
2. Tentative List of Candidates for Graduation, 1st Semester, SY 2017-2018
3. Grant of the *Latin* honor of *Cum Laude* on Mr. Dexter C. Releva, VSU Alangalang, 1st Semester, SY 2017-2018

4. Permanent Appointments of Three (3) Academic Staff
5. New Appointment (*Temporary Status*) of One (1) Academic Staff
6. Substitute Appointments (*Temporary Status*) of Six (6) Academic Staff

E. Other Matters

1. Institutional Development and Innovation Grant of the CHED
2. Proposal of the Philippine National Bank (PNB) to setup a Satellite Office in the VSU Main Campus
3. List MOAs and MOUs for Confirmation
4. Laboratory Testing Fees to be Collected by the Department of Food Science and Technology (DFST), VSU Main Campus

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

Chairperson J. Prospero E. De Vera III inquired from the Board Secretary whether the members of the Governing Board were furnished copies of the Minutes in advance.

The Board Secretary informed the Hon. Chairperson that all the members of the Governing Board were furnished copies of the Minutes of the past meeting as well as the other materials for the 80th BOR meeting five (5) days prior to today's meeting.

Chairperson De Vera inquired if there were any comments or corrections.

Regent Ernesto F. Bulayog pointed out that in Line 12 of Page 17, there should be a letter "e" after not and should now be read as: "*Chairperson De Vera indicated that the Board will take note of this.*"

No other correction was made.

The Hon. Chairperson declared the Minutes of the 79th BOR Meeting approved.

The Board passed

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 110, s. 2017

A Resolution Approving the Minutes of the 79th Board of Regents Meeting held at the CHED Conference Room, CHED Central Office, C.P. Garcia Ave., UP Diliman, Diliman, Quezon City last 23 October 2017 from 4:10 P.M. to 6:10 P.M., as corrected.

V. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE APPROVED MINUTES

Chairperson De Vera inquired whether there were any "*Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting.*"

1 President Edgardo E. Tulin informed Chairperson De Vera that there is a Matrix
2 of Actions appended as Tab C which shows BOR Resolutions approved during the past
3 Meeting and the actions made by the Administration toward its implementation.

4 The President pointed out that almost all items have been implemented and the
5 concerned offices were informed regarding the action of the Governing Board. However,
6 BOR Resolution No. 78 was conditionally approved by the Board, *Subject to* the
7 “*incorporation of the Access and Equity in the University Strategic Plan.*” This has now
8 been incorporated in the updated Strategic Plan.

9 Chairperson De Vera indicated that the Board will take note of this.

10 VI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

11 President Edgardo E. Tulin presented the activities for the 4th Quarter of 2017 and
12 mentioned the following:

- 13 a. *that* Administration has already completed the drafting of the 2017-2027 VSU
14 Strategic Plan;
- 15 b. *that* the Biennial Meeting of the AAACU will be held in VSU sometime on the 3rd
16 week of October 2018 and there will be paper presentations from faculty, students
17 and from administrators;
- 18 c. *that* the President appealed to the Deans of the Main Campus to focus more on
19 securing COE or COD status for their respective colleges and hoped that in 2018, the
20 University will be able to secure more COE, COD and ISO status for its various
21 academic programs;
- 22 d. *that* the College of Engineering will be seeking accreditation of their different
23 engineering programs on the Washington Accord this coming January 2018;
- 24 e. *that* some programs have already started implementing OBEdized curricula. Those
25 who have not started implementing the OBEdized curricula will start now, while
26 those who have started are encouraged to improve on what already exists.

27 The specific activities during the 4th Q of 2017 were then presented as follows:

A. Administration:

- Finalization Workshop on the VSU Strategic Plan (2017-2027), Oct. 10-12, 2017
- Attended Consultative Workshop on National Soil and Water Resources and Research and Development, BSWM, Diliman, Quezon City, Oct. 12, 2017
- Participated in the Public Consultation on the Formulation of IRR of RA 10931, Pasay City, Oct. 16, 2017
- Hosted the Regional PASUC 8 Culture and Arts Festival, Oct. 27-28, 2017
- Presided the AAACU Planning Meeting, Makati City, Oct. 28, 2017
- Participated in the meeting on the Advisory Committee on the Human Resources Development Project in Food-related Areas Through Partnership Program with Universities in the ASEAN region, Bali Indonesia, Oct. 25-26, 2017
- Conduct of workshop on Operationalizing University System of Eastern Visayas (USEV), Hotel Alejandro, Nov. 14-15, 2017
- Conduct of Cine Europa, CCE Bldg., Nov. 21-26, 2017
- Courtesy meetings with external stakeholders:
 - Ms. Monika Kosova of CULS-Prague, Czech Republic, Oct. 15, 2017
 - Ms. Evica L. Vivas and party, Oct. 26, 2017
 - Ms. Abegail Geromilla of PNB Area Leyte-Samar & party, Nov. 8, 2017
 - Engr. Epifanio D. Lopez of PRC Board of Geodetic Engineering and party, Nov. 8, 2017
 - Ms. Angel Paderes of LaFoRet, Nov. 10, 2017
 - Dr. Sam Mohanty of Centro Internacional de la Papa – Asia and party, Nov. 16, 2017
 - His Excellency Harald Fries, Swedish Ambassador to the Philippines, Nov. 26, 2017

• Status of Infrastructure Projects

	Project/Program/Activity	Total Cost	Project Duration		Project Status		
			Date Started	Target Date of Completion	% Completion	Total Cost Incurred to Date	Accomplishment as of Actual date)
1	Expansion of CME Building (INFRA-16-02)	9,999,519.53	20-Dec-16	05-Sep-17	90.76%	8,105,228.75	On Going
2	Construction of Perimeter Fence for VSU-Tolosa (INFRA-16-04)	12,709,372.68	14-Jan-17	31-Aug-17	100.00 %	10,953,764.45	Completed
3	Construction of Two-Storey Academic Building for VSU-Isabel (INFRA-17-01-A)	7,815,410.53	27-May-17	23-Oct-17	70.00%	2,973,920.01	On Going
4	Construction of Two-Storey Academic Building for VSU-Villaba (INFRA-17-01-B)	8,123,764.34	27-May-17	23-Oct-17	60.00%	2,878,412.18	On Going
5	Construction of Two-Storey Academic Building for VSU-Tolosa (INFRA-17-02-A)	7,462,887.85	05-May-17	10-Nov-17	100.00 %	4,477,434.19	Completed
6	Construction of Two-Storey Academic Building for VSU-Alangalang (INFRA-17-02-B)	7,158,961.85	05-May-17	10-Nov-17	100.00 %	4,474,780.69	Completed
7	Construction of Two-Storey RCCRDC Building (INFRA-17-03)	6,466,393.95	06-May-17	27-Sep-17	60.00%	1,212,642.86	On Going
8	Construction of Three-Storey Innovation Building (INFRA-17-06)	35,784,553.69	08-Oct-17	02-Oct-18	15%	5,367,683.05	On Going
9	Renovation of VSU Manila Office (INFRA-17-05)	13,066,274.43	24-Oct-17	12-May-18	20%	1,959,941.16	On-going
10	Renovation of VSU Cebu Office	Contract in process					

11	Construction of Western Campus Perimeter Fence for VSU Tolosa	Contractor for Issuance of Notice of Award
12	Renovation of Biodiversity Museum Building	For Bidding on 14 Dec 2017

- Trainings conducted by Administration:

Date	Title of Training	No. of Participants
23-29 Oct. 2017	Training on Basic Life Support	22
28 Nov. 2017	Re-Orientation on the Recruitment & Selection of Faculty Members	20

II. Instruction

- Quality Assurance
 - AACCUP Accreditation
 - Level II (BSED, BEED, BSEM), VSU Alangalang Oct. 2-4, 2017
 - awarded Level II Re-accredited for BSEd and BSEM
 - Validity: October 16, 2017 – October 15, 2021
 - awarded Level 1 (BEEd)
 - Validity: November 2017 to October 2019
 - Level II (BEED, BSED, BSA), VSU Villaba, Oct. 5-7, 2017
 - awarded Level II Re-accredited for BEEd, BSED, BSA
 - Validity: October 16, 2017 – October 15, 2021
- Research and Extension
- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

Research Title	Funding Agency/ Collaborator	Duration	Amount (Php)
Work Immersion Partnership of Senior High School for 15 students	Albuera Private High School	SY 2017-18	P1,350,000.00
Conduct of Trainings on Organic Farming	FHP Development Foundation, Inc.	3 years	6,854,240.00
Conduct of research, vaccination, diagnosis and skills training on chicken diseases	Municipality of Hindang	1 year	
Development of Tissue Culture Techniques for Mass Production of Selected Bamboo Species	PCAARRD	36 months (3 years)	4,995,520.00
Co-Funding of the Final Review of the ACIAR/DOST-PCAARRD Horticulture Program on Fruits and Vegetables	PCAARRD	Jul.–Aug. 2017	371,186.75
Financial Assistance to students identified to be affected by Typhoon Yolanda at VSU-Alangalang	CHED-Reg. 8	SY 2017-18	5,000.00 per grantee
Sogod Opportunities for Abaca Rehabilitation (SOAR) Project	Municipality of Sogod, So. Leyte	Oct. 2017- Oct. 2019	
Enhancing the Capability of VSU-DDC in Leading the Delivery of the Development Communication Program in Visayas and Mindanao	CHED		1,363,365.00
Media Services on 18-day Campaign to End Violence Against Women and Children	Erasto Films	Nov. 24, 2017	
VSU Yolanda Rehabilitation and Recovery Project	DA-Reg. VIII	Nov. 2017	49,000,000.00

III. Planning and Resource Generation

- Finalization of the 10-year University Strategic Plan (2017-2027), Oct. 10-12, 2017.

1 President Tulin also presented a Travel Report to the Board pertaining to his
2 travels for the 4th Quarter, to wit:

3 25-26 October 2017: Travel to Bali, Indonesia

4 This travel was undertaken in relation to the ASEAN-Japan Meeting on Food
5 Value Chain in the Future 2017. This was the 1st Advisory Committee meeting of the
6 Human Resource Development Project in Food Related Areas through Partnership with
7 Universities in ASEAN countries sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and
8 Fisheries (MAFF) of Japan. The meeting was attended by delegates from 10 ASEAN
9 countries and from MAFF, Japan as well as experts from Japanese industries.

10 VSU is the sole partner from the Philippines for this project and the University
11 benefits from this partnership by way of trainings, lectures, and factory visits of the
12 University's graduate and undergraduate students in order for them to gain experience in
13 actual food handling and knowledge in food safety procedures.

14 The meeting highlighted the possible areas of cooperation in relation to food
15 value chain (FVC) which include capacity building for agricultural cooperatives in FVC
16 focusing on the youth and women, promotion of *e-commerce* for agricultural
17 cooperatives, development of standards for agricultural products.

18 VSU, as a partner, was requested to identify specific obstacles of, and economic
19 effects by, the development of FVC's for higher value added of agricultural products and
20 to provide useful information to the ASEAN Secretariat.

21 **V. NEW BUSINESS**

22 **A. Financial Matters**

23 Chairperson J. Prospero E. De Vera III requested the Chairperson of the Finance
24 Committee to make a recommendation of the six (6) items under Financial Matters.

25 Regent Bonifacio G. Uy, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, informed the
26 Board that it was Regent Salvador D. Diputado, the Co-Chairperson of the Finance
27 Committee, who Chaired the Meeting last 27 November 2017 conducted at the Visayas
28 State University Main Campus.

1 Regent Diputado informed the Board that as mentioned by Regent Uy, the 4th
2 Quarter FinCom Meeting was held in the VSU Main Campus. The discussions during this
3 4th Quarter Finance Committee meeting are provided to all BOR members. All of the six
4 (6) items were thoroughly discussed and, in the end, favorably endorsed by the
5 Committee for Final action by the Governing Board.

6 Chairperson De Vera inquired whether there were any questions and/or objections
7 to any of the items under Financial Matters presented for approval,

8 Hearing none, the Board passed

9 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 111, s. 2017**

10 **A Resolution Approving the Proposed CY 2018 Special Trust Fund (Fund**
11 **164) Budget of VSU worth P133,807,000, as recommended by the BOR Finance**
12 **Committee.**

13 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 112, s. 2017**

14 **A Resolution granting Authority for the University to Utilize the 1st Quarter**
15 **2018 University Income, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.**

16 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 113, s. 2017**

17 **A Resolution Approving the Proposed 2019 Capital Outlay Budget in the**
18 **amount of P597,346,000, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.**

19 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 114, s. 2017**

20 **A Resolution Approving the Grant of Collective Negotiations agreement**
21 **(CNA) to all VSU employees for CY 2017, as recommended by the BOR Finance**
22 **Committee.**

23 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 115, s. 2017**

24 **A Resolution Approving the Request for Funds to Purchase One (1) Unit of**
25 **Garbage Truck Chargeable against the CY 2018 Capital Outlay Budget of the Main**
26 **Campus, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.**

27 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 116, s. 2017**

28 **A Resolution Approving the Request for Funds to Purchase One (1) Unit of**
29 **Mini Bus Chargeable against the CY 2018 Capital Outlay Budget of the Main**
30 **Campus, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.**

31 **B. Academic Matters**

32 Chairperson De Vera requested President Tulin to first present all the academic
33 proposals after which the Board will make its final actions.

1. Proposal to Adopt the New General Education Courses in the New Undergraduate Programs Offered effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019

President Tulin informed the Board that this is in preparation for the 1st Semester of SY 2018-2019 when the first batch of Grade 12 graduates are expected to enroll in the University. The proposed courses are contained in line with the CHED-approved New General Education (GE) courses (CMO 23, s. 2017) which replaced the old GE courses that were downloaded to the Senior High School curriculum.

Chairperson De Vera commented that the CHED has passed a Resolution to require the offering of Filipino as part of the New GE Curriculum until such time that the Supreme Court of the Philippines issues a final decision on the matter.

Regent Ernesto F. Bulayog indicated that this constitutes an additional nine (9) units in the new GE curriculum.

Chairperson De Vera inquired whether there were questions and/or queries on this proposal.

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

The Board unanimously passed

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 117, s. 2017

A Resolution Approving the Proposal to Adopt the New General Education (GE) Curriculum (CMO 23, s. 2017) including Nine (9) units of Filipino in the New Undergraduate Programs of the VSU effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.

2. Proposal to Offer the Master of Science (MS) in Chemistry in the Main Campus, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019

President Tulin informed the Board that the University has long been offering the Bachelor of Science in Chemistry/Ag. Chemistry programs at the undergraduate level. The University has long been sending its faculty for graduate studies and there is yet, no HEI in the Region that is offering a post-graduate degree program in Chemistry. The University now has a very academically-strong faculty that can be relied upon to successfully offer a post-graduate degree program in Chemistry.

The proposed Post-Graduate program leading to the Master of Science in Chemistry was presented and approved by the University Academic Council.

1 3. Proposal to Offer the Master of Science (MS) in Biology in the Main Campus,
2 effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019

3 President Tulin informed the Board that the University has long been offering
4 the Bachelor of Science in Biology program at the undergraduate level. The
5 University has long been sending its faculty for graduate studies and the proposed MS
6 in Biology can also be used as a “ladder program” for Medicine. The other major
7 fields in this proposed program include Ecology and Marine Biology.

8 The proposed Post-Graduate program leading to the Master of Science in
9 Biology was presented and approved by the University Academic Council.

10 4. Proposal to Offer the Master of Science (MS) in Development Communication *in lieu*
11 of the MS major in Development Communication in the Main Campus, effective 1st
12 Semester, SY 2018-2019

13 President Tulin informed the Board that the University has long been offering
14 the Bachelor of Science in Development Communication program at the
15 undergraduate level. The proposal is for the renaming of the current post-graduate
16 offering called MS major in Development Communication *into* MS in Development
17 Communication with enrichment in the different major courses.

18 The proposed Post-Graduate program leading to the Master of Science in
19 Development Communication was presented and approved by the University
20 Academic Council.

21 5. Proposal to Offer the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Soil Science in the Main
22 Campus, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019

23 President Tulin informed the Board that the University has long been offering
24 the Master of Science (MS) in Soil Science. The offering of a PhD program in soil
25 Science is long overdue and the Department of Soil Science is the strongest
26 department of VSU and is second only to the University of the Philippines at Los
27 Baños (UPLB) at the national level.

28 The proposed Post-Graduate program leading to the Doctor of Philosophy
29 (PhD) in Soil Science was presented and approved by the University Academic
30 Council.

1 6. Proposal to Offer the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Agronomy in the Main Campus,
2 effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019

3 President Tulin informed the Board that this is also a long overdue program
4 considering that the University has long been offering the Master of Science (MS) in
5 Agronomy. The Department of Agronomy is also one of the very strong academic
6 departments of the University.

7 The proposed Post-Graduate program leading to the Doctor of Philosophy
8 (PhD) in Agronomy program was presented and approved by the University
9 Academic Council.

10 After the presentation of the five (5) academic proposals by President Tulin, the
11 Hon. Chairperson inquired whether there were any queries attendant to any of the
12 proposals.

13 Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the proposals approved.

14 The Board unanimously passed

15 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 118, s. 2017**

16 **A Resolution approving the Offering of the Master of Science (MS) in**
17 **Chemistry program in the VSU Main Campus, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.**

18 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 119, s. 2017**

19 **A Resolution approving the Offering of the Master of Science (MS) in**
20 **Biology program in the VSU Main Campus, effective 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.**

21 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 120, s. 2017**

22 **A Resolution approving the Offering of the Master of Science (MS) in**
23 **Development Communication program in the VSU Main Campus, effective 1st**
24 **Semester, SY 2018-2019.**

25 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 121, s. 2017**

26 **A Resolution approving the Offering of the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in**
27 **Soil Science program in the VSU Main Campus, effective 1st Semester SY, 2018-**
28 **2019.**

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 122, s. 2017

A Resolution approving the Offering of the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Agronomy program in the VSU Main Campus, effective 1st Semester SY, 2018-2019.

C. Administrative Matters

1. Proposal to Adjust Hospital Charges in the VSU Infirmary

President Tulin informed the Board that the University Infirmary has maintained the fees charged to patients for quite a long time. This is also true for the different types of laboratory tests that are offered by the VSU Infirmary. The move is imperative considering that the prices of supplies and materials needed for laboratory analyses have increased.

The President pointed out that the proposed increase in rates affects the University employees and outsiders but the rates charged to students remain the same. Despite the proposed increase in rates, these are still very much cheaper than those charged by external health service providers.

Chairperson De Vera inquired whether there were questions and/or queries on this proposal.

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

The Board unanimously passed

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 123, s. 2017

A Resolution Approving the Adjustment of Hospital Charges in the VSU Infirmary, as proposed and effective upon BOR approval.

2. Proposed Policy in the Giving of Positions to Newly Hired Faculty and Returning Scholars After Completion of their Doctorate Degrees

President Tulin informed the Board that this proposal was crafted to enable the University to come up with a "better hiring position" when recruiting new faculty as well as providing higher positions to returning faculty after completing their doctorate degrees.

The President explained that under the current set-up, newly hired faculty can only be offered the position of "Instructor I." This very basic entry-level position fails to attract the better qualified applicants into the University. The proposal will enable

1 the University to evaluate the qualifications of the applicants and give them positions
2 commensurate to their qualifications if and when they enter the employ of the
3 University.

4 The President also pointed out that in order not to alienate the returning
5 faculty scholars who have completed their doctorate degrees, it is likewise proposed
6 that the qualifications of the faculty scholars be immediately evaluated and based on
7 the evaluation results, they too will be "*given the nearest position/rank commensurate*
8 *to their qualifications,*" Subject to availability of plantilla positions for which they
9 qualify for.

10 Chairperson De Vera inquired whether returning scholars who finish their
11 PhD degrees do not receive an "automatic promotion."

12 The President informed the Board that in the present practice, there is no
13 "automatic promotion" since everybody will have to wait for the next NBC 461 cycle
14 in order for them to be evaluated for higher positions.

15 The Hon. Chair pointed out that in the present system, there is no incentive for
16 the scholars to complete their degrees fast because they cannot be evaluated
17 immediately.

18 The Faculty Regent, Prof. Ernesto F. Bulayog, informed the Board that the
19 returning scholars should also be given the same privilege as the new hires to
20 encourage them to return to the university immediately after finishing their degrees,
21 especially the scholars who are schooled abroad. At present, there is no incentive to
22 return home immediately since everybody has to wait for the next evaluation cycle.

23 President Tulin allayed the fears of the Faculty Regent and pointed out that
24 this is the proposal that will provide equity to the returning scholars. This proposal
25 eliminated the disparity between the new hires and the returning scholars with PhD
26 degrees.

27 The Faculty Regent requested that soon after the Board approves this
28 proposal, the University will have to upgrade the Faculty Handbook to include this
29 new BOR approved item.

1 The President indicated that indeed, the Faculty Handbook will be upgraded to
2 reflect this new item.

3 Chairperson De Vera suggested that it would be best to separate the proposals
4 one for the new hires and another for the returning scholars. In this way, there will be
5 no mix-up as to how it will be implemented. In the UP, once a faculty completes his
6 PhD degree, there is an "automatic promotion." If a faculty has an Instructor position,
7 he gets promoted to Assistant Professor. If a faculty has an Assistant Professor
8 position, he automatically secures an Associate Professor 1 position. However, if the
9 faculty already has the rank of Associate Professor prior to his earning a PhD degree,
10 he **does not** jump to Professor, but to a higher Associate Professor position. The
11 Professor position is governed by another set of qualification standards.

12 The Faculty Regent suggested that the Board approves this item, in Principle.

13 Chairperson De Vera inquired whether there were any other questions and/or
14 queries on the proposal.

15 Hearing none, the Hon. Chair declared the proposal approved.

16 The Board unanimously passed

17 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 124a, s. 2017**

18 **A Resolution Approving the Proposed Policy in the Giving of Positions to**
19 **Newly Hired Faculty, effective upon BOR approval.**

20 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 124b, s. 2017**

21 **A Resolution Approving the Proposed Policy in the Giving of Positions to**
22 **Returning Scholars After Completion of their Doctorate Degrees, effective upon**
23 **BOR approval.**

24 3. Logo of the Regional Climate Change Research and Development Center (RCCRDC)

25 President Tulin informed the Board that the proposal was discussed in the
26 University Administrative Council which then approved and endorsed the proposal
27 for Final action by the Governing Board.

28 Chairperson De Vera inquired whether there were any questions.

29 Hearing none, the Board passed

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 125, s. 2017

A Resolution Approving the Proposed Logo of the Regional Climate Change Research and Development Center (RCC-RDC), effective upon BOR approval.

4. Merit System for Academic Faculty

President Tulin informed the Board that there are actually two (2) Merit systems presented for consideration of the Board. One is for the faculty and the other is for the administrative staff. In essence, both proposals contain approved BOR-Resolutions as well as pertinent provisions indicated in the Civil Service Rules, Regulations and Guidelines approved by the Civil Service Commission. Both Merit Systems were approved and endorsed by the University Administrative Council (UADCO).

Chairperson De Vera inquired from the Faculty Regent to comment on the Merit System for Faculty as contained in the proposal.

Prof. Ernesto F. Bulayog, the Faculty Regent, informed the Board that this proposal is a requirement for accreditation and the faculty interposes no objection.

Chairperson De Vera inquired whether there were any questions or objections.

Hearing none, the Board passed

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 126, s. 2017

A Resolution Approving the Proposed Merit System for Academic Faculty, as presented and effective upon BOR approval.

5. Merit System for Administrative Employees

President Tulin informed the Board that there is also a Merit system presented for Administrative staff being presented for consideration by the Board. In essence, this proposal also contains BOR-approved Resolutions as well as pertinent provisions indicated in the Civil Service Rules, Regulations and Guidelines approved by the Civil Service Commission. This proposal was presented and approved by the University Administrative Council (UADCO) and further endorsed it to the Governing Board for final action.

1 Chairperson De Vera inquired whether there were any questions or
2 objections.

3 Hearing none, the Board passed

4 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 127, s. 2017**

5 **A Resolution Approving the Proposed Merit System for Administrative**
6 **Employees, as presented and effective upon BOR approval.**

7 6. Freedom of Information (FOI) Manual

8 President Tulin informed the Board that the Presidential Communications
9 Operations Office (PCOO) through Communications Secretary Jose Ruperto Martin
10 M. Andanar, has requested that the University come up with its own Freedom of
11 Information (FOI) Manual and for its submission to the PCOO. The proposed FOI
12 Manual was drafted by the Office of the Vice President for Administration and
13 Finance and was presented and approved by the University Administrative Council
14 for endorsement to the Governing Board for Final action.

15 Chairperson De Vera inquired whether there were any questions or objections.

16 Hearing none, the Board passed

17 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 128, s. 2017**

18 **A Resolution Approving the Proposed Freedom of Information (FOI)**
19 **Manual, as presented and effective upon BOR approval.**

20 7. Proposed Guidelines for Local/Off-Campus Activities

21 President Tulin informed the Board that the proposal governs off-campus
22 activities like field trips and other student-related activities (eg. field studies,
23 institutional linkages, student development activities, and non-curricular based
24 student activities). This proposal was patterned after CHED Memorandum Order No.
25 63, s. 2017.

26 Mr. John Allan A. Gulles, the Student Regent, inquired whether there was a
27 possibility of increasing the number of student delegates that can be sent to attend
28 conventions.

29 The Hon. Chair indicated that this concern will be addressed when there is a
30 proposal to this effect.

1 Chairperson De Vera inquired whether there were any questions or objections.

2 Hearing none, the Board passed

3 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 129, s. 2017**

4 **A Resolution Approving the Proposed Guidelines for Local/Off-Campus**
5 **Activities, as presented and effective upon BOR approval.**

- 6 8. Amendment of BOR 84, s. 2017 (Proposed Fees for Battery of Psychological and
7 Non-Psychological Tests)

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

9 The Board Secretary informed the Board that this proposal is just an
10 amendment of BOR Resolution No. 84, s. 2017 approved by the Governing Board
11 last October 2017. The change being addressed by the proposal pertains to the Testing
12 Fee for Security Guards from P50.00 to P100.00.

13 Chairperson De Vera inquired whether there were any questions.

14 Hearing none, the Board passed

15 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 130, s. 2017**

16 **A Resolution Approving the Proposed Increase in the Testing Fees for**
17 **Security Guards, from P50.00 to P100.00, as presented and effective upon BOR**
18 **approval.**

- 19 9. Request to Convert the Vacant Associate Prof. 2 (SG-20) Position to Associate
20 Professor 1 (SG-19)

21 President Tulin informed the Board that the University has a new faculty
22 applicant from Kansas State University (KSU) who has finished her PhD in
23 Agronomy *major* in Weed Science. Based on the results of her credentials, she
24 qualifies for the position of Associate Professor I. The University currently has a
25 vacant Associate Professor II position. The University is therefore, proposing to
26 downgrade the vacant Associate Professor II position to Associate Professor I which
27 is commensurate to her academic credentials.

28 Chairperson De Vera inquired whether there were any questions.

29 Hearing none, the Board passed

30 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 131, s. 2017**

31 **A Resolution Approving the Request to Convert the Vacant Associate**
32 **Prof. 2 (SG-20) Position to Associate Professor 1 (SG-19), as presented and**
33 **effective upon BOR approval.**

10. Recommendation to Hire Dr. Mary Joy M. Abit in the Department of Pest Management

President Tulin explained to the Board that the PhD graduate applying for a position in the University is Dr. Mary Joy Abit who completed her doctorate degree in Kansas State University.

Chairperson De Vera inquired whether there were any questions.

Hearing none, the Board passed

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 132, s. 2017

A Resolution Approving the Recommendation to Hire Dr. Mary Joy M. Abit in the Department of Pest Management as Associate Professor 1 (SG-19), as presented and effective upon BOR approval.

11. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between VSU and the Department of Agriculture for the Project Entitled: *Enhanced Cassava Production Through Distribution of Quality Planting Materials*

President Tulin informed the Board that this is a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the University for the Project entitled: *Enhanced Cassava Production Through Distribution of Quality Planting Materials.*

The President indicated that he would like to request authorization to sign the MOA for and behalf of the Board so that the University will be able to take an active part in the implementation of this program by the Department of Agriculture.

Chairperson De Vera inquired whether there were any questions.

Hearing none, the Board passed

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 133, s. 2017

A Resolution Approving the Request of the University President, Dr. Edgardo E. Tulin, to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Agriculture and the Visayas State University for the Project entitled: *Enhanced Cassava Production Through Distribution of Quality Planting Materials,* as presented and effective upon BOR approval.

12. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between VSU and DOST RO-8 for the Project Entitled: *Establishment of a Technology Center for Meat Processing in VSU Villaba, Leyte*

President Tulin informed the Board that the DOST RO-8 is supporting the establishment of a “technology center for meat processing” at the VSU Villaba.

1 DOST will be providing a fund of P700,000.00 to be used in the acquisition of meat
2 processing equipment.

3 For its part, VSU Villaba will provide the land as well as the building where
4 the meat processing equipment will be housed. VSU Villaba has indicated that the
5 equipment will be installed in the Animal Science Laboratory building which will
6 also serve as the meat processing plant.

7 Chairperson De Vera inquired whether there were any questions.

8 Hearing none, the Board passed

9 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 134, s. 2017**

10 **A Resolution Approving the Request of the University President, Dr.**
11 **Edgardo E. Tulin, to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the**
12 **Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Regional Office 8 and the**
13 **Visayas State University for the Project entitled: *Establishment of a Technology***
14 ***Center for Meat Processing in VSU Villaba, Leyte.***

15 **D. Matters for Confirmation**

16 1. BOR Resolution Approved by the Governing Board coursed through Referendum:

17 a. **BOR Resolution No. 108, s. 2017**

18 **A Resolution Approving the Request of the University for the Funding of**
19 **the Institution Development Grant (IDG) of the Commission on Higher**
20 **Education (CHED) of the Proposal Entitled: “*Strengthening the Distance***
21 ***Education Program of the Visayas State University*” in the amount of Five**
22 **Million Pesos.**

23 President Tulin informed the Board that this is an Institutional Development
24 Grant (IDG) coming from the CHED. As usual, the CHED is requiring an
25 endorsement from the Governing Board before this can be formalized and submitted
26 to the CHED.

27 Chairperson De Vera informed the Board that in the past, the SUCs first
28 secured funding from the CHED for their proposals before bringing the matter to the
29 Governing Boards. This old procedure needed to be changed because the priorities of
30 the SUC Presidents may not necessarily jive with the priorities of the CHED. Thus,
31 the new procedure to be implemented in the CHED by 01 January 2018, requires that
32 all proposals for funding by the CHED **must** first pass through the Governing Boards

1 and only those approved by the GBs will be endorsed to by the CHED for possible
2 funding.

3 The Hon. Chair also pointed out that when a proposal is presented to the GB,
4 it has to be justified in terms of whether it is part of the University's research
5 priorities, or part of the Strategic Plan and so forth. All applications for CHED
6 funding must also be consistent with Regional priorities. So, the utilization of the
7 Higher Education Development Fund (HEDF) money is not going to be decided by
8 the CHED Central Office but by the Governing Boards. Thus, after the GB approves
9 and endorses it that will be the time that the proposal gets into the "CHED process."

10 The President inquired how this new process of the CHED Central Office
11 would reconcile with calls for research proposal for special programs which may,
12 incidentally, not be a priority or immediate priority of the Region? Is there going to
13 be some flexibility?

14 The Hon. Chair informed the Board that the CHED is currently in the process
15 of formulating a Strategic Plan for the CHED. With regard to special projects that
16 may not be part of the Regional priority, it may be a priority of the country. There are
17 special projects like Pe CARE which is a University to University linkage between
18 the UP Manila (College of Medicine) and the University of California in San
19 Francisco (UCSF). The aim of the project is to develop a new system for testing
20 drugs. The current wave of "designer drugs" cannot be readily tested here in the
21 Philippines because we are not fully equipped for this new development. However,
22 the UCSF has the capability of coming up with a "drug testing tool kit" that our own
23 drug enforcement unit here in the Philippines (PDEA) may be able to use to analyze
24 evidence collected in drug cases. It is for this reason that the CHED is pouring money
25 into this undertaking because this is a top priority of the country.

26 Regent Bonifacio G. Uy inquired whether this new procedure also applies to
27 the offering of new degree programs in the SUCs. Regent Uy pointed out that in the
28 current practice, the request for the offering of new degree programs are first

1 submitted to the CHED Regional Office before it is brought to the Governing Board
2 for approval.

3 The Hon. Chair indicated that the CHED *en banc* has not yet tackled this
4 issue. But, it will soon be discussed. What has so far been discussed pertains only to
5 “research funding” because there is a lot of money for this despite the fact there is no
6 “clear sense of direction” where all the research is headed for. So, the regular research
7 funding from the CHED will now have to be approved by the Governing Board, and
8 these researches have to be consistent with Regional priorities.

9 Regent Bulayog inquired from the Hon. Chair when will the allowances of the
10 CHED scholars be released by the CHED.

11 The Hon. Chair replied that the CHED hopes to sort out all the problems
12 before the end of the year. This problem has reached the Office of the President of the
13 Philippines. This has happened because of the “highly centralized decision-making”
14 in the CHED Central Office considering that the CHED is not a “Scholarship
15 Agency.” As of the moment, the CHED is funding close to 6,000 scholars nationwide
16 under the K+12 scholarship program. The CHED Central Office simply is unable to
17 efficiently and effectively process and release the needed paperwork for all the
18 scholars to be given their allowances on time. This is most acute among scholars who
19 are studying abroad. It is really “cruel” to subject the CHED scholars to this situation.
20 Along this line, the CHED has increased the number of personnel assigned to this
21 task. Hopefully, by the end of December 2017, the “delayed allowance” problem will
22 be solved. If this is not solved by then, the CHED will go after them in January.

23 Regent Bulayog also mentioned about the very much delayed billings on
24 tuition fees which has still not been paid to the University.

25 The Hon. Chair indicated that this is also another problem that is being
26 addressed. The Hon. Chair explained that when the “free tuition” program started,
27 there was a “theory” that the money would not be enough. So, in the Implementing
28 Rules and Regulations (IRR), additional requirements were added to allow the SUCs
29 to “prioritize.” This made the implementation difficult because a lot of information

1 were gathered, but these were actually “irrelevant” to the “free tuition program.”
2 However, those who were running the UNIFAST Program wanted these
3 date/information because they were afraid that the Commission on Audit (COA)
4 might go after them for not securing the “required data.” All this happened because
5 there was “fear that the money would not be enough.” As it turns out, the money
6 allotted for this program is “more than enough.” During the latest CHED *en banc*
7 session, the CHED decided which information was deemed necessary. All the other
8 information were set aside.

9 Chairperson De Vera indicated that there are only two (2) requirements for the
10 release of funds from the CHED: First, a certified copy of the names of students duly
11 attested by the SUC Registrar and signed by the SUC President on which the “dry
12 seal” of the SUC is embossed. Second, a “soft copy” in Excel format of the list of
13 students needs to be submitted to the CHED.

14 Regent Bulayog requested clarification from the Hon. Chair whether the Free
15 Tuition Fee program will only cover certain degree offerings of the University.

16 Chairperson De Vera commented that all tuition fees across degree programs
17 will no longer be collected because the government will pay instead. So, the
18 miscellaneous fees that are currently being collected, should no longer be collected as
19 well, because the government will also pay for this. This is the general principle of
20 the new program of the government.

21 President Tulin commented that as of this time, the students will have to pay
22 for the miscellaneous expenses but the tuition fee is no longer collected.

23 The Hon. Chair informed the Board that the government (*through the CHED*)
24 is now providing additional financial assistance to poor households (*the lower 20%*
25 *income bracket*) as follow: P60,000/year – if the student enrolls in a private HEI; or
26 P40,000/year – if the student enrolls in a SUC. With this amounts, there is an
27 additional subsidy of P4,000/month which will effectively “absorb” the miscellaneous
28 expenses. The target of the government is to increase the nationwide coverage of the
29 Free Education program from 60,000 students per year to 500,000 students per year.

1 The Hon. Chair continued that the P60,000 per year subsidy in a private HEI
2 will suffice if the HEI is in the province but definitely this will not be enough if the
3 private HEI is in the Metropolitan areas (*Manila, Cebu, Davao, etc...*). To be able to
4 help the students enrolling in the Metro areas, the CHED is coming up with a “student
5 loans program” using the bank conduits used by big private HEIs. For instance,
6 National University (NU) was recently acquired by the SM Group of Companies
7 which has its own banking unit, *Banco de Oro*. So, the poor students pursuing their
8 degrees in NU can actually “borrow” from Banco de Oro. It is for this reason that
9 other private HEIs also would like to have its own “conduit bank” so that it will be
10 able to extend student loans to those who need it (*lower 20% income bracket*). The
11 money that will be used to cover the students will come from the national government
12 with an annual funding of not less than P40 billion per year. Further, those students
13 coming from poor households (*lower 20% income bracket*) **who graduate on time**
14 will be subsidized for another semester (*after graduation*) so that they will have some
15 funds to pay for review session attendant to licensure examinations.

16 Chairperson De Vera indicated that the CHED and DBM together with the
17 SUCs/LUCs and private HEIs have to figure out how to implement this effectively.

18 2. Tentative List of Candidates for Graduation, 1st Semester, SY 2017-2018

19 President Tulin presented the tentative list of candidates for graduation for the
20 1st Semester, SY 2017-2018 and indicated that the University Academic Council
21 perused, approved and endorsed the list to the Governing Board for Confirmation.

22 Chairperson De Vera inquired whether there were any questions.

23 Hearing none, the Board unanimously passed

24 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 135, s. 2017**

25 **A Resolution Confirming the List of Candidates for Graduation for the**
26 **1st Semester, SY 2017-2018, *Provided, that all candidates have complied with all***
27 **requirements for graduation on or before the deadline indicated in the approved**
28 **Academic Calendar for SY 2017-2018.**

- 1 3. Grant of the *Latin* honor of *Cum Laude* on Mr. Dexter C. Relevo, VSU Alangalang,
2 1st Semester, SY 2017-2018

3 President Tulin informed the Board that is a lone candidate for graduation
4 with *latin* honors from the VSU Alangalang in the person of Mr. Dexter C. Relevo for
5 the 1st Semester, SY 2017-2018 and indicated that the University Academic Council
6 perused , approved and endorsed the Conferment of the *latin* honor of *Cum Laude* on
7 Mr. Dexter C. Relevo for Confirmation by the Governing Board.

8 Chairperson De Vera inquired whether there were any questions.

9 Hearing none, the Board unanimously passed

10 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 136, s. 2017**

11 **A Resolution Confirming the grant of the *latin* honor of *Cum Laude* on**
12 **Mr. Dexter C. Relevo, VSU Alangalang, for the 1st Semester, SY 2017-2018,**
13 ***Provided, that he shall have fully complied with all the requirements for***
14 ***graduation on or before the deadline indicated in the Academic Calendar for SY***
15 ***2017-2018.***

- 16 4. Permanent Appointments of Three (3) Academic Staff

17 President Tulin informed the Board that these three (3) academic staff now are
18 in possession of the needed minimum qualification requirement (Master's degree),
19 and are now being endorsed by the Academic Personnel Board for the change in their
20 appointment status from *Temporary* to Permanent and that that they be given
21 permanent plantilla items commensurate to their qualifications.

22 Chairperson De Vera inquired whether there were any questions.

23 Hearing none, the Board unanimously passed

24 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 137, s. 2017**

25 **A Resolution Confirming the Change in Appointment Status from**
26 ***Temporary* to Permanent of the following Academic Faculty: Eunice Kenée L.**
27 ***Seriño, Joel Q. Mabalhin, and Lemuel S. Preciado effective on the dates***
28 ***indicated.***

- 29 5. New Appointment (*Temporary Status*) of One (1) Academic Staff

30 The President informed the Board that Ms. Angelie F. Marilla is a new faculty
31 under Temporary Status because she has yet to meet the minimum educational
32 requirements (*Master's degree*) but has already met the minimum service requirement
33 (*2 years in service*) set by the University.

1 The Hon. Chair inquired if there were any other queries on the matter.

2 No questions/objections were raised.

3 The Board unanimously passed

4 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 138, s. 2017**

5 **Confirming the New Appointment (Temporary Status) of Ms. Angelie F.**
6 **Marilla, as presented and effective on the date indicated.**

7 6. Substitute Appointments (Temporary Status) of Six (6) Academic Staff

8 Chairperson De Vera inquired whether there were any questions.

9 Hearing none, the Board unanimously passed

10 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 139, s. 2017**

11 **A Resolution Confirming the new substitute appointments of six (6)**
12 **academic staff, effective on the dates of their appointments.**

13 **E. Other Matters**

14 1. Institutional Development and Innovation Grant of the CHED

15 Chairperson De Vera commented that the proposal does not fall under the
16 “free tuition” program of the government because it is a “diploma program.”

17 Regent Uy commented that “entrepreneurship” should be part of the
18 curriculum while in “college or university.”

19 Director Edgardo Esperancilla commented that being in a 3rd World, there
20 should be a curriculum purely on entrepreneurship such that before they graduate,
21 they will be able to “launch” a business of some sort.

22 The Hon. Chair commented that the target for this type of program should be
23 a bit more mature and not graduates of the K+12 program. They are too young to
24 engage in entrepreneurship. A graduate of the K+12 will definitely enroll in a degree
25 program in college/university because tuition is free and they get to earn a degree in
26 the end while students pursuing this proposed diploma program will have to pay for
27 their training.

28 Regent Bonifacio G. Uy moved for the deferment of the proposal.

1 2. Proposal of the Philippine National Bank (PNB) to Set Up a Satellite Office in the
2 VSU Main Campus

3 The Board Secretary informed the Council that the Philippine National Bank
4 (PNB) has expressed interest in setting up an extension office in the Main Campus.
5 Specifically, PNB seeks to secure a 40 square meter area within the Technology
6 Business Incubator (TBI) building. As of the present, the entire TBI building is not
7 being used. However, based on the unsolicited proposal of the PNB, it seeks to utilize
8 said building space for free: electricity, water, parking space.

9 President Tulin explained further that Mr. Bernie Tocmo, Vice President for
10 Retail Banking of the Philippine National Bank (PNB), is also an alumnus of the
11 University. Mr. Tocmo narrated that the PNB was invited by the MSU (Marawi) to
12 establish a branch office inside the MSU (Marawi) Campus. He indicated that he
13 would also like to set up shop inside the VSU Main Campus in Baybay.

14 The President informed the Board that the PNB proposal was discussed by the
15 University Administrative Council (UADCO) and was acted favorably by the Council
16 and that he brought it to the level of the Board for further discussion and suggestions
17 on how this can be done.

18 The Hon. Chair inquired whether there are other SUCs where PNB satellite
19 offices have been established. If there are, it would be best to learn how they did it
20 legally and so that VSU can have the same terms and conditions.

21 Dir. Esperancilla commented that, if ever the University can provide a space,
22 the PNB should pay for the utilities especially communication and electricity.

23 Regent Uy commented that the PNB should also be made to pay for the space.

24 Chairperson De Vera indicated that there has to be a precedent case in other
25 SUCs so that there is very good legal cover. Otherwise, it is possible that an
26 Ombudsman case will be filed against the President and other officials.

27 Regent Uy inquired whether there is a LandBank office in campus.

28 Prof. Bulayog commented that there are no bank offices *per se*, but that three
29 banks – LandBank, China Bank and PNB - that put up Automatic Teller Machines
30 (ATM) located at the side entrance of the Main Gate of the campus.

1 The Hon. Chair clarified that ATMs are standard equipment and does not tend
2 to occupy a large space, nor consume so much other utilities. It would be best to look
3 for precedent cases for legal cover and justify entry of PNB in the campus. In this
4 way, it would not be difficult to explain to interested parties like the Ombudsman
5 how this was undertaken (*by adopting the same conditions as in other SUCs*).
6 Definitely, the Board will not want to have the COA or the Ombudsman going after
7 any University officials. This is the part called "due diligence checking."

8 Regent Uy commented that the University should expect that LandBank might
9 complain and thus, request for parity rights.

10 The Hon. Chair pointed out that UP Diliman has a PNB office and a
11 LandBank office in its campus. It would be best to know how these banks were able
12 to set up shop in UP Diliman. Let us look at the procedure(s) that had been followed
13 so that we can develop a template for this kind of activity.

14 Regent Uy commented that historically, the presence of PNB in UP Diliman
15 and MSU (Marawi) preceded its privatization.

16 Chairperson De Vera clarified that because the PNB is now a private bank, the
17 terms and conditions of how to let them locate in a SUC should be very clear and
18 there should be ample legal cover for this.

19 3. List MOAs and MOUs for Confirmation

20 Chairperson De Vera inquired whether there were any questions.

21 Hearing none, the Board unanimously passed

22 **BOR RESOLUTION NO. 140, s. 2017**

23 **A Resolution Confirming the Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) and**
24 **Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) entered into by the Visayas State**
25 **University and public and/or private entities, effective on the dates of their**
26 **signing.**

27 4. Laboratory Testing Fees to be Collected by the Department of Food Science and
28 Technology (DFST), VSU Main Campus

29 The Board Secretary informed the Board that the University has an existing
30 program with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) for the use of a "*Shared*
31 *Service Facility*." This facility is operated by the Department of Food Science and

1 Technology (DFST). There had been a lot of inquiries from interested parties who
2 want to utilize/rent a space – from 1 to 2 days – from time to time. As of the moment,
3 the DFST does not have any legal basis for assessing fees for the use of the said
4 facility. Thus, this proposal.

5 Dir. Edgardo Esperancilla informed the Board that there is a Food Innovation
6 Center at the Eastern Visayas State University (EVSU). Dir. Esperancilla suggested
7 that It would be best to look at the formula used in the crafting of the rent at EVSU
8 after which this proposal will be refilled for final action by the Governing Board.

9 The Board Secretary pointed out that some of the rates included in the
10 proposal are already BOR approved rates used by the other laboratories of the
11 University. However, there are some very specific tests that are only available in this
12 shared facility.

13 The Hon. Chair indicated that it will be best if the rates are benchmarked with
14 those from other SUCs so that the GB can appreciate whether the proposed rates are
15 high/medium/low compared to those in other SUCs.

16 President Tulin commented that the chemical analysis that was approved by
17 the Board last year showed the rates charged in other government facilities including
18 SUCs.

19 The Hon. Chair suggested that somebody from the DFST should immediately
20 go to the EVSU to inquire about the rates that are charged there and to understand
21 how the rates were decided upon. Once this is done, the revised proposal will have to
22 be refiled with the Board for final action.

23 5. Complaint of Atty. Nicomedes Borines

24 The President informed the Board that two (2) days ago, the Office of the
25 University President received a file from Atty. Borines which dwells on complaints
26 filed by Dr. Antonio Acedo regarding the AWOL indicated in his employment record
27 with the University.

28 Chairperson De Vera indicated that since the complaint has just been received
29 by the members of the Board, it will be acted upon in the next Board meeting.

1 **VI. ADJOURNMENT**


2 After all items were discussed, Chairperson J. Prospero E. De Vera III requested for a
3 motion to adjourn the 80th BOR Meeting.

4 President Edgardo E. Tulin moved for the adjournment of the 80th Board of Regents
5 meeting.

6 Regent Bonifacio G. Uy seconded the motion.

7 Chairperson J. Prospero E. De Vera III thanked everybody for their presence and
8 adjourned the 80th Board of Regents (BOR) Meeting of the Visayas State University at 3:42 P.M.

9 Certified True and Correct

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11 **DANIEL M. TUdTUD, JR.**
Board Secretary

12 Attested:

13 **J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III, PhD.**
14 *Chairperson*



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BOR Resolution No. 109 A Resolution Approving the Proposed Agenda for the 80th Board of Regents' Meeting	<i>The President presented to the Board the proposed Agenda for the 79th BOR Meeting.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Proposed Agenda, as modified.	
BOR Resolution No. 110 A Resolution Approving the Minutes of the 79th Board of Regents' Meeting held at CHED Central Office, C.P. Garcia Ave., UP Diliman, Quezon City	<i>The Board did not interpose any queries, comments, corrections on the Minutes for the 79th BOR Meeting.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Minutes of the 79th Board of Regents Meeting, as presented.	
BOR Resolution No. 111 A Resolution Approving the Proposed Receipts and Expenditures (STF Fund 164) for CY 2018, VSU System	<i>The Interim Chairman of the BOR Finance Committee, Regent Salvador G. Diputado, 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 Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Proposed Receipts and Expenditures (STF Fund 164) for CY 2018, VSU System, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	IMPLEMENTED

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BOR Resolution No. 112 A Resolution Approving the Utilization of Income for the 1st Quarter of 2018	<i>The Interim Chairman of the BOR Finance Committee, Regent Salvador G. Diputado, 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 Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Utilization of Income for the 1st Quarter of 2018, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 113 A Resolution Approving the Proposed 2019 Capital Outlay Projects Worth P 592,346,000.00	<i>The Interim Chairman of the BOR Finance Committee, Regent Salvador G. Diputado, 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 Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Proposed 2019 Capital Outlay Projects Worth P592,346,000.00, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	
BOR Resolution No. 114 A Resolution Approving the Grant of Collective Negotiations Agreement (CNA) to All Employees of the VSU System	<i>The Interim Chairman of the BOR Finance Committee, Regent Salvador G. Diputado, 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 Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Grant of Collective Negotiations Agreement (CNA) to All Employees of the VSU System, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	

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BOR Resolution No. 115 A Resolution Approving the Request for Funds to Purchase of One (1) Unit Garbage Truck Chargeable against the CY 2018 Capital Outlay Budget of the VSU Main Campus	<i>The Interim Chairman of the BOR Finance Committee, Regent Salvador G. Diputado, 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 Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Request for Funds to Purchase One (1) Unit Garbage Truck Chargeable against the CY 2018 Capital Outlay Budget of the VSU Main Campus, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 116 A Resolution Approving the Request for Funds to Purchase of One (1) Unit Mini-Bus Chargeable against the CY 2018 Capital Outlay Budget of the VSU Main Campus	<i>The Interim Chairman of the BOR Finance Committee, Regent Salvador G. Diputado, 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 Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Request for Funds to Purchase One (1) Unit Mini-Bus Chargeable against the CY 2018 Capital Outlay Budget of the VSU Main Campus, as recommended by the BOR Finance Committee.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 117 A Resolution Approving the Proposal to Adopt the General Education Courses in the New Undergraduate Programs Offered by the University starting 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Academic Council which is then recommending its approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Proposal to Adopt the General Education Courses in the New Undergraduate Programs Offered by the University starting 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019, as modified, <i>subject to the inclusion of the required Filipino courses.</i>	<i>For</i> IMPLEMENTATION

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BOR Resolution No. 118 A Resolution Approving the Proposal to Offer Master of Science in Chemistry starting 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Academic Council which is then recommending its approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Proposal to Offer Master of Science in Chemistry starting 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019, as presented.	<i>For</i> IMPLEMENTATION
BOR Resolution No. 119 A Resolution Approving the Proposal to Offer Master of Science in Biology starting 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Academic Council which is then recommending its approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Proposal to Offer Master of Science in Biology starting 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019, as presented.	<i>For</i> IMPLEMENTATION
BOR Resolution No. 120 A Resolution Approving the Proposal to Offer Master of Science in Development Communication starting 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Academic Council which is then recommending its approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Proposal to Offer Master of Science in Development Communication starting 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019, as presented.	<i>For</i> IMPLEMENTATION

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BOR Resolution No. 121 A Resolution Approving the Proposal to Offer Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Soil Science starting 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Academic Council which is then recommending its approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Proposal to Offer Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Soil Science starting 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019, as presented.	<i>For</i> IMPLEMENTATION
BOR Resolution No. 122 A Resolution Approving the Proposal to Offer Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Agronomy starting 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Academic Council which is then recommending its approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Proposal to Offer Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Agronomy starting 1st Semester, SY 2018-2019, as presented.	<i>For</i> IMPLEMENTATION
BOR Resolution No. 123 A Resolution Approving the Proposal to Adjust Hospital Charges at the VSU Infirmary.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Administrative Council which is recommended for approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Proposal to Adjust Hospital Charges at the VSU Infirmary, as presented.	IMPLEMENTED

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BOR Resolution No. 124a A Resolution Approving the Proposed Policy in the Giving of Positions to Newly Hired Faculty.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Administrative Council which is recommended for approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Proposed Policy in the Giving of Positions to Newly Hired Faculty, as presented.	<i>For</i> IMPLEMENTATION
BOR Resolution No. 124b A Resolution Approving the Proposed Policy in the Giving of Positions to Returning Scholars after completing their Doctorate Degrees.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Administrative Council which is recommended for approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Proposed Policy in the Giving of Positions to Returning Scholars after completing their Doctorate Degrees, as presented.	<i>For</i> IMPLEMENTATION
BOR Resolution No. 125 A Resolution Approving the Proposed Logo of the Regional Climate Change Research and Development Center.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Administrative Council which is recommended for approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Proposed Logo of the Regional Climate Change Research and Development Center, as presented.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 126 A Resolution Approving the Proposed Revision of the Merit System for Academic Employees of VSU.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Administrative Council which is recommended for approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Proposed Revision of the Merit System for Academic Employees of VSU, as presented.	IMPLEMENTED

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BOR Resolution No. 127 A Resolution Approving the Proposed Revision of the Merit System for Administrative Employees of VSU.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Administrative Council which is recommended for approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Proposed Revision of the Merit System for Academic Employees of VSU, as presented.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 128 A Resolution Approving the Proposed Freedom of Information (FOI) Manual.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Administrative Council which is recommended for approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Proposed Freedom of Information (FOI) Manual, as presented.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 129 A Resolution Approving the Proposed Guidelines on Local Off-Campus Activities.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Administrative Council which is recommended for approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Proposed Guidelines on Local Off-Campus Activities, as presented.	IMPLEMENTED

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BOR Resolution No. 130 A Resolution Approving the Proposed Increase in the Testing Fees for Security Guards from P50.00 to P100.00.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Administrative Council which is recommended for approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Proposed Increase in the Testing Fees for Security Guards from P50.00 to P100.00, as presented.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 131 A Resolution Approving the Request to Convert the Vacant Associate Professor 2 (SG-20) Position to Associate Professor 1 (SG-19).	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Administrative Council which is recommended for approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Request to Convert the Vacant Associate Professor 2 (SG-20) Position to Associate Professor 1 (SG-19), as presented.	For IMPLEMENTATION
BOR Resolution No. 132 A Resolution Approving the Hiring of Dr. Mary Joy M. Abit to the Position to Associate Professor 1 (SG-19) to be Assigned in the Department of Pest Management.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Administrative Council which is recommended for approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Hiring of Dr. Mary Joy M. Abit to the Position to Associate Professor 1 (SG-19) to be Assigned in the Department of Pest Management, as presented.	For IMPLEMENTATION

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BOR Resolution No. 133 A Resolution Approving the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between VSU and the DA for the Project Entitled: Enhanced Cassava Production Through Distribution of Quality Planting Materials.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Administrative Council which is recommended for approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between VSU and the Department of Agriculture (DA) for the Project Entitled: Enhanced Cassava Production Through Distribution of Quality Planting Materials, as presented.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 134 A Resolution Approving the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between VSU and the DOST-8 for the Project Entitled: Establishment of a Technology Center for Meat Processing in VSU Villaba.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Administrative Council which is recommended for approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Approved the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between VSU and the DOST-8 for the Project Entitled: Establishment of a Technology Center for Meat Processing in VSU Villaba, as presented.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 135 A Resolution Confirming the List of Candidates for Graduation, 1st Semester, SY 2017-2018.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Administrative Council which is recommended for approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Confirmed the List of Candidates for Graduation, 1st Semester, SY 2017-2018, as presented, Provided that, all candidates shall have complied with all requirements for graduation on or before the deadline indicated in the approved Academic Calendar for SY 2017-2018.	IMPLEMENTED

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BOR Resolution No. 136 A Resolution Confirming the Grant of the <i>latin</i> Honor of <u>Cum Laude</u> on Mr. Dexter C. Relevo, VSU Alangalang, 1st Semester, SY 2017-2018.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Administrative Council which is recommended for approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Confirmed the Grant of the <i>latin</i> Honor of <u>Cum Laude</u> on Mr. Dexter C. Relevo, VSU Alangalang, 1st Semester, SY 2017-2018, as presented, <i>Provided that</i>, he shall have complied with all requirements for graduation on or before the deadline indicated in the approved Academic Calendar for SY 2017-2018.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 137 A Resolution Confirming the Change in Appointment Status from Temporary to Permanent of the following Academic Staff: Eunice Kenec L. Serino, Joel Q. Mabalhin, and Lemuel S. Presciado.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Administrative Council which is recommended for approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Confirming the Change in Appointment Status from Temporary to Permanent of the following Academic Staff: Eunice Kenec L. Serino, Joel Q. Mabalhin, and Lemuel S. Presciado.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 138 A Resolution Confirming the New Appointment (<i>Temporary Status</i>) of Ms. Angelie F. Marilla.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Administrative Council which is recommended for approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Confirmed the New Appointment (<i>Temporary Status</i>) of Ms. Angelie F. Marilla, as presented and effective on the date of her appointment.	IMPLEMENTED

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BOR Resolution No. 139 A Resolution Confirming the New Substitute Appointments of Six (6) Academic Staff.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Administrative Council which is recommended for approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Confirmed the New Substitute Appointments of Six (6) Academic Staff, as presented and effective on the date of her appointment.	IMPLEMENTED
BOR Resolution No. 140 A Resolution Confirming the List of MOAs and MOUs Entered Into by the VSU and Some Public/Private Entities.	<i>The President informed the Board that the proposal was reviewed by the University Administrative Council which is recommended for approval by the Governing Board.</i>	NONE	The Governing Board Confirmed the List of MOAs and MOUs Entered Into by the VSU and Some Public/Private Entities, as presented.	IMPLEMENTED