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DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD SCIENCE &
TECHNOLOGY

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Dr. Prose Ivy G. Yepes
University President
Visayas State University

Through: **Dr. Rotacio Gravoso**
Chairperson, Academic Personnel Board

Dear Madam President:

The Dept. of Food Science & Technology has been looking for a faculty with food engineering as a field of specialization and we really appreciated the support of the Academic Personnel Board which recommended approval and was approved by the University President to open the position of Assistant Professor I for application by qualified candidates, a copy of the excerpt of the approved APB recommendation dated March 24, 2025 is herewith attached as Annex A hereof.

Unfortunately, we just realized a bigger problem looking for qualified candidates due to the **requirements of the Professional Regulations Commission that only a faculty with a license as a Food Technologist can handle the professional courses including food engineering.** Based on the department's past experiences of the difficulty in looking for a faculty with food engineering as his/her field of expertise, we already expected that we could not easily find someone qualified, still available and willing to apply to the said Asst. Professor I position.

Thus, instead of just waiting for any applicant to signify their interest to the position, we also planned to try additional strategy of increasing chances to finally find the needing food engineering expert by also convincing Engr. Julious Cerna to apply and transfer back to VSU since he still has his immediate family member living in the nearby barangay dependent upon him for support. Engr. Julious Cerna possesses all the PRC requirements to handle food engineering and food technology courses since he is already a licensed food technologist. However, his current position at MSU Ilagan is Assistant Professor III and thus, it is impossible to convince him to apply and transfer back to VSU if the available position is only Assistant Professor I. This strategy is proposed since we are afraid not one will apply for the position. Engr. Cerna, should he agree to apply, will also undergo similar process in hiring together with the rest of other applicants if there are any, in accordance with the hiring process of the university.

In view of this, we would like to request approval to replace the Assistant Professor I position to **Assistant Professor III to be opened for application by candidate who possesses needed expertise which is in the field of food engineering & with PRC license as a Food Technologist.** With Assistant Professor III, we can either attract Engr. Cerna to apply or any other qualified faculty may even apply for this position.

Hoping therefore for your favorable action to this request for DFST to finally be able hire the much needed faculty with qualifications which are compliant, both with CHED & PRC requirements.



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