PROPOSAL TO SET A QUOTA ON THE NUMBER OF FRESHMEN STUDENTS WHO WILL TAKE UP BACHELOR OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (BEEd) AND BACHELOR OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (BSEd) AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFEREES

(As approved by the Board of Regents per BOR Resolution No. 42, s. 2013, dated 05 August 2013)

Rationale:

The BEEd and BSEd Curricular Programs started in SY 2002 and 2003 when Dr. Manuel T. Corpuz, Director of the Accrediting Agency of Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP) conceded to convert the former Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education (BSAgEd) to BEEd and BSEd in line with the Level III accreditation of the Teacher Education Programs of VSU. From then on, the enrolment of these two curricula has been increasing every year. In fact, this School Year 2013-2014, the number has surged to an alarming level with 176 and 356 freshmen students enrolled in the BEEd and BSEd Programs, respectively. This situation has an impact to the learning environment of students because the facilities, classrooms, number of qualified teachers and other learning resources of the University have not really increased to match the need. Also, the increasing number of education students poses a threat to sustain the quality of performance of the graduates of the Teacher Education programs of the University which is determined by the institutional vis a vis the national passing percentage in the Licensure Examination for Teachers.

To attain teacher quality, the capacity and educational background of students attracted to teaching, and the training of future teachers should be given preferential attention. According to one educator "improving the quality of teachers must begin with teacher training". Thus, VSU must impose regulatory and compulsory quality assurance measures for incoming freshmen education students and transferees to impact on the capacity of graduates of the Teacher Education Department in order to meaningfully contribute to society, its culture and economy.

How to Set the Quota:

- Revive the General Average admission requirement of at least 85% as prescribed by CHED for high school graduates who will enroll in the BEEd and BSEd programs. In addition, the applicant's grades in his/her senior high school in English, Math, Science and Filipino should not be less than 80%.
- 2. An entrant should pass the interview and written examination which will be conducted by the Department <u>every January</u>, before the registration for new freshmen starts. The exam will assess his/her written and oral communication competencies in English. To pass, the applicant should get a rating of at least 85%. Applicants who fail in the oral and written exam are not allowed to enroll in the teacher education program.
 - The announcement on the schedule of the interview and written exam shall be made known through the information drive for new freshmen spearheaded by the University Student Services Office. In addition, the information will be printed on the Obelisk, and advertised using tarpaulins which will be posted at designated place.
- 3. Seventy percent (70%) from the high school General Average and 30% from the entrance exam shall comprise the rating of the applicant. Only the first 125 and 175 in the rank for the BEEd and BSEd applicants, respectively, will be admitted to the College of Education if the number of qualified applicants exceeds the aforementioned figures.

- 4. The applicant shall pay <u>two hundred pesos</u> (P200.00) to the University Cashier to defray the cost of office supplies and services for the exam, and present the official receipt to the Department of Teacher Education upon registration for the entrance exam.
- 5. Transferees to the BEEd and BSEd programs should pass the interview and written examination and have a Grade Point Average of at least 2.00 or its equivalent.
- 6. The implementation of this proposal shall commence on the first semester SY 2014-2015 after the Board of Regents (BOR) approval.

Note: BOR Suggestions for incorporation in the guidelines:

- 1) The Number of Testing Centers should be increased
- 2) There should a quota set for those taking up BSEd major in PEHM
- 3) The number of requirements for selection be increased

Certified true and correct:

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