



Republic of the Philippines
VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY
Visca, Baybay, Leyte

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 24, s. 2022

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE UNIVERSITY ETHICS COMMITTEE REVIEW GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, the Leyte State University was created by virtue of Republic Act 9158 which converted the then Visayas State College of Agriculture (ViSCA) into a state university last 11 August 2001 which was later renamed Visayas State University (VSU) by virtue of R.A. 9437;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of R.A. 9158 specifically empowers the Board of Regents of the University to *“exercise all the powers granted to the Directors of a corporation under Section 36 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 68 otherwise known as the Corporate Code of the Philippines”*;

WHEREAS, Paragraph (b), Section 7 of R.A. 9158 provides: *“To receive and appropriate all sums as may be provided, for the support of the University in the manner it may determine, in its discretion, to carry out the purposes and functions of the University”*;

WHEREAS, VSU is a CHED Center for Excellence (COE) in Agriculture and a National University in Region VIII, it is mandated to provide leadership in developing highly competitive human resource, relevant scientific knowledge, and innovative technologies to support the sustainable development of the Visayas Region in particular and the whole of the Philippines in general;

WHEREAS, the University Ethics Review Committee (UERC) is an academic institution-based research ethics committee which would provide independent, competent, and timely ethical review of proposed studies from its students and faculty researchers;

WHEREAS, UERC is an autonomous body guided by international and national ethical codes such as the Number Code (1947) JAMA Code (2021) the Belmont Report of the US Department of Health, Education and welfare of 1979, The Declaration of Helsinki 2013, The International Council for Harmonization of Good Clinical Practice, and the Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences guidelines among others;

WHEREAS, at the national level, the UERC is also guided by the CHED CMO 34 series of 2007 known as the policy on the conduct of health research involving human subjects/participants;

WHEREAS, UERC also adheres to the Joint Memorandum Order No, 2012 – 001 of the DOST, DOH, CHED and UPM known as the requirement for Ethical Review Research Involving Human participants, the Philippine National Health Research System Law of 2013, and the National Guidelines for Health and Health Related Research of 2017;

WHEREAS, the University President shall appoint 9 members for the UERC who come from different disciplines with adequate age and gender representations, while the committee members should also have relevant scientific expertise from the natural and social sciences, should also include a non-medical or non-scientist who shall serve the voice of the patients, and should also include a member who is nonaffiliated with VSU to secure the UERC’s independence;

WHEREAS, after scrutinizing the attached documents, the BOR Administrative and Academic Committee endorsed the proposal to the Full Board for approval during the committee’s 7 April 2022 meeting via teleconference;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to approve **the University Ethics Committee Review Guidelines**.

IN WITNESS of our approval thereof, we hereby affix our signatures this 3rd day of June 2022 at The Oriental Leyte, Palo, Leyte.

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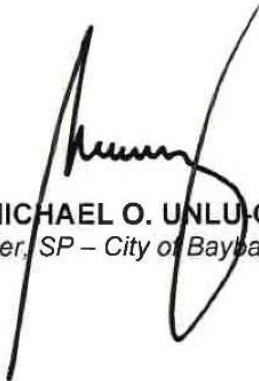


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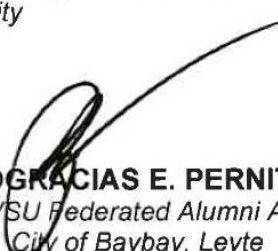
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