



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

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 26, s. 2023

A RESOLUTION APPROVING TO SPLIT DLABS INTO TWO DEPARTMENTS --- THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, LANGUAGES, AND LITERATURE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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 Department of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences (formerly Department of Arts and Letters) is the biggest academic department in the university in terms of the number of faculty and students served every semester. It offers all the General Education (GE) courses in the languages, humanities, philosophy, and social sciences taken by students enrolled in all programs of the university including the Senior High School;

WHEREAS, DLABS offers two undergraduate programs and two graduate programs, namely: Bachelor of Arts in English Language Studies (AB-ELS), Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (AB Philo), Master of Science in Language Teaching (MSLT), and Master of Agricultural Development Major in Language Teaching (MAgDEv-LT);

WHEREAS, the department has grown tremendously through the years, from less than 10 faculty members when it was created in 1974, it has now 54 faculty and staff consisting of 35 regular, 15 part-time faculty members, and 4 administrative staff as of SY 2022-2023;

WHEREAS, DLABS, being the biggest department in the university, would be split into two departments -- the Department of English Language and Literature (DELL) and the Department of Philosophy and Social Sciences (DPSS) to ensure a more efficient management and monitoring of personnel performance and consequently a more efficient delivery of services to our major clients who are the students;

WHEREAS, Under the new structure, the DALL will continue to offer the AB-English Language Studies program and all the existing graduate programs, as well as the GE Courses in language and humanities while the DPSS will continue to offer the AB Philosophy program and all the social sciences and philosophy GE Courses;

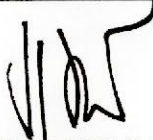
WHEREAS, the proposal was discussed and endorsed by the University Administrative Council during its March 23, 2023 meeting to the VSU BOR Finance Committee;

WHEREAS, the VSU BOR Finance Committee discussed the proposal and endorsed the same to the Full Board for approval during a hybrid committee meeting on 11 April 2023.

Resolved as it is thereby resolved to APPROVE to Split DLABS into two Departments – the Department of Arts Languages, and Literature and the Department of Philosophy and Social Sciences.

IN WITNESS of our approval thereof, we hereby affix our signatures this 2nd day of June 2023.

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