



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

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 32, s. 2021

A RESOLUTION APPROVING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM OF STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN REGION 8 (SUCs-8) TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED / MARGINALIZED STUDENTS

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, a proposal is passed to implement the Affirmative Action Program for State Colleges and Universities in Region 8 (SUCs-8) to provide access to quality education for underprivileged/marginalized students;

WHEREAS, the Affirmative Action Program will increase the chance to study college of the underprivileged/marginalized students such as those students coming from indigenous groups, those who are classified as persons with disabilities, students from public schools, students from depressed areas, and sons and daughters of former rebels;

WHEREAS, SUCs in Region 8 including VSU would identify potential beneficiaries for the program provided they pass the eligibility criteria as described while alternatively involving DepEd and DSWD to identify the potential beneficiaries of the program based on the PASUC approved eligibility criteria;

WHEREAS, each SUC in the Region including VSU would provide beneficiaries a P2,500.00 living allowance that already covers meals, transportation, and other incidental expenses while all other expenses not covered by the UniFast such as RLE, OJT fees, and other required fees of the enrolled programs will be shouldered by the host university including ready-made uniforms prescribed by the program;

WHEREAS, the beneficiaries are also entitled to free accommodation in dormitories available at the campus of the host university if available or the beneficiaries will be entitled to free boarding house to be paid by the host university if the SUC has no dormitory of its own;

WHEREAS, the program will commence on the First Semester of SY 2021-2022 (August 2021) while VSU will allocate 10 slots in the main campus and ten slots each in the component colleges bringing the total number of 50 beneficiaries across VSU system;

WHEREAS, to ensure success and continuity of each student to complete the program, each student will be assigned a mentor who shall closely supervise the performance and academic performance of the student while the retention of policy of the program taken by the student still applies but may be waived to the identified recipients of each program subject to the approval of the Board of Regents of the host university;

WHEREAS, the proposal was approved by the University Administrative Council through a referendum via email on 13 June 2021;

WHEREAS, after scrutinizing the attached documents the BOR approved the proposal during its 23 June 2021 meeting via teleconference;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to approve the implementation of the **Affirmative Action Program of State Colleges and Universities in Region 8 to provide access to quality education for underprivileged/marginalized students.**

IN WITNESS of our approval thereof, we hereby affix our signatures this 23rd day of June 2021.

VSU BOARD OF REGENTS

*(This Resolution has been approved by BOR en Banc
but the OUS is still awaiting approval to affix the
e-signature of Chair De Vera in this document)*

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