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

### BOR RESOLUTION NO. 159, s. 2020

A RESOLUTION COURSED THROUGH REFERENDUM APPROVING THE REQUEST OF MS. MA. GWENETH M. ABIT FOR AUTHORITY TO TRAVEL ABROAD TO PURSUE HER DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN AGRONOMY AT THE OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY (OSU), OKLAHOMA, USA WITH AN ASSISTANTSHIP FROM DR. BEATRIX HAGGARD, ONE OF THE PROFESSORS IN OSU, THAT GUARANTEES MS. ABIT'S TUITION, HEALTH INSURANCE AND COST OF LIVING WHILE STUDYING IN THE USA

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, and was later renamed Visayas State University (VSU) by virtue of R.A. 9437;

**WHEREAS,** the Office of the CHED Chairperson issued an Unnumbered CHED Memorandum dated 24 July 2018, on the subject: <u>Guidelines in Securing Authority to Travel Abroad for State Universities and Colleges</u>;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Ma. Gweneth Abit was endorsed by the Personnel Committee of the Department of Agronomy to go on study leave with pay;

**WHEREAS**, the travel of Ms. Ma. Gweneth Abit to Oklahoma State University (OSU) in the United States was submitted for assessment by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED);

**WHEREAS**, upon evaluation, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) deemed that the international travel of Ms. Ma. Gweneth Abit to pursue Doctor of Philosophy in Agronomy at Oklahoma State University in the United States is allowed since the graduate studies at OSU is bona fide and allowed per IATF Resolution No. 79 issued on October 15,2020;

**WHEREAS**, the Visayas State University Scholarship/Fellowship Committee reviewed all pertinent documents of Ms. Ma. Gweneth Abit for her Study Leave with pay during its meeting on 29 October 2020 and endorsed the same to the University Administrative Council;

**WHEREAS**, the Visayas State University Administrative Council reviewed all pertinent documents of Ms. Ma. Gweneth Abit for his Study Leave with pay through a referendum and endorsed the same to the University Board of Regents;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** to **Approve** the request of Ms. Ma. Gweneth Abit for Authority to Travel to the United States of America to pursue Doctor of Philosophy in Agronomy at Oklahoma State University (OSU) starting January 2021.

**IN WITNESS** of our approval thereof, we hereby affix our signatures this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

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