



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

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 124, s. 2022

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INCREASE OF THE STIPEND FOR
THE GTA AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN 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, the Visayas State University Graduate School had started to open its door to foreign graduate school scholars and foreign graduate teaching assistants school year 2022-2023;

WHEREAS, after one year of implementation, it was found out that the Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) and Fellowship scholarship grant of PhP25,000.00 and PhP20,000, respectively, for MS and PhD students were not enough to cover the living expenses of the foreign scholars due to inflation;

WHEREAS, VSU GTA and fellowship grant for foreign students had also the lowest scholarship grant given by an institution compared to others including the DOST and CHED SIKAP scholarship;

WHEREAS, there had been few foreign MS applicants and no PhD applicants since the start of the implementation of the grant due to very small stipend and a limited PhD program offering;

WHEREAS, it was proposed to increase the MS Fellowship Grants to Foreign students from 1) P20,000.00 to P30,000.00 and PhD Fellowship Grants to Foreign students from P20,000.00 to P40,000.00; 2) Increase the MS GTA Grants to Foreign students from P25,000.00 to P35,000.00 and PhD GTA Grants to Foreign students from P25,000.00 to P45,000.00; 3) Reduce the number of slots for PhD grants to two (2) each of the GTA and Fellowship to Foreign Grants instead of 10 due to few numbers of PhD takers.

WHEREAS, the proposal had been presented, discussed, and endorsed by the VSU Finance Committee to the Full Board for approval during its 20 January 2023 meeting via zoom.

Resolved as it is thereby resolved to APPROVE the Increase of the Stipend for GTA and Fellowship Program for Foreign Students.

IN WITNESS of our approval thereof, we hereby affix our signatures this 25th day of January 2023.

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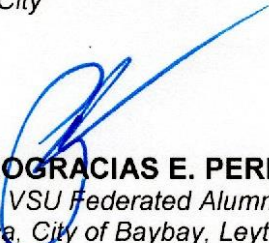
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