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Office of the Secretary of the University and of the Board of Regents

EXCERPT FROM THE APPROVED MINUTES OF THE 15th LSU Board of Regents Meeting

16 March 2004 * LNU, Tacloban City

<u>Proposal to Modify the School Fees of Overstaying</u> and Readmitted Students Effective 1st Semester SY 2004-2005

Board Resolution No. 22, s. 2004

Approving the proposal to modify the school fees of overstaying and readmitted students effective 1st Semester SY 2004-2005, as modified. Approving further, the immediate conduct of a comprehensive study, across campuses, to determine the frequency and cause(s) for overstaying and readmission to the University.

Comments from the Board of Regents:

- The Board commented that there should be a distinction between full-time and part-time students. Part-time students, like the student assistants, should be given a much longer period to complete their studies.
- 2. The Board decided that part-time students be given a maximum of six (6) years to complete their degree. After the lapse of this period, then they too are going to be assessed the new rates.

BOARD ACTION: APPROVED

Date : 16 March 2004

ATTACHMENT: 5

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PROPOSAL TO MODIFY THE SCHOOL FEES OF OVERSTAYING AND READMITTED STUDENT EFFECTIVE SY 2004-2005

Leyte Stat University (LSU) aims to provide quality education in the tertiary and graduate levels. With dwindling support from the government, school fees have become an important source of revenue to maintain the present high standards of education at LSU. With the present policy of pegging the school fees of upperclassmen dependent on the year they entered the university, the actual cost spent per student is not commensurate to the fee they originally paid. Thus, students who first entered the university in Year 2000 pay P30.00 per unit until they graduate compared to the present rate of P70.00 per unit. This practice does not encourage the immediate completion of requirements to obtain a degree resulting in students overstaying for a number of years.

LSU is willing to subsidize the education of Filipino students and it has no intention of departing from its covenant to support the poor children of small Visayan farmers and fisherfolks who are determined to finish their degree on time. The fees LSU charge are still one of the lowest in the region. What is being proposed is to limit the number of years that they can enjoy this privilege, which is one year beyond the expected number of years planned for that degree. Thus, a student enrolled in a 4-year course has one more year of grace period to enjoy the tuition fee (by bracket) if he/she entered LSU in 1999 or he/she has until 2003 to pay the rate he/she initially paid. In 2004 if he/she has not graduated, he/she must pay the prevailing fees levied on all new students from tuition to laboratory and miscellaneous fees and continue paying the current rate for every term in the years ahead until he/she graudates.

The one-year grace period shall apply to all full time undergraduate and graduate students. For students who are employed and therefore cannot take a full load, i.e. extramural students, research personnel and faculty members, the grace period shall be two years. Returning students who have left the university for whatever reason before they complete their degree shall follow the rule on grace period when they apply for readmission. The time that they are out of the university may be counted as the grace period if the reason is justifiable for a maximum of two years. Students who have graduated but seek readmission at LSU for another degree shall follow the rate of fees for new students.

This proposal shall take effect upon BOR approval. However, to give enough time for overstaying students on campus to finish their degree, they shall enjoy a one year moratorium and be made to pay the current fees in June 2005 yet.

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