



VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY

6521-A Visca, Baybay, Leyte, Philippines

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

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

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 23, s. 2014

A RESOLUTION APPROVING, *BY REFERENDUM*, THE EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION FOR THE 2ND SEMESTER, SY 2013-2014 FROM 5:00 PM OF 30 APRIL 2014 TO 8:00 AM OF 01 MAY 2014 IN THE VSU MAIN CAMPUS PROVIDED THAT THE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC COUNCIL PASSES A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE

WHEREAS, Section 7, Paragraph (j) of R.A. 9158 empowers the Governing Board “to set policies on admission and graduation of students”;

WHEREAS, Section 11 of Republic Act No. 9158 – The Academic Council - stipulates the powers of the Academic Council to wit: “... review and recommend curricular offerings and fix the requirements for the admission to the University, as well as for graduation and the conferment of degrees, subject to the approval of the Board...”;

WHEREAS, the University Academic Council, reviewed the list of candidates for graduation from the different campuses of the VSU System for the 2nd Semester, SY 2013-2014 on the occasion of its 36th UAC Meeting dated 11 April 2014 and had endorsed said list to the VSU Board of Regents for CONFIRMATION;

WHEREAS, VSU Board of Regents Confirmed the List of Candidates for Graduation for the 2nd Semester, SY 2013-2014 with the passage of BOR Resolution No. 19, s. 2014 by Referendum dated 14 April 2014 on condition that “*all the candidates shall have complied with all the requirements for graduation on or before the deadline indicated in the approved Academic Calendar for School Year 2012-2013*”;

WHEREAS, the UAC during its 36th Meeting, reset the deadline for the submission of all requirements for graduation for the 2nd Semester, SY 2013-2014 from 25 April 2014 to 5:00 PM of 30 April 2014 on account of delay in the completion of theses and/or field practice/OR and DR cases, due to Typhoon Yolanda;

WHEREAS, quite a number of graduating students failed to complete processing their University clearance in time for the deadline set by the University Academic Council – 5:00PM of 30 April 2014 and has requested for an additional extension of the deadline if only to complete their clearances;

WHEREAS, Administration interposes no objection to the request of the students, if only for humanitarian purposes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to *Approve* the extension of the deadline for the submission of all requirements for graduation from 5:00 PM of 30 April 2014 to 8:00 AM of 01 May 2014, *Provided That* the University Academic Council passes a Resolution approving the proposed extension of the deadline.

IN WITNESS of our approval thereof, we hereby affix our signatures this 5th day of May 2014 at Visayas State University, City of Baybay, Leyte.

BOR Resolution No. 23, s. 2014 – A Resolution Approving, by Referendum, the Extension of the Deadline for the Submission of All Requirements for Graduation for the 2nd Semester, SY 2013-2014 from 5:00PM of 30 April 2014 to 8:00AM of 01 May 2014.



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

6 May 2014

The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents
Visayas State University
6521-A Visca, Baybay, Leyte

Dear colleagues in the VSU Board of Regents:

Attached is a request for a referendum to approve the extension of the deadline set by the VSU University Academic Council (UAC) for all requirements for graduation as of the 2nd semester SY2013-2014 by 15 hours—i.e., from 30 April 2014, 5 pm to 1 May 2014, 8:00 am. This extension should have been approved by the UAC but the administration asserts that it could no longer convene the UAC on 30 April 2014. Neither could it conduct a referendum of the Council members that late in the day.

Although this BOR referendum is unprecedented and should be avoided in the future, I am endorsing it nonetheless in light of the following background information:

- As of 5pm on 30 April 2014, 50 students in the BOR-confirmed list of candidates for graduation including 1 summa cum laude, 1 magna cum laude, 3 cum laudes, and 4 doctoral students had not yet submitted all their requirements for graduation;
- Various reasons for the delay in the processing of their graduation requirements were given, among them are the same reasons for the first UAC extension of the deadline from 25 April to 30 April 2014—e.g. delays in the completion of thesis or field practice due to Typhoon Yolanda, and the difficulty of getting the signatures of the relevant signatories at different levels of the University bureaucracy;
- Part of the reason given by the VSU administration is the lack of staff to attend to all the needs of the students in the long queues even after the UAC approved deadline of 5 pm;
- The near impossibility of convening the UAC—which last met on 11 April 2014—or of obtaining enough signatories for a referendum

considering the rhythm of the academic life of teachers in the usual months of "teachers leaves";

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

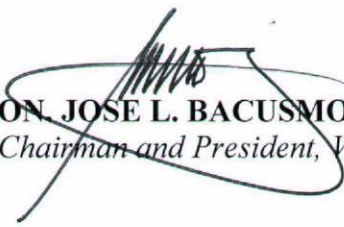
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Maria Cynthia Rose Banzon-Bautista, PhD
Commissioner and VSU Chair-Designate

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