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Republic of the Philippines VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Visca, Baybay, Leyte

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 66, s. 2021

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FORMAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE FINDING MS. WENIFREDA T. OCLINARIA GUILTY OF FOUR (4) COUNTS OF SERIOUS DISHONESTY, GROSS NEGLECT OF DUTY, GRAVE MISCONDUCT, AND GROSS CONDUCT PREJUDICIAL TO THE BEST INTEREST OF THE UNIVERSITY AND DISMISSING HER FROM THE SERVICE WITH THE IMPOSITION OF ALL THE ACCESSORY PENALTIES SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO FORFEITURE OF HER RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND PERPETUAL DISQUALIFICATION TO ENTER IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

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 4 (h) of R.A. 8292 grants the VSU Board of Regents the power to remove faculty members and administrative officials and employees of the University for cause in accordance with the requirements of due process of law;

WHEREAS, a complaint, docketed as Administrative Case No. 38, was filed against Ms. Wenifreda T. Oclinaria, as manager of VSU Beach Garden Resort and VSU Beach Front, for grave misconduct, serious dishonesty, gross negligence, and gross conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the University;

WHEREAS, the Formal Investigation Committee (FIC), after observing the due process right of Ms. Oclinaria, submitted its Decision dated April 5, 2020 to the VSU Board of Regents, thru the University President, for its appropriate action;

WHEREAS, the FIC recommends that Ms. Oclinaria be found guilty of grave misconduct and serious dishonesty for accepting P84,000.00 from Mr. Mervin Morcilla, and for intentionally reporting to the University a different and lower amount than what was collected as shown in the discrepancies in OR Nos. 1935687, 0369286, 0369290, and 369316;

WHEREAS, the FIC also recommends that Ms. Oclinaria be found guilty of serious dishonesty when she knowingly placed her name in the receipts of the items and supplies bought using the money raised in "tigum" system;

WHEREAS, the FIC likewise recommends that Ms. Oclinaria be found guilty of serious dishonesty by knowingly tampering OR No. 2614927 issued to GTZ;

WHEREAS, the FIC further recommends that Ms. Oclinaria be found guilty of gross negligence, serious dishonesty and gross conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the University when VSU Beach Garden Resort specifically the canteen sales reports incurred discrepancies --- the actual sales (per notebook) versus reported income (per issued official receipts) showed a difference of P551,470.51;

WHEREAS, the VSU Board of Regents, pursuant to the recommendation of the University President, agrees with the recommendation of the FIC that Ms. Oclinaria be found administratively liable for grave misconduct, serious dishonesty, gross negligence, and gross conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the University considering the multiple lies and the repeated concealment of the correct actual amount from the presented official receipts that brought about losses to the University; multiple evidence that showed her name in the reimbursements of purchases raised from the "tigum" system, an illegal system or practice, which resulted to losses to the University; when she recorded amounts in the logbook based on her financial report instead of vice-versa, for remitting only P11,400.00 instead of the total amount of P17,000.00 as required by the auditor, and using the balance of P5,870.00 for the purchase of supplies and materials; and by misutilization of funds, and non-issuance, falsification and underreporting of official receipts using the "tigum" practice that resulted to material losses to the University by which it was deceived by reporting profit instead of actual sales for the period 2007-2016;

WHEREAS, after deliberations and discussion, the VSU Board of Regents approved the recommendation of the University President to adopt the FIC's decision finding Ms. Oclinaria guilty of four (4) counts of serious dishonesty; gross neglect of duty; grave misconduct and gross conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the University with all its accessory penalties;

WHEREAS, the VSU Board of Regents stress that Ms. Oclinaria could not receive her retirement benefits and it reserved its right to file a criminal case against her to send a message to University employees and officials that it is serious in dealing with these types of cases;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to approve the recommendation of the University President to adopt the decision of the Formal Investigation Committee finding Ms. Wenifreda Oclinaria guilty of four (4) counts of serious dishonesty; gross neglect of duty; grave misconduct and gross conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the University and to dismiss her from the service with all the accessory penalties such as but not limited to forfeiture of her retirement benefits and perpetual disqualification to enter in public service.

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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