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BOR RESOLUTION NO. 18, s. 2019

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO GRADUATE TEACHING/RESEARCH ASSISTANTS EFFECTIVE UPON BOR APPROVAL

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, Section 7 of R.A. 9158 specifically empowers the Board of Regents of the University to “*exercise all the powers granted to the Board of Directors of a corporation under Section 36 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 68, otherwise known as the Corporate Code of the Philippines*”;

WHEREAS, Section 7, Paragraph (h) of R.A. 9158 empowers the Governing Board “*to fix and adjust salaries of faculty members and administrative officials and employees subject to the provisions of the Revised Compensation and Position Classification System and other pertinent budget and compensation laws governing hours of service, and other such duties and conditions as it may deem proper; ...*”;

WHEREAS, VSU Graduate Students play a significant role in fulfilling the University’s mandate as agents of national development;

WHEREAS, the VSU Graduate School has been providing financial assistance to these Graduate Teaching/Research Assistants (GTRAs) through the GTRA Assistantship Program;

WHEREAS, the Graduate School permits GTRAs to pursue graduate studies along their fields of specialization as well as free tuition, monthly stipend and thesis/dissertation allowance;

WHEREAS, a GTRA receives a monthly stipend of only *Php* 6,000.00 and a thesis/dissertation allowance of only *Php* 15,000.00;

WHEREAS, the new minimum wage for Job-Order workers is now pegged at *Php* 603.00 per day or *Php* 9,000.00 per month;

WHEREAS, the *Php* 15,000.00 thesis/dissertation allowance is very small compared with the actual amount spent for thesis/dissertation work which averages around *Php* 50,000.00;

WHEREAS, the Graduate School feels that the need to increase the financial support given to GTA’s and GRA’s given the nature and level of difficulty of their work and the qualifications needed in hiring them;

WHEREAS, the Graduate School has ten (10) slots for GTA’s and GRA’s per annum;

WHEREAS, for SY 2018-2019, only eight (8) slots for GTA's and GRA's have been filled-up;

WHEREAS, there is a need to encourage more graduate students to apply for GRA's and GTA's in the years to come;

WHEREAS, the Graduate School is proposing to increase the monthly stipend from *Php* 6,000.00 to *Php* 9,000.00; the thesis/dissertation allowance from *Php* 15,000.00 to *Php* 30,000.00; and a book allowance of *Php* 2,500.00/semester;

WHEREAS, the source of funds to support the monthly stipends, thesis/dissertation allowance, and book allowance will come from internally generated funds, specifically STF 050206441 per 2019 Program of Receipts and Expenditures;

WHEREAS, the proposal was discussed and approved by the University Administrative Council on the occasion of the 134th UADCO Meeting held last 26 February 2019 at 2/F, Center for Continuing Education Building, VSU Main Campus, Visca, City of Baybay, Leyte and the UADCO is strongly endorsing the proposal for Approval by the VSU Board of Regents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to **Approve** the Proposal to Increase the Financial Assistance given to Graduate Teaching/Research Assistants effective upon BOR approval.

IN WITNESS of our approval thereof, we hereby affix our signatures this 18th day of March 2019 at CHED Central Office, C.P. Garcia Avenue, UP Diliman, Diliman, Quezon City.

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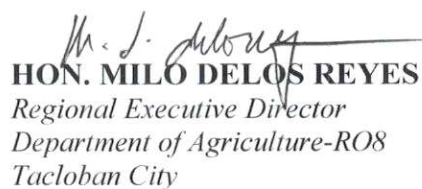
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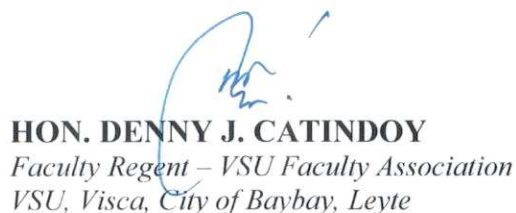
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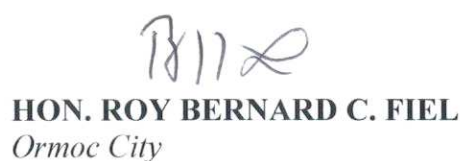
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