



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

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 109, s. 2022

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ZONAL CENTER FOR BIODIVERSITY AND HABITAT RESTORATION AT VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY (VSU)

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 establishment of the Zonal Biodiversity Center was a response to the challenge of brought about by the consistent destruction of the natural environment in the region in relation to the realm of development;

WHEREAS, the Zonal Biodiversity Center is specially dedicated to understanding the appropriate value of biodiversity to support human life, generate relevant knowledge and publish innovative technologies and tools for biodiversity monitoring and habitat conservation status assessment in the region, share knowledge and experiences among PASUC VIII member-institutions and other HEIs related to biodiversity conservation and habitat restoration, collaborate with local, national and international agencies on matters related to biodiversity conservation and environmental education through the promotion of nature and ecotourism within the region, develop and implement plans and programs, including policy and advocacy on biodiversity conservation, education and appreciation of Mt. Pangasugan Mountain range, and promote local and international linkages, government, industry and private collaborators for interactive biodiversity research and habitat restoration strategy in Mt. Pangasugan;

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Zonal Biodiversity Center, when approved by the Board, would again proposed for its budget to be funded under the GAA;

WHEREAS, the proposed plantilla positions for the Zonal Biodiversity Center would be sourced out from the scrap and build scheme of higher plantilla items of the university;

WHEREAS, the proposal was presented, discussed, and endorsed by the University Administrative Council to the VSU BOR Finance committee during the 167th UADCO meeting on 01 July 2022 at the 2nd Flr., CCE Bldg.;

WHEREAS, the proposal was presented, discussed, and endorsed by the VSU BOR Finance Committee to the Full Board for approval during its 28 September 2022 VSU BOR Finance Committee meeting via zoom;

Resolved as it is thereby resolved to APPROVE the establishment of the Zonal Center for Biodiversity and Habitat Restoration at Visayas State University.

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

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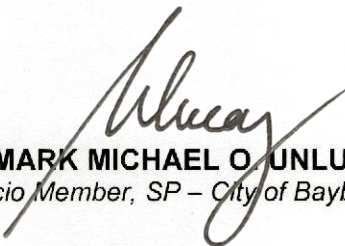


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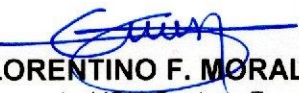
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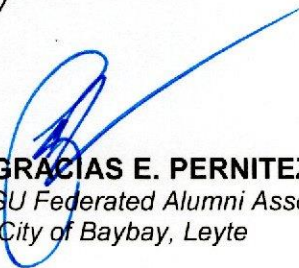
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