



VISAYAS
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VISCA, CITY OF BAYBAY, LEYTE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD
OF REGENTS AND OF THE UNIVERSITY

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

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 41, s. 2016

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF
FINANCIAL GRANT TO GRADUATE TEACHING/RESEARCH ASSISTANTS
SUBJECT TO EXISTING POLICIES, RULES AND GUIDELINES ON THIS MATTER
AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

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 (b) of R.A. 9158 empowers the Governing Board “*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, the VSU Main Campus has been providing financial incentives to Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) and Graduate Research Assistants (GRAs) since 1991;

WHEREAS, it was in June 2002 that the Governing Board last raised the financial incentives to GTAs and GRAs with the passage of BIOR Resolution No. 78, s. 2002;

WHEREAS, the existing financial incentives are no longer attractive enough to prospective graduate students and this has resulted in the decline in the number of GTAs and GRAs in the Main Campus;

WHEREAS, the implementation of the K to 12 program necessitates the hiring of more faculty to handle some basic courses which can easily be taught by Graduate Teaching/Research Assistants;

WHEREAS, the financial incentives will be charged against General Fund – PS (*Honorarium Expense*) and MOOE (*Scholarship Expense*);


WHEREAS, the proposal was discussed and approved on the occasion of the 118th UADCO Meeting held last 13 June 2016 at Office of the Vice President for Administration and Finance, 2nd Floor, Administration 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 Amount of Financial Grant to Graduate Teaching/Research Assistants *subject to* existing policies, rules and guidelines on this matter and Availability of Funds.

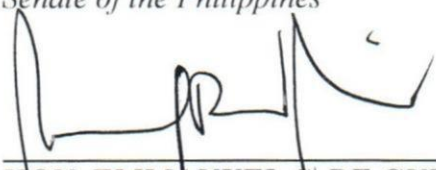
IN WITNESS of our approval thereof, we hereby affix our signatures this 23rd day of June 2016 at CHED Central Office, C.P. Garcia Avenue, UP Diliman, Diliman, Quezon City.

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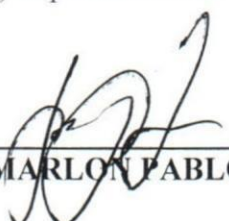

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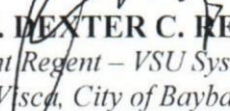
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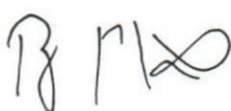

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PROPOSAL TO INCREASE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL GRANT TO GRADUATE TEACHING/RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

To help students who are interested to pursue graduate education at the Visayas State University (VSU), the institution has been offering Graduate Teaching and Research Assistantships since 1991. This grant is also one strategy to attract more students. The Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) is university-funded; while the Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA) is project-funded. As stipulated in the Guidelines on Graduate Assistantship Program (BOR Res. No. 78 s. 2002), the graduate teaching/research assistant has the following privileges: stipend of P4,000.00 per month, free tuition, and thesis/dissertation support not to exceed P10,000.00.

The stipend of P4,000.00 per month has been given to the grantees since June 2002, when the proposal to increase stipend from P2,000.00 to P4,000.00 was approved by the Board of Regents, up to now. But with the high cost of living at present, this amount is not anymore sufficient to support the needs of the grantees. In fact, in the past few years, not all 10 slots had been awarded due to lack of interested applicants. Also, considering the nature and level of difficulty of the GTAs/GRAs' work and the qualifications needed for the hiring of GTAs/GRAs, it is just but reasonable to increase the monthly stipend of the GRAs and GTAs.

Thus, it is hereby proposed that the stipend of the graduate teaching/research assistants be increased from P4,000.00 to P6,000.00 per month, and the thesis grant from P10,000.00 to P15,000.00.

The university currently has 10 slots for graduate teaching assistants. If the number of slots will be retained, the university needs to increase its yearly allocation for stipend of GTAs from P400,000.00 to P600,000.00 (Table 1).

Table 1. Needed budget for the GTA's stipend

	Amount (Php per Month)	No. of GTA Slots Offered	Total Amount Needed (Php per year for the grantees' stipend at 10 months per school year)
Current Stipend per month	4,000	10	400,000.00
Proposed Stipend per month	6,000	10	600,000.00