



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

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 182, s. 2020

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EASTERN VISAYAS
INNOVATION CENTER FOR HEALTH BIOTECHNOLOGY (EV-BIOTECH) AT VISAYAS
STATE UNIVERSITY**

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 Eastern Visayas Innovation Center for Health Biotechnology (EV Biotech) would enable VSU and Region 8 to focus on addressing both re-emerging and emerging diseases both infectious and non-infectious that caused significant problems and issues on health and would employ the tolls of biotechnology that will pave the way for the development and potential solution to address said problems;

WHEREAS, the Eastern Visayas Innovation Center for Health Biotechnology (EV Biotech) will function as an independent center under the umbrella of the Vice President for Research, Extension, and Innovation of the Visayas State University;

WHEREAS, the proposal was presented to the University Administrative Council (UAdCO) during its 152nd meeting held on December 9, 2020 via teleconference and unanimously endorsed the same to the VSU Board of Regents Administration and Academic Committee;

WHEREAS, after scrutinizing the attached documents the BOR approved the proposal during its 4th quarter meeting on January 28, 2021 via teleconference;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to approve the establishment of the Eastern Visayas Innovation Center for Health Biotechnology (EV Biotech) at Visayas State University.

IN WITNESS of our approval thereof, we hereby affix our signatures this 28th day of January 2021.

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