



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

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 191, s. 2020

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE CHED DARE PROJECT “MARINE BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION IN CAMOTES AND CUATRO ISLANDS, CAMOTES SEA, CENTRAL PHILIPPINES FOR SUSTAINABLE MARINE ECONOMY” FROM JANUARY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2021

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 DARE TO funded project “Marine Biodiversity Conservation in Camotes and Cuatro Islands, Camotes Sea, Central Philippines for Sustainable Marine Economy” implemented by VSU with Cebu Technological University as the partner HEI, was to operate from June 2017 to June 2019 where it was a community-based project involving Cuatro Islas in Leyte and Camotes Islands of Cebu;

WHEREAS, the first-year operation of the project was evaluated by CHED and was recommended for continuation on the next year of implementation;

WHEREAS, the second-year operation in 2019 was hampered due to delayed release of the budget where it was only in January 2020 that the funds for the second tranche was released, thus, a request for extension from January to June 2020 was submitted;

WHEREAS, CHED advised that the extension period should be from July 2019 to June 2020 where the advice was followed;

WHEREAS, CHED’s response was delayed probably due to the unexpected work time disruption during the COVID 19 pandemic and the response was to extend until December 2020;

WHEREAS, the advice was too late because the proponents received it on December 2020 and the extension was until December 2020 while during that time, CHED announced the change its focal person for DARE TO;

WHEREAS, the proponents of the DARE TO funded project “Marine Biodiversity Conservation in Camotes and Cuatro Islands, Camotes Sea, Central Philippines for Sustainable Marine Economy” request for the approval of the extension of the project’s duration from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021;

WHEREAS, after scrutinizing the attached documents the BOR approved and endorsed the request to the Commission on Higher Education during its 4th quarter meeting on January 28, 2021 via teleconference;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to approve the request to extend the DARE TO funded project “Marine Biodiversity Conservation in Camotes and Cuatro Islands, Camotes Sea, Central Philippines for Sustainable Marine Economy” from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

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

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