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1371st Meeting, 9 June 2022

I. MATTERS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

A. GENERAL GOVERNANCE

1. Appointment of University Officials

1.1 At this point, the Board went into executive session.

1.2 The Board approved the appointment of the following University officials:

Assoc. Prof. FRANCIS R. CAPULE as Dean of the College of Pharmacy, UP Manila, effective 01 July 2022 until 30 June 2025

Board Action: APPROVED

Prof. FERNANDO B. GARCIA, JR. as Dean of the College of Public Health, UP Manila, 01 July 2022 until 30 June 2025

Board Action: APPROVED

Assoc. Prof. RAMER P. BAUTISTA as Dean of the School of Technology, UP Visayas, effective 10 June 2022 until 09 June 2025

Board Action: APPROVED

2. Creation of the Digital Innovation Center (Information Technology Organization of UP)

2.1 President Concepcion informed the Board that the creation of the Digital Innovation Center (DIC) was extensively discussed and favorably endorsed by the President's Advisory Council for BOR approval. The same has been presented to the members of the BOR during the BOR Briefing held on 6 June 2022.

2.2 Regent Dupo requested for updates regarding the Gmail capacity and Google storage for faculty and students. She inquired whether the matter will be handled by the proposed DIC or by the UPSystem's Information Technology Development Center (ITDC).

I. MATTERS APPROVED BY THE BOARD (cont'd)

A. GENERAL GOVERNANCE (cont'd)

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2. Creation of the Digital Innovation Center ... (cont'd)

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- 2.3 Regent Co raised a similar inquiry regarding the cap on Google Workspace storage for students and requested for assurance that the same Google storage capacity be maintained for students and for institutions like the University Student Council and Office of the Student Regent.
- 2.4 ITDC Director Paulo Paje explained that the Gmail storage of the University is handled at the UP System level due to the University's institutional account with Google. He further shared that due to the change in Google's global policy on storage, the University is forced to set a cap for each user. However, UP has submitted a proposal to Google to expand the storage capacity of the University and once this is finalized, an advisory to all users will be made.
- 2.5 President Concepcion brought up the idea of UP having its own server which will provide unlimited storage. He pointed out that the University has acquired high performing supercomputers through the donations from UP alumni, UP Foundation Inc., Ongpin Foundation, and Huawei Foundation, and will further acquire new hardware and software for the proposed big data center of the University, which will help boost the email storage capacity for students and faculty. In response, Director Paje confirmed that they are coordinating with the supercomputing group of the University for the common data facility and is exploring the unlimited storage for UP. He shared that one of their concerns on the management of email storage is the responsible use of online storage by the users.
- 2.6 Regent Co inquired about the budget for the upgrading of the necessary licenses associated with the online storage provided for students and faculty, to which President Concepcion replied that the budget for renewal fees is already part of the annual UP budget. He then moved for the approval of the creation of the Digital Innovation Center. There being no objections, the same was approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

I. MATTERS APPROVED BY THE BOARD (cont'd)

B. ACADEMIC MATTERS (cont'd)

1. Delegation of Authority to the UP President or the Chancellor to Approve Decisions on Specific Policies

- 1.1 President Concepcion explained that it has been proposed several times by some members of the Board of Regents that the authority to approve certain decisions on specific policies in the University be delegated to the President or the Chancellor since these are not policy matters but are merely implementation of existing policies. The UP System Administration has come up with a list of matters for delegation to the President or the Chancellor by the BOR.
- 1.2 Upon reviewing the list of items for delegation to the President and Chancellor, Chair De Vera posed no objection but proposed that a mechanism for appeal be included, specifically in the approval of the waiver of tenure rules.
- 1.3 Regent Pagdanganan expressed support to the idea of delegation and decentralization as this will enable the Board to focus more on policy matters. He proposed, however, to have a specific authority matrix in the delegation, with specific conditions and limitations, for the delegation not to defeat its purpose.
- 1.4 After long deliberation, the items for delegation to the President were amended as follows:
 - a. Waiver of Tenure Rules, subject to appeal to the BOR;
 - b. Waiver of Sabbatical Rules;
 - c. Payments by Reneging Fellows in the Enforcement of the Return Service Obligation;
 - d. Grant of Administrative Load Credit (ALC) to Faculty Members Holding Administrative Positions; and,
 - e. Correction of Clerical Errors in the List of Graduates.
- 1.5 On the other hand, the items for delegation to the Chancellors of Constituent Units are the following:
 - a. Extension of the appointment of a faculty retiring in the middle of the semester up to the end of the semester; and,
 - b. The grant of Administrative Load Credit (ALC) for positions that will not be included in the Harmonized ALC of the UP System.

I. MATTERS APPROVED BY THE BOARD (cont'd)

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B. ACADEMIC MATTERS (cont'd)

1. Delegation of Authority to the UP President ... (cont'd)

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- 1.6 After further discussions, Regent Pagdanganan moved for the approval of the list of delegation of authority to the UP President and Chancellors, as amended. There being no objections to the motion duly made and seconded, the same were approved.

Board Action: The Board of Regents APPROVED the following:

“PROPOSED DELEGATION TO THE UP PRESIDENT OF THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

- A. Waiver of Tenure Rules, subject to appeal to the BOR**
- B. Waiver of Sabbatical Rules**
- C. Payments by Reneging Fellows in the Enforcement of the Return Service Obligation**
- D. Grant of Administrative Load Credit (ALC) to Faculty Members Holding Administrative Positions**
- E. Correction of Clerical Errors in the List of Graduates**
- F. Endorsement of CHED Projects for Approval, Realignment, and Extension, and for information of the BOR**

PROPOSED DELEGATION TO THE CU CHANCELLOR OF THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

- A. Extension of the Appointment of a Faculty Retiring in the Middle of the Semester up to the end of the Semester**
- B. The Grant of Administrative Load Credit for Positions that will not be included in the Harmonized ALC of the UP System**

II. MATTERS APPROVED BY THE BOARD (cont'd)

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B. ACADEMIC MATTERS (cont'd)

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2. **Awarding of Artist Ranks (Batch 2019-2021) to three faculty and one administrative staff under the UP Arts Productivity System (APS)**

2.1 President Concepcion reported that this item was discussed during the Briefing given to the members of the Board last 06 June 2022.

2.2 With no objections to the motion to approve duly made and seconded, the same was approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

3. **Proposed Revisions in the Point Requirements for Appointment and Rating System of the UP Scientific Productivity System (SPS)**

3.1 President Concepcion explained that the matter was discussed during the BOR Briefing held on 06 June 2022.

3.2 There being no objections to the motion to approve duly made and seconded, the same was approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

4. **CHED-RPAG project titled “Exploring the Potential of Cecropin and Defensin Insect Antimicrobial peptides (AMPS) for Enhanced Resistance to Phytopathogens for Increased Agricultural Productivity and Plausible Therapeutic Applications on Antibiotic Resistance,” headed by Dr. Karen B. Alviar, College of Agriculture and Food Science, University of the Philippines Los Baños**

4.1 Chair De Vera moved for the omnibus approval of Items 4 and 5 under Academic Matters and manifested that the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is doing its best to provide support to the University, especially on CHED-funded research projects of UP. To help address the issue on budget releases due to unliquidated funds, he shared that the Commission En Banc authorizes the release of funds for UP under the Philippine-California Advanced Research Institutes (PCARI) Program once liquidation of UP projects reached 75%. He also proposed that a special procurement group be created to focus on the delivery of the UP projects under PCARI. President Concepcion replied that the UP System Procurement Office is doing its best to assist the different CUs involved in the PCARI and other CHED-funded projects with their liquidations.

II. MATTERS APPROVED BY THE BOARD (cont'd)

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B. ACADEMIC MATTERS (cont'd)

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4. **CHED-RPAG project titled “Exploring the Potential of Cecropin and Defensin Insect Antimicrobial peptides (AMPS) ... (cont'd)**

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4.2 Chair De Vera raised that there are other PCARI projects that he would like to be approved by the Board but are not included in the agenda. President Concepcion moved that the Board approve first the two items in the agenda and then separately deal with the additional items raised by Chair De Vera. There being no objections to the motion to approve duly made and seconded, Items 4 and 5 of Academic Matters were approved.

4.3 For the items raised by Chair De Vera, President Concepcion moved that the documents be sent to the Office of the President for his approval under the delegation of authority granted to him earlier by the BOR.

Board Action: APPROVED

5. **CHED-funded research project of the Department of Anatomy, College of Medicine, UP Manila entitled, “Plastinated Specimen in the Study of Human Anatomy – Philippine Setting,” under the CHED Institutional Development and Innovation Grants (IDIG)**

Board Action: APPROVED

6. **Establishment of the “Dr. Jorge G. Camara Professorial Chair in Ophthalmology” at the College of Medicine, UP Manila**

6.1 President Concepcion moved for the approval of the establishment of Dr. Jorge G. Camara Professorial Chair in Ophthalmology at the College of Medicine. There being no objections, the same was approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

7. **Proposed increase in the number of students to be accepted at the UP Manila College of Medicine from 180 to 220**

7.1 President Concepcion explained that the increase in the number of students in the College of Medicine is in response to UP’s commitment to the Department of Budget and Management and to the members of the House of Representatives for the additional funds given to the University.

II. MATTERS APPROVED BY THE BOARD (cont'd)

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B. ACADEMIC MATTERS (cont'd)

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7. Proposed increase in the number of students ... (cont'd)

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7.2 Chair De Vera expressed his support for the proposal and informed the Board that CHED offers scholarships under its “Doctor Para Sa Bayan” program, which the UP College of Medicine students can avail of. President Concepcion instructed Vice President Bautista to take note of the information on the availability of CHED scholarships. He likewise instructed Secretary Lara to communicate the same to the Dean of the College of Medicine.

7.3 President Concepcion moved for the approval of the proposal. There being no objections to the motion duly made and seconded, the same was approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

C. FISCAL MATTERS¹

President Concepcion moved for the omnibus approval of Items 1-4 under Fiscal Matters and explained that the same were discussed and favorably endorsed by the BOR Finance Committee during its meeting held on 7 June 2022. There being no objections to the motion duly made and seconded, the following items were approved:

1. **Reprogramming of UP System Administration’s unexpended balances from prior years’ obligations to fund UP System Priority Projects in the amount of Php 218,163,459.00**

Board Action: APPROVED

2. **Reprogramming of UP Manila-Philippine General Hospital’s unobligated income in FY 2021 in the amount of Php 184,728,561.92**

Board Action: APPROVED

¹ In all resolutions involving the disbursement of funds, it is understood that the same must be subject to all existing government accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

II. MATTERS APPROVED BY THE BOARD (cont'd)

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C. FISCAL MATTERS¹ (cont'd)

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3. **Reprogramming of UP Visayas' unexpended balances from prior years from the General Fund in the amount of Php 17,811,858.77**

Board Action: APPROVED

4. **Programming of UP Open University's excess income from CY 2019 to CY 2020 in the amount of Php 20,182,046.18**

Board Action: APPROVED

5. **Creation of Trust Fund for the project "Specialized Training on Ethics for Public and Private HEIs (STEPP-HEIs): Capacitating Private Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) on Applying Ethical Practices in the Academe and in the Conduct of Social Science Research", Office of the Vice President for Public Affairs, UP System**

5.1 President Concepcion briefly explained that the creation of a trust fund is a requirement of CHED. This matter was discussed and favorably endorsed by the BOR Finance Committee during its meeting held on 07 June 2022.

5.2 With no objections to the motion to approve duly made and seconded, the same was approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

6. **Establishment of a Trust Fund account for the income derived from the service fees and sales of soil test kits generated by the ASI Analytical Services, UP Los Baños**

6.1 President Concepcion asked if there are any objections to the approval of the proposed establishment of a trust fund account for the ASI Analytical Services. There being none, the same was approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

¹ In all resolutions involving the disbursement of funds, it is understood that the same must be subject to all existing government accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

II. MATTERS APPROVED BY THE BOARD (cont'd)

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C. FISCAL MATTERS¹ (cont'd)

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7. **Amendment of the provision in the approved utilization under Equipment Outlay of the BIOTECH Modernization Fund (Trust Fund Account), UP Los Baños**

7.1 With no objections to the motion to approve duly made, the amendment of the provision in the approved utilization under Equipment Outlay of the BIOTECH Modernization Fund was approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

8. **Request of UP Los Baños for authority to purchase four (4) service vehicles in the total amount of Php 12,050,000.00**

8.1 This matter was discussed during the BOR Briefing held on 06 June 2022. There being no objections to the motion duly made and seconded, the request to purchase service vehicles was approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

9. **Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines and SIGNAL TV Inc., in relation to the negotiated procurement of one (1) year 24/7 direct-to-home satellite television channel for the broadcast of UP Programs**

9.1 President Concepcion explained that during its 1370th meeting held on 28 April 2022, the Board approved in principle the procurement of one (1) year 24/7 direct-to-home satellite television channel for the broadcast of UP programs. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the said procurement has been finalized and is now being submitted to the Board for its final approval. There being no objections, the MOA was approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

¹ In all resolutions involving the disbursement of funds, it is understood that the same must be subject to all existing government accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

III. MATTERS FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE BOARD

- 1. Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines and the Department of Public Works and Highways thru the Quezon City Second District Engineering Office (DPWH-QCSDEO) for the construction of the perimeter fence around PGH Diliman Project Site and Resettlement Housing**
 - 1.1 President Concepcion informed the members of the Board that the University will download the funds to the Department of Public Works and Highways Quezon City Second District Engineering Office (DPWH-QCSDEO) for the construction of the perimeter fence around the proposed Philippine General Hospital (PGH) Diliman and resettlement housing sites.
 - 1.2 Regent Dupo and Regent Co requested that the University waits for the report on biodiversity and affected community to be submitted by the concerned committees of UP Diliman before implementing the said project. President Concepcion responded that the committees will first define the boundaries of the protected forest area and the hospital site before the project is implemented.
 - 1.3 Regent Belegal raised the issue on the increasing number of informal settlers in the area which may cause potential problems on relocation for UP. Acknowledging the point raised by Regent Belegal, President Concepcion said that the perimeter fence is one of the measures to avoid further problems on resettlement housing.
 - 1.4 With no further questions, President Concepcion moved for the confirmation of the Memorandum of Agreement. There being no objections to the motion duly made and seconded, the same was confirmed.

Board Action: CONFIRMED

IV. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OF THE BOARD

The Board NOTED all matters for information of the Board that were emailed to all Regents on 03 June 2022 and 07 June 2022 (*Memorandum No. OSU2022-07-05 and Memorandum No. OSU2022-07-05(a)*).

A. Academic Calendars

UP Manila – First Semester, Second Semester and Midyear AY 2022-2023

B. Repors

1. Report on Operating Results and Financial Position of UP Provident Fund Inc. for the Year 2021

IV. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OF THE BOARD (cont'd)

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C. Contracts/Agreements

The following agreements are compliant with standard and applicable University processes involving the Constituent Universities (CUs) concerned and the University System. They fall under the delegated approving authority of the President, subject to information of the Board on matters not exceeding P150 Million Pesos (1312th BOR Meeting, 29 October 2015).

CU		Contract	NATURE
UP Diliman	1	Extension of Supplemental Contract for Security Services (Security Service Provider I) between UP Diliman and Grand Meritus Security Agency, Inc.	Extension of supplemental contract for security services UPIS Bakwit project Duration: 01 August 2021 to 01 January 2022 Implementing unit: UP Integrated School
UP Diliman	2	Memorandum of Agreement between University of the Philippines and Mindanao State University – Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT)	The agreement shall establish academic cooperation and promote mutual interest between UP and MSU-IIT in achieving DOST funded Phil-DIAMOND Project 2 (Development of HIV Disease Models and in vitro Investigation of HIV-related Neurocognitive and Metabolic Complications) goal of strengthening disease-modelling research in the country through several planned activities. Duration: upon signing until 31 January 2024 Implementing unit: College of Science

IV. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OF THE BOARD (cont'd)

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A. Contracts/Agreements (cont'd)

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UP Manila	1	Deed of Donation between the University of the Philippines Manila (“Donee”) and UP Medical Alumni Society in America (“Depository”) and Virginia Valdes-Camara (“Donor”)	For the establishment of the Dr Jorge G. Camara Professorial Chair in Ophthalmology, UP Manila Amount: USD35,000
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V. OTHER MATTERS

1. Request of President Danilo Concepcion for authority to travel to U.S.A from 24 June to 09 July 2022 to receive the 2022 Gold Quill Award of Merit for the production of Stop Covid Deaths Webinar Series: Clinical management and Virtual Grand Rounds in New York and to speak at the 37th University of the Philippines Medical Alumni Society in America Annual Grand Convention in Boston, Massachusetts

1.1 President Concepcion reported that he received an invitation from the International Association of Broadcast Communicators for the awarding of the Gold Quill Award of Merit for UP’s production of *Stop COVID Deaths Webinar Series*. The ceremony will be held in New York City from 26 June to 29 June 2022. The first request for authority to travel is to enable him to accept the Award for the University while the second request is for him to attend and preside over the 37th Annual Grand Convention of the UP Medical Alumni Society in America (UPMASA), which will be held from 03 July to 07 July 2022 in Boston, Massachusetts. There being no objections to the motion to approve duly made and seconded, the requests were approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

2. Request of Chair J. Prospero E. De Vera III for Sabbatical Leave

2.1 President Concepcion informed the Board that he received a request from Chair De Vera to go on sabbatical leave until 31 December 2022. Upon receipt of the request, he sought the opinion of the Vice President for Legal Affairs on whether Chair De Vera is eligible for a sabbatical leave, which the OVPLA confirmed affirmatively. The problem, however, was the start date of his sabbatical due to the holdover provision under the CHED law where he is currently on secondment.

V. **OTHER MATTERS** (cont'd)

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2. **Request of Chair J. Prospero E. De Vera III for Sabbatical Leave (cont'd)**

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- 2.2 With the power delegated to the President earlier by the BOR, President Concepcion moved that the Board approve the request of Chair De Vera to go on Sabbatical leave effective upon the termination of his secondment and subject to the rules of the University on secondment. There being no objections to the motion duly made and seconded, the request was approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

3. **Renewal of the Contract of Lease between the University of the Philippines and the Commission on Higher Education for the lease of a parcel of land with an area of 5,500 sqm., more or less, in UP Diliman campus**

- 3.1 President Concepcion said that the renewal of the contract of lease was requested by Chair De Vera to be included under Other Matters. He explained that the land where the CHED building stands is owned by the University, and a Contract of Lease was made between UP and CHED for a period of 25 years from 25 September 1997 until 24 September 2022. He added, however, that the UP administration is not yet ready with a recommendation regarding the renewal of the contract of lease as they are still negotiating the terms with the team of CHED. On this note, he moved for the deferment of action on this matter until a final report has been submitted to the Board of Regents for approval.
- 3.2 Regent Laurel proposed to have a timeline for the renewal of the contract of lease before the contract expires on 24 September 2022. President Concepcion assured the Board that the matter will be taken up in the August BOR meeting.
- 3.3 There being no objections to the motion to defer duly made and seconded, the same was approved.

Board Action: DEFERRED

4. **Request for Health Support Grant for All UP employees**

- 4.1 President Concepcion informed the Board that there is a request from Regent Belegal to include in the agenda the request for a Health Support Grant of Php20,000 for all UP employees. However, due to the need to study the proposal and given the standing observation from the Commission on Audit (COA) on the three Php5,000 emergency assistance given to UP employees in the previous years, he moved for the deferment of action on the matter. He further explained that administrative and criminal charges may be filed by

V. **OTHER MATTERS** (cont'd)

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4. **Request for Health Support Grant for All UP employees (cont'd)**

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COA if the BOR decides to grant the support while the resolution of COA's observation is pending.

- 4.2 There being no objections to the motion to defer duly made and seconded the same was approved.

Board Action: DEFERRED

5. **Update on the Union Management Monitoring Committee (UMMC) and Technical Working Group (TWG) meetings with the All UP Academic Employees Union on the Enhanced Hospitalization Programme (eHOPE) expansion and additional requests of Academic Unions**

- 5.1 President Concepcion reported that the Technical Working Group (TWG) created to study the expansion of the Enhanced Hospitalization Programme (eHOPE) needs to meet one more time to discuss the recommendation of Dr. Jean Nisperos of the All UP Academic Employees Union (AUPAEU) regarding the allocation of Php 35,000 per personnel for outpatient cases.
- 5.2 Regent Dupo inquired about the schedule of the Union Management Monitoring Committee (UMMC) meeting, to which Vice President for Administration Nestor Yunque responded that it is scheduled on 14 June 2022. He confirmed the information shared by President Concepcion that the University received only recently the communication from the Civil Service Commission regarding the registration of the Collective Negotiation Agreement of the University, hence, the UMMC meeting was only set on 14 June 2022.
- 5.3 Regent Dupo raised the concern of the AUPAEU regarding the implementation of the CSC-COA-DBM Joint Circular governing contract of service (COS) and job order workers (JOs) in the government. Vice President Yunque responded that it is being applied uniformly across CUs. However, the Joint Circular states that agencies may pay a premium of up to 20% of salary on top of the base pay, subject to the availability of funds. This additional rule has resulted in the differences in the salaries being given by different CUs, which is mainly dependent on their budget or capacity to pay the amount of the premium. He assured the Board that they are already preparing the implementing guidelines to address this problem.

V. **OTHER MATTERS** (cont'd)

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5. **Update on the Union Management Monitoring Committee ... (cont'd)**

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- 5.4 Regent Belegal inquired about the timeline for the final report of the TWG on the eHOPE expansion. Vice President Yunque pointed out that there were already discussions and the TWG needs one more meeting to finalize its recommendations, which will go to the level of the President for further analysis. He added that the Chair of the TWG estimated that the final report will be finalized within the next two weeks.

Board Action: NOTED

6. **On the Appeal of Dr. Carlo Arcilla regarding the payment of his salary differential when he was promoted while on secondment**

- 6.1 Regent Dupo requested for an update on the appeal of Dr. Carlo Arcilla on the payment of his salary differential when he was promoted as a faculty of the University while on secondment to the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI).
- 6.2 President Concepcion clarified that due to the promotion of Dr. Arcilla as a faculty member, his salary as a faculty member in UP became higher than his salary as a Director in PNRI, and Dr. Arcilla is asking UP to pay the salary differential.
- 6.3 President Concepcion further explained that the opinion of the Vice President for Legal Affairs cited Section 19, Rule XIII of the Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular No. 15, Series of 1999, which expressly states that,

“No officer or employee who is on study leave or on secondment shall be considered for promotion during the period of his study leave or secondment.”

whereas the UP Faculty Manual states that,

“Faculty members who are on secondment or special detail, with or without pay, may be promoted based on their contributions to knowledge and public administration/service while on secondment or special detail. They may be promoted even while still on secondment or special detail, provided they are recommended by their respective departments/ colleges/CUs and provided the increase in salary as a result of the promotion will take effect only upon their actual report for duty.”

V. **OTHER MATTERS** (cont'd)

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6. **On the Appeal of Dr. Carlo Arcilla ... (cont'd)**

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- 6.4 Given the legal opinion of the Vice President for Legal Affairs, President Concepcion said that he is constrained to deny the appeal of Dr. Arcilla to be paid a salary differential as a result of his promotion while on secondment.
- 6.5 Chair De Vera said that, as a general principle, when a faculty member is seconded to another agency, it is the receiving agency that pays for the salary of the seconded faculty. If the intention of the faculty member is to earn a higher salary from UP, then he should request for a special detail instead of secondment so that he can enjoy the benefits of a UP salary while serving in another government agency.

Board Action: DENIED

7. **Report on the Situation of Students in the UP Manila School of Health Sciences (SHS) Campuses**

- 7.1 Regent Co gave a brief account of the issues encountered by students in the UP Manila School of Health Sciences (SHS) campuses based on the recent visit of the Office of the Student Regent. The three major issues are: 1) the lack of support to scholars from the local government units (LGUs) due to politics; 2) the red-tagging of SHS students because of their affiliation to UP; and 3) the lack of infrastructure and internet access. She hoped that the Board can provide some intervention so that LGUs will honor their commitment in the memorandum of agreement they signed with the University.
- 7.2 President Concepcion assured Regent Co that he will assist in raising these concerns with the LGU officials as soon as they assume office on 30 June 2022.

Board Action: NOTED

8. **Request for the BOR to Adopt the President's Advisory Council Statement (PAC) on Red-tagging**

- 7.3 Regent Co requested that the Board of Regents adopt the President's Advisory Council (PAC) statement on red-tagging of students, which was uploaded on the UP website. President Concepcion explained that since the Regents were not provided a copy of the said PAC Statement prior to the meeting, he proposed that a committee be constituted to look at the PAC Statement and come up with a proposed BOR resolution on the same, to which Regent Co agreed.

V. **OTHER MATTERS** (cont'd)

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8. **Request for the BOR ... (cont'd)**

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7.4 President Concepcion requested that Regents Laurel and Pagdanganan be part of the committee to be constituted, as well as Regent Co. Regent Laurel expressed his willingness to assist the University in coming up with a statement. He believed that the academic freedom, the freedom to choose, and all other constitutional rights that have been afforded to the people should be upheld as sacrosanct.

7.5 President Concepcion then proposed that the matter be deferred to give ample time for members of the Board to review the PAC statement. He requested that they be given a copy of the PAC statement for their comments and suggestions. Instead of creating a committee, he suggested to have email exchanges. If there are dissenting opinions, then a separate BOR briefing may be called to decide on the next course of action.

Board Action: DEFERRED

9. **Update on Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the approved additional five (5) days in the Expanded Service Recognition Pay (eSRP)**

a. Regent Belegal asked for an update on the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the approved additional five (5) days in the coverage of the Expanded Service Recognition Pay (eSRP).

b. Vice President Yunque reported that the final draft of the IRR has been discussed and endorsed by the technical working group created for the purpose, and a draft Administrative Order has been submitted to the Office of the President for review and approval.

Board Action: NOTED



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