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DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

1375th BOR Meeting, 10 November 2022

I. MATTERS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

A. GENERAL GOVERNANCE

1. Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plans (LUDIPs) of UP Diliman, UP Los Baños, and UP Cebu

President Concepcion informed the Board that the proposed Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plans (LUDIPs) of UP Diliman, UP Los Baños, and UP Cebu were the subject of the BOR Briefing held on 08 November 2022.

1.1 UP Diliman LUDIP

- 1.1.1. UP Diliman Office of the Campus Architect Director Mark Anthony Morales, together with Vice President for Development Elvira Zamora and UP Diliman Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development Raquel Florendo, presented the UP Diliman Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan.
- 1.1.2. Chair De Vera inquired whether the proposed LUDIP of UP Diliman is consistent with the land use and zoning plan of the Quezon City Government especially since UP Diliman is classified as one of the city's evacuation areas during disasters. He advised the LUDIP team to clearly identify in the map the designated areas where people can go in times of disasters, or include in the LUDIP a chapter on its disaster management plan which is consistent with that of the Quezon City Government.
- 1.1.3. Regent Severino raised the issue on the lack of sufficient housing for faculty and staff and the conflict between UP employees and the communities on informal settlements on UP properties. He inquired whether the proposed UP Diliman LUDIP addresses these issues, including relocation plans for these communities. In response, Director Morales reported that relocation of informal settlers will be done gradually and on a per project basis. He added that about 19% of the staff who requested for housing were awarded staff housing while 71% of students were accommodated in dormitories inside the campus. He disclosed that there are still plans for off-campus land banking and acquisition of land assets to address concerns for housing and relocation.
- 1.1.4. In addition, President Concepcion reported that more dormitories will be built to provide more accommodations for students, particularly for student-athletes. For faculty housing, he said that he already had initial talks with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for off-campus rent-to-own faculty housing, possibly in partnership with PAG-IBIG Fund.

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

A. GENERAL GOVERNANCE (cont'd)

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1. Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plans (LUDIPs)... (cont'd)

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1.1 UP Diliman LUDIP (cont'd)

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1.1.5 Chair De Vera sought assurance that specific protected open spaces will be clearly identified in the plan to ensure that no structures would be built on such spaces in the future, especially when the student population grows exponentially and the demand for infrastructure development becomes necessary. Director Morales assured the Board that the main principle of the UPD LUDIP is to protect the open spaces in the campus from unnecessary developments. If the need for more infrastructure arises, the plan is to go for vertical infrastructure development instead of horizontal expansion.

1.1.6 President Concepcion added that should the demand increase for more infrastructure in the future due to an increase in the number of students, the University can utilize its property in New Clark City for expansion. On this note, Chair De Vera suggested the inclusion in the LUDIP of the projected ideal carrying capacity of UP Diliman in terms of the ratio of student population and infrastructures, as well as wastewater management and sufficient parking spaces. This will allow any future administration to easily know when to expand to other UP properties such as the New Clark City. He urged UP Diliman to take the lead in developing such comprehensive plan and set a benchmark for other big state colleges and universities to follow.

1.1.7 Regent Pagdanganan expressed support for the suggestions of Chair De Vera as it will constitute an indelible campus master plan for UP Diliman in the next fifty years and provide a roadmap for the future administration to follow.

1.1.8 Regent Laurel suggested looking at the LUDIP plans from the UP System point of view in order to develop a comprehensive and coherent campus master plan for the entire UP system. He cited as an example the increasing demand for engineering courses which could be addressed by expanding the College of Engineering in UP Los Baños. He also suggested that the multi-college approach be given serious consideration.

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

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A. GENERAL GOVERNANCE (cont'd)

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1. Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plans (LUDIPs)... (cont'd)

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1.1 UP Diliman LUDIP (cont'd)

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1.1.9 The Board discussed at length the issue on informal settlers on UP properties. President Concepcion reported that UP has already put up perimeter fences in areas where they can still control the encroachment of informal settlers. Chair De Vera recommended that while the University is estimating the projected increase in the number of students, it is also important to have an inventory of the current number of informal settlers and their projected rate of increase in order to better plan for it. He advised the LUDIP team to coordinate with the Quezon City Government regarding the estimates of informal settlers since they have the most sophisticated data of informal settlers in the whole Metro Manila area.

1.1.10 After further discussions, Regent Pagdanganan moved for the approval of the proposed UP Diliman LUDIP, subject to modifications as discussed and directed by the Board of Regents. President Concepcion seconded the motion. There being no objections, the same was approved, subject to revisions as discussed.

**Board Action: APPROVED, subject to
modifications as discussed and
directed by the Board of
Regents.**

1.2 UP Los Baños LUDIP

1.2.1 UP Los Baños (UPLB) Chancellor Jose Camacho, Jr. and Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development Fernando Paras, Jr. presented the UP Los Baños Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan.

1.2.2 For the information of the Board, Regent Laurel said that the Manila Water or the Ayala Corporation proposed to undertake the rehabilitation of the entire water distribution system of UPLB at no cost to the University. In return, they will enjoy a tax credit equivalent to 150% of the expenses as provided for under the UP Charter. He then asked Chancellor Camacho for any update on the said project. Chancellor Camacho reported that they are now working on the terms and conditions of the agreement with Manila Water.

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

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A. GENERAL GOVERNANCE (cont'd)

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1. Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plans (LUDIPs)... (cont'd)

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1.2 UP Los Baños LUDIP (cont'd)

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1.2.3 Regent Belegal inquired about the plan of UPLB on the construction of a concrete bridge connecting the Makiling Forest Reserve and the community in Barangay Bagong Silang. In response, Vice President Zamora informed the Board that the former Mayor of Los Baños issued a cease and desist order to stop the construction of the bridge inside the Makiling Forest Reserve, but the current LGU administration supports it and even provided funds for its completion. The Board discussed at length the pros and cons of allowing the completion of the said bridge within the Makiling Forest Reserve. After a long discussion, the Board concurred with the suggestion of Regent Go to clearly identify and define first in the LUDIP the areas and boundaries occupied by informal settlers in order to contain and control its expansion, and also the areas that cannot be disposed or occupied by individuals, in order to protect it from possible encroachment.

1.2.4 Chancellor Camacho explained that there were already informal settlers in the Makiling Forest Reserve long before it was entrusted to UPLB for protection in 1990 under Republic Act 6967. However, he shared that he already formed a task force composed of experts in social forestry, community development, and poverty alleviation to study and make recommendations on the conservation and preservation of Mt. Makiling, including plans on the community within its premises.

1.2.6 Vice President Zamora added that the number of structures inside the Makiling Forest Reserve has grown from 246 to about 1000 structures from 1990 to 2022.

1.2.7 Chair De Vera and President Concepcion instructed the UPLB team to improve the presentation of the maps in the LUDIP to clearly delineate and distinguish problematic areas through the use of colored shadings, demarcation lines, or labels. Similar to the UP Diliman LUDIP, Chair De Vera also instructed the UPLB LUDIP team to have an inventory of the informal settlers and their exact locations in the maps in order to aid the BOR in drafting policy directions to address the problem on informal settlers, including the issue raised by Regent Severino regarding research areas for students that are affected by these communities.

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

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B. GENERAL GOVERNANCE (cont'd)

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1. Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plans (LUDIPs)... (cont'd)

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1.2 UP Los Baños LUDIP (cont'd)

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- 1.2.8 After further discussions, President Concepcion moved for the approval of the UP Los Baños LUDIP, subject to revisions as discussed by the BOR. Regent Laurel seconded the motion, and there being no objections, the same was approved.

Board Action: APPROVED, subject to modifications as discussed and directed by the Board of Regents.

1.3 UP Cebu LUDIP

- 1.3.1 President Concepcion reminded the Board that the UP Cebu LUDIP was among the agenda items presented to and discussed by the BOR during the BOR Briefing held on 8 November 2022. He said that UP Cebu Vice Chancellor for Administration Hazel Trapero and Vice President Elvira Zamora were present to answer queries from the Board, if any.
- 1.3.2 There being no further questions, President Concepcion moved for the approval of the UP Cebu LUDIP, subject to the revisions proposed by Chair De Vera earlier. There being no objections, the same was approved.

Board Action: APPROVED, subject to modifications as discussed and directed by the Board of Regents.

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

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A. GENERAL GOVERNANCE (cont'd)

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2. Appointment of University Officials

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

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

Prof. JOSEPH RYAN G. LANSANGAN as Dean, School of Statistics, UP Diliman, effective 10 November 2022 until 09 November 2025

Assoc. Prof. MARIA REGINA LUCIA M. LIZARES as Dean, Cesar E.A. Virata School of Business, UP Diliman, effective 10 November 2022 until 09 November 2025

(A member of the Board registered his abstention. A briefing with the members of the BOR by the new Dean will be scheduled.)

Asst. Prof. GIOVANNI FRANCIS A. LEGASPI as Dean, Asian Institute of Tourism, UP Diliman, effective 28 November 2022 until 27 November 2025

Prof. MARIA AMELITA C. ESTACIO as Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, UP Los Baños, effective 28 November 2022 until 27 November 2025

Prof. PATRICIA B. ARINTO as Dean, UP Visayas Tacloban College, UP Visayas, effective 28 November 2022 until 27 November 2025

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Asst. Prof. FRANCIS MICHAEL C. ABAD as Dean, College of Social Sciences, UP Cebu, effective 03 February 2023 until 02 February 2026

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

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B. ACADEMIC MATTERS

President Concepcion informed the Board that the proposals under Academic Matters (*Item Nos. 1-10*) were comprehensively presented to and discussed by the BOR during the BOR Briefing held on 08 November 2022.

Chair De Vera posed no objections to the approval of the institution of the new curricular programs, except for the Institution of the Doctor in Sustainability Program of the UP Open University (*Item No.6, Academic Matters*), which he moved to be deferred. President Concepcion agreed to the deferment of said item, then moved for the omnibus approval of the six curricular proposals (*Item Nos. 1-6, Academic Matters*). There being no objections, the following items were approved:

- 1. Institution of the Master of Science in Bioinformatics Degree Program, UP Diliman**
- 2. Institution of the Dual Doctorate in Urban and Regional Planning Program, Diliman**
- 3. Institution of the following PhD by Research Programs in UP Los Baños:**
 - a. PhD by Research in Veterinary Medicine
 - b. PhD by Research in Zoology
 - c. PhD by Research in Human Development
 - d. PhD by Research in Food Science
 - e. PhD by Research in Chemical Engineering
- 4. Institution of the Doctor of Philosophy in Veterinary Medicine (Residential Mode) Program, UP Los Baños**
- 5. Institution of the UP Visayas Regional Research Center, UP Visayas**
- 6. Institution of the following Associate programs of UP Open University:**
 - a. Associate of Arts in Digital Design and Art
 - b. Associate of Science in Information Technology
 - c. Associate of Arts in Digital Entrepreneurship
 - 6.1 President Concepcion moved for the omnibus approval of the institution of the three (3) Associate Programs in UP Open University. There being no objections, the same were approved.

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

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B. ACADEMIC MATTERS (cont'd)

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7. Institution of the Doctor in Sustainability Program, UP Open University

Board Action: DEFERRED

8. Elevation of the Archaeological Studies Program to the School of Archaeology, UP Diliman

8.1 President Concepcion explained that the elevation of the Archaeological Studies Program to the School of Archaeology was also discussed in the BOR Briefing held on 08 November 2022, and was favorably endorsed by the President's Advisory Council. He then moved for the approval of the proposal. There being no objections, the same was approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

9. Revision of the Implementing Guidelines and Criteria Per Discipline of the UP Artist Productivity System (UP APS)

9.1 President Concepcion advised the Board that the proposed revisions in the implementing guidelines and criteria per discipline of the UP Artist Productivity System was included in the agenda of the BOR Briefing held on 08 November 2022. He moved for the approval of the proposed revisions. There being no objections, the same was approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

10. Establishment of the UPOUFI Professorial Chair in Open and Distance Learning, UP Open University

10.1 President Concepcion inquired if there are objections to the approval of the establishment of the UPOUFI Professorial Chair in Open and Distance Learning at the UP Open University. There being none, the same was approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

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

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FISCAL MATTERS¹

President Concepcion informed the Board that the items under Fiscal Matters (*Item Nos. 1-11, Fiscal Matters*) were favorably endorsed by the BOR Finance Committee during its meeting held on 07 November 2022. He then moved for the omnibus approval of Item Nos. 1-11 under Fiscal Matters. With Regent Go abstaining, the following items were approved:

- 1. Reprogramming of UP Los Baños unexpended obligations from Personal Services from prior years under the General Fund in the amount of Php200,000,000.00**
- 2. Reprogramming of UP System Administration's unexpended balances from prior years' obligations under the General Fund in the amount of Php285,890,096.00**
- 3. Realignment of available UPSA Reprogrammed Balance in the Amount of Php30,000,000.00**
- 4. Realignment of CY 2022 Revolving Fund budget of the UP Law Complex in the amount of Php30,000,000.00**
- 5. Request of the Office of Admissions for the grant of Cash Award to its qualified personnel in the amount of P15,000 each for FY 2022**
- 6. FY 2022 Program of Receipts and Expenditures (PRE) for the Free Higher Education (FHE) in the amount of Php1,534,322,000.00**
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I. MATTERS APPROVED BY THE BOARD (cont'd)

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C. FISCAL MATTERS¹ (cont'd)

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- 12. BAC Resolution, Notice of Award, Purchase Order, and Notice to Proceed, and the Addendum to the MOA for the procurement of one (1) lot Hosting and App Maintenance Services of the University by Beacon Solutions Inc., with an approved budget of Php61,133,264.19**
 - 12.1. President Concepcion explained that the item being procured is a software application for the enrichment of student learning. He asked if there are objections to the approval of the proposal. There being none, the same was approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

- 13. Service Level Agreement and Data Privacy Agreement between the University of the Philippines and LAQUEST Philippines, Inc. in relation to the procurement by the UP System of additional data storage for UP Mail users**
 - 13.1. President Concepcion moved for the approval of the relevant agreements in relation to the procurement by the UP System of additional data storage for UP Mail users. There being no objections, the same were approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

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

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C. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Appointment of the following Research, Extension, and Professional Staff (REPS) as Scientists in the DOST Scientific Career System, effective 20 May 2022, pursuant to Executive Orders 708 and 901:

- a. **Dr. NELLY S. AGGANGAN as Scientist II**
- b. **Dr. LUCILLE P. DE GUZMAN as Scientist I**
- c. **Dr. EVELYN F. DELFIN as Scientist I**
- d. **Dr. MARIA LUISA D. GUEVARRA as Scientist I**
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- f. **Dr. MARCELA M. NAVASERO as Scientist II**
- g. **Dr. LOURDES D. TAYLO as Scientist I**

- 1.1 There being no objections to the motion to approve duly made and seconded, the appointment of the abovementioned REPS as Scientists under DOST's Scientific Career System were approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

2. Request of UP Manila to change the effectivity of the reclassification of Dr. MARISSA B. LUKBAN to full-time status from 28 July 2022 to 04 February 2021

- 2.1 Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Evangeline Amor explained that the request is an appeal to change the approval date by the BOR from 28 July 2022 to 04 February 2021, the date that UP Manila endorsed her full-time status to the BOR for approval. Problems in the bureaucracy caused the delay of transmitting the document to the Board of Regents for approval. The retroactive effectivity was duly endorsed by the UP Manila Human Resource Development Office and budget cleared by the UP Manila Budget Office. There being no objections to the motion to approve duly made and seconded, the request was approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

II. MATTERS FOR CONFIRMATION BY THE BOARD

President Concepcion informed the Board that the items under Matters for Confirmation by the Board (*Item Nos. 1-3 under Matters for Confirmation*) were the lists of graduates approved by the President, subject to confirmation by the Board of Regents. He asked if there are objections to the confirmation of the graduation of the students included in the lists. There being none, the following items were confirmed:

- 1. Confirmation of the approval by the UP President of the graduation of a student of UP Diliman for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering as of the end of Second Semester, AY 2021-2022 (by virtue of the authority granted to the President by BOR at its 1048th meeting held on 26 March 1992)**

- 2. Confirmation of the Approval by the UP President of the graduation with honors of two (2) BS Forestry students of UP Los Baños**

- 3. Graduation of students whose names are included in the lists submitted by the following Constituent Universities, who have completed all the requirements for their respective degrees/titles as of the end of First and Second Semesters/Trimesters, and Mid-Year AY 2021-2022, or as of the end of term specified, and recommended by their respective University Councils:**
 - a. **UP Diliman** (approved by UP Diliman University Council at its 173rd meeting held on 10 October 2022)

 - b. **UP Los Baños** (approved by UP Los Baños University Council at its 150th meeting held on 5 October 2022)

 - c. **UP Manila** (approved by UP Manila University Council at its 118th meeting held on 13 September 2022)

 - d. **UP Visayas** (approved by UP Visayas University Council at its 129th meeting held on 12 October 2022)

 - e. **UP Mindanao** (approved by UP Mindanao University Council at its 58th meeting held on 26 September 2022)

 - f. **UP Baguio** (approved by UP Baguio University Council at its 83rd meeting held on 10 October 2022)

II. MATTERS FOR CONFIRMATION BY THE BOARD (cont'd)

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4. Memorandum of Agreement among the University of the Philippines, Sigma Delta Phi Trustees, and Sigma Delta Phi Alumnae Association, Inc. for a donation of a piece of sculpture with the title “WOMEN”

- 4.1 President Concepcion reported that the site for the installation of the art piece has been discussed with and approved by the UP Diliman cultural and infrastructure management. He further explained that this is part of the program that allows the University to host several art works. There being no objections to the motion duly made and seconded, the same was confirmed.

Board Action: CONFIRMED

5. Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) – thru the Quezon City Second District Engineering Office (QCSDEO), for the procurement, supervision, and implementation of the project “PGH Diliman ISF Resettlement, Phase 2”

- 5.1 President Concepcion asked the Board for any objections to the confirmation of the memorandum of agreement. There being none, the same was confirmed.

Board Action: CONFIRMED

For Item Nos. 6-7, President Concepcion informed the Board that the approval of CHED-funded projects has been delegated by the BOR to the UP President at its 1371st meeting held on 09 June 2022. But since these projects involved negotiated procurement, the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs recommended that it be confirmed by the BOR as the head of procuring entity for the University in accordance with existing laws and regulations. There being no objections, the following items were confirmed:

6. Procurement of supply equipment for the CHED-funded project *Optimizing Simulation Based-Education (SBE), Training, Collaboration and Research – A Focus on Technology-driven Teaching and Learning Strategies*, for the College of Nursing, UP Manila

7. Procurement of supply equipment for the CHED-funded project *Optimizing Simulation Based-Education (SBE), Training, Collaboration and Research – A Focus on Technology-driven Teaching and Learning Strategies*, for the College of Medicine, UP Manila

III. MATTERS FOR CONFIRMATION BY THE BOARD (cont'd)

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8. Confirmation of the approval by the BOR by referendum:

03 November 2022

Mechanics of the Nominees' Public Forum for the Search for the Next UP President on 11 November 2022 (Friday), 1:00 PM, at Cine Adarna, UPFI Film Center, UP Diliman, Quezon City

- 8.1 President Concepcion reminded the Board that the mechanics of the Nominees' Public Forum for the search for the next UP President has been approved by the Board through a referendum, subject to confirmation by the Board. He asked the members for any objection on the approval. There being none, the same was confirmed.

Board Action: CONFIRMED

III. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OF THE BOARD

The Board NOTED all matters for information of the Board that were emailed to all Regents on 08 November 2022 (*Memorandum No. OSU2022-07-09*)

1. Rescheduling of the 68th University Council Meeting of UP Open University From 3 November 2022 To 7 November 2022

2. 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 Open University	2	Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines Open University and the Caraga State University (CARSU)	Emerging Interdisciplinary Research (EIDR) Program titled "Blending of Multimedia Approach and Satoyama-Satoumi Principles for Building Climate Smart Communities"

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

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1. Contracts/Agreements

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UP Open University (cont'd)	2	Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines Open University and the Caraga State University (CARSU) (cont;d)	<p>Amount: Necessary funds for the smooth implementation shall be provided by UPOU, charged to the approve budget of the University of the Philippines Emerging Interdisciplinary Research (EIDR) Program</p> <p>Duration: Shall take effect immediately upon signing of the parties</p> <p>Implementing unit: Faculty of Management and Development Studies</p>
UP Open University	9	Memorandum of Understanding between the University of the Philippines Open University and Tanza National High School	<p>Provide social work field education placements at Tanza National High School, for post-graduate students from the Social Work Program of UP Open University</p> <p>Duration: Shall commence on 21 September 2020 until 21 September 2021</p> <p>Implementing unit: Faculty of Management and Development Studies</p>

IV. OTHER MATTERS

1. Request of President Danilo Concepcion for Authority to Travel to Tainan, Taiwan on 23-24 November 2022 and to Singapore on 7-8 December 2022

- 1.1 President Concepcion requested for Authority to Travel to Tainan, Taiwan from 23-24 November 2022 and to Singapore on 7-8 December 2022 to attend and speak during the Presidents' Forum of Southeast and South Asia and Taiwan Universities (SATU) and the inaugural Times Higher Education (THE) Campus Live Southeast Asia 2022 Forum, respectively.
- 1.2 There being no objections to the motion to approve duly made and seconded, the request was approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

2. a. Deed of Donation between the University of the Philippines and Fine Properties, Inc. (Formerly ADELFA PROPERTIES, INC.), for the donation of Fifty Thousand Forty Two (50,042) square meters parcel of land situated in the University Town of Villar City

b. Deed of Rescission among the University of the Philippines, Vista Land and Lifescapes, Inc., and Chalgrove Properties, Inc. (Formerly ALTHORP HOTEL VENTURES, INC.)

- 2.1 President Concepcion briefly explained that the Deed of Donation covers a 50,042-square meter parcel of land to be donated by the Villar Family, situated in the University Town of Villar City at Dasmariñas, Cavite. Meanwhile, the Deed of Rescission is meant to rescind an earlier Deed of Donation which included the donation of a building along with the land.
- 2.2 There being no further questions and objections, the Deed of Donation and the Deed of Rescission were approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

3. Matters of Student Regent Severino

3.1 Report on the Online NSTP Lecture Incident at UP Baguio

- 3.1.1 Regent Severino reported that the red-tagging incident in UP Baguio during an online National Service Training Program (NSTP) lecture for students was already the third instance wherein NSTP lectures are used as avenues to red-tag student organizations and/or other groups affiliated with the University.

IV. OTHER MATTERS (cont'd)

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3. Matters of Student Regent Severino (cont'd)

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3.1 Report on the Online NSTP Lecture Incident at UP Baguio (cont'd)

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- 3.1.2 In response, President Concepcion said that he would take this matter up with the Advisory Council (PAC) during its next meeting and direct the Chancellors of the Constituent Units (CUs) to review and approve, accordingly, all NSTP-related activities including its topics, contents, and designated speakers.

Board Action: NOTED

3.2 Update on the Student Wellness Subsidy Program

- 3.2.1 Regent Severino relayed that students who have qualified for the Student Wellness Subsidy Program have not yet received the mental health subsidy of Php7,500.00 per semester due to problems with the UP System Budget Office.
- 3.2.2 President Concepcion said that he will check its status with the responsible offices and include it in the agenda of the next PAC meeting.

Board Action: NOTED

3.3 Update on the Guidelines for Face-to-Face Activities for Second Semester, AY 2022-2023

- 3.3.1 Regent Severino requested an update on the crafting of guidelines for face-to-face classes next semester. This is to help students prepare for the next semester and avoid the same problems that they encountered in the first semester due to the delayed release of the guidelines.
- 3.3.2 President Concepcion said that he will remind the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs to conduct consultations as soon as possible, in coordination with the Office of the Student Regent, to be able to release said guidelines before the end of the First Semester, AY 2022-2023 or prior to the enrolment for the Second Semester, AY2022-2023.

Board Action: NOTED

IV. OTHER MATTERS (cont'd)

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4. Matters of Staff Regent Belegal

4.1 Update on the grant of additional Php1,500 in the economic fringe benefits (i.e., rice subsidy, annual incentive grant and Christmas grocery allowance)

4.1.1 President Concepcion explained that there might be legal problems in granting additional fringe benefits to UP employees while a case is pending with the Commission on Audit (COA) arising from the Notice of Disallowance issued by COA for the COVID-19 Emergency and Economic Relief Allowance given to UP employees in 2020. He said that UP may be considered to have acted in bad faith in approving such additional benefits and the BOR members who voted in favor of granting said benefits might be held financially and even criminally liable. He added that there is also the financial sustainability concern due to the late collection of the tuition fees from DBM.

Board Action: NOTED

4.2 Update on the increase on UP's share in the UP Provident Fund

4.2.1 President Concepcion informed the Board that the finance team is still reviewing the financial sustainability of the proposed Php100 increase in the amount of UP contribution given to all members of the UP Provident Fund.

Board Action: NOTED

4.3 Update on the expansion of the UP Enhanced Hospitalization Programme (eHOPE)

4.3.1 Regent Belegal requested an update on the status of the eHOPE expansion, particularly on outpatient procedures. President Concepcion responded that the same was still under review by the TWG.

4.3.2 Regent Belegal mentioned that there is also a request to expand the coverage of the eHOPE Program from Php80,000 to Php100,000. Vice President for Administration Nestor Yunque informed the Board that except for UP Manila and the Philippine General Hospital (PGH), employees of the seven (7) CUs enjoy a financial assistance for hospitalization expenses of up to Php80,000 per year. For UP Manila and PGH, the maximum amount is Php100,000. Hence, the request is to make the eHOPE coverage the same for all employees.

IV. OTHER MATTERS (cont'd)

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4. Matters of Staff Regent Belegal (cont'd)

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4.3 Update on the expansion of the UP Enhanced Hospitalization...(cont'd)

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- 4.3.3 President Concepcion requested more time to study the request, particularly its financial implications. He mentioned that this may also be affected by the delayed release of tuition fee collection from the DBM. In the meantime, he requested Vice President Yunque to look into the funding source for eHOPE-related expenses.

Board Action: NOTED



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