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  - d. Prof. IMEE SU MARTINEZ as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (Internationalization), effective 10 February 2023 until 31 March 2023;
  
  - e. Asst. Prof. RICHARD PHILIP A. GONZALO as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (Student Affairs), effective 10 February 2023 until 31 March 2023;

- f. Assoc. Prof. MARY DELIA G. TOMACRUZ as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (Resource Management), effective 10 February 2023 until 31 March 2023;
- g. Dr. LEO D.P. CUBILLAN as Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective 01 April 2023 to serve at the pleasure of the President;
- h. Prof. ALYSSA M. PELEO-ALAMPAY as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (Quality Assurance), effective 01 April 2023 to serve at the pleasure of the Vice President for Academic Affairs;
- i. Prof. IMEE SU MARTINEZ as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (Internationalization), effective 01 April 2023 to serve at the pleasure of the Vice President for Academic Affairs;
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- k. Prof. SIR ANRIL P. TIATCO as Assistant Vice President for Public Affairs and Director of the UP Media and Public Relations Office (MPRO), effective 22 February 2023 to serve at the pleasure of the Vice President for Public Affairs;
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- m. Ms. SHARI NIÑA G. OLIQUINO as Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, effective 01 April 2023 to serve at the pleasure of the Vice President for Academic Affairs;
- n. Asst. Prof. MARIE AUBREY VILLACERAN as Director, University Center for Women's and Gender Studies, effective 10 March 2023 until 9 March 2026; and,
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# DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

1379<sup>th</sup> BOR Meeting, 03 April 2023

## I. MATTERS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

### A. General Governance

#### 1. Appointment of University Officials

- 1.1 In line with Administrative Order No. PDLC 23-01 specifying the process for the selection of Chancellor, Regent Pagdanganan requested that the Chair of the Search Committee be invited in the meeting to explain the result of the search process.
- 1.2 President Jimenez mentioned that he received multiple letters from the student and faculty sectors requesting that the original schedule for the selection of UP Diliman Chancellor be followed. He then asked the Board if they are willing to proceed with the selection process.
- 1.3 On behalf of the students, Regent Severino agreed to proceed with the election. Regent Ramota likewise expressed his agreement to proceed with the selection process but registered the sentiments of the faculty that the BOR, as much as possible, should adhere to the published dates of the search process to preserve its integrity. President Jimenez said that in as much as they want to stick with the schedule, they had difficulty looking for a common available date for all Regents. Chair De Vera explained that the major reason for moving the election to an earlier date was to shorten the long period of uncertainty and administrative difficulties in UP Diliman due to the limited powers of the OIC-Chancellor, which was also the concern raised by Regent Pagdanganan during the last Board meeting. For his part, Regent Pagdanganan remarked that moving the schedule from May to April 3 is consistent with the spirit of the first schedule.

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

### A. General Governance (cont'd)

#### 1. Appointment of University Officials (cont'd)

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1.4 Regent Go suggested that the BOR proceed with the interviews of nominees for the next UP Diliman Chancellor. Chair De Vera reminded the body that there was a pending motion by Regent Pagdanganan, as seconded by Regent Ramota, to interview the Chair of the Search Committee first before proceeding with the interviews of the nominees. There being no objections, the Board agreed to proceed with the presentation of the results of the search process before conducting the interviews of the nominees to be followed by the election of the next UP Diliman Chancellor.

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

1.6 The Board approved the appointment of **Asst. Prof. EDGARDO CARLO L. VISTAN II** as Chancellor, UP Diliman, effective 03 April 2023 until 02 April 2026.

#### **Board Action: APPROVED**

2. The Board also discussed in executive session the **Deanship of the College of Science and Mathematics in UP Mindanao**. After further discussions, the Board deferred its action on the appointment of the next Dean of the College of Science and Management, UP Mindanao. The Board authorized the President to appoint an Acting Dean for a period not exceeding 90 days.

**Board Action: DEFERRED. The Board authorized the President to appoint an Acting Dean for a period not exceeding 90 days.**

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

### **A. General Governance (cont'd)**

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#### **3. UP's policy on the establishment of School of Health Sciences and medical programs in other provinces**

- 3.1 Chair De Vera explained that he is not asking for a Board action at this time on this matter, but he requested that UP Manila be instructed to present to the Board at the next meeting, a policy on the establishment of Schools of Health Sciences (SHS) and medical programs in the provinces, because he received offers from three governors to put up a School of Health Sciences in their respective provinces.
- 3.2 Regent Ramota suggested reviewing the existing policy and BOR resolutions related to the institution of the SHS Program in 1976.
- 3.3 Chair De Vera also informed the Board that the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) has agreed to be the training hospital for the medicine program of Palawan State University. However, since under CHED rules there should be one hospital per medical school, Palawan State University is now requesting an exception from the said rule. He added that if the CHED Commission En Banc approves it, the governors who have problems with their medical schools and hospitals will also demand the same treatment. Hence, he requested that the BOR instruct UP Manila to propose a policy on this matter for discussion at the next meeting.
- 3.4 Regent Pagdanganan moved for the approval of the request. There being no objections, the same was approved.

**Board Action: UP Manila to propose, at the next BOR meeting, a policy on the establishment of Schools of Health Sciences and medical programs in the provinces.**

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

### **A. General Governance (cont'd)**

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#### **4. Appeal for reconsideration by the UP Visayas Administration on the decision of the Board of Regents regarding the grant of Latin honors to UP Visayas students who have grades of “4.0” and/or “5.0” in NSTP and PE courses**

4.1 President Jimenez explained that during the 1376<sup>th</sup> BOR Meeting held on 25 November 2022, the Board decided to grant the appeal of UP Visayas (UPV) students to be conferred Latin honors despite incurring a grade of “4.0” and/or “5.0” in their National Service Training Program (NSTP) and Physical Education (PE) courses on the ground that NSTP and PE grades, which are not included in the computation of their General Weighted Average (GWA), cannot be the basis of such disqualification. He added that the Board effectively overruled the decision of the UP Visayas University Council disqualifying students with grades of “4.0” and/or “5.0” in any prescribed courses from receiving Latin honors. The pending matter now before the Board is the appeal of the UP Visayas Administration to reconsider the BOR Decision and to respect the decision of the UP Visayas University Council. For his part, President Jimenez opined that overruling the University Council on academic matters may set a dangerous precedent.

4.2 Regent Severino pointed out that the UPV students acknowledge the University Council’s power on academic matters, particularly on graduation and conferment of Latin honors. However, the students appealed for their cases to be re-evaluated because they were not duly informed of the UPV University Council’s ruling that students who have incurred a grade of “4.0” and/or “5.0” in any of the prescribed courses are disqualified from Latin honors. Said policy was also not published in any student handbook. Moreover, the affected students were only notified of their disqualification only ten (10) days before the graduation date.

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

### **A. General Governance (cont'd)**

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#### **4. Appeal for reconsideration by the UP Visayas ... (cont'd)**

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- 4.3 Chair De Vera said that while he understood the points raised by the students, he expressed his position that all courses should be subject to the same treatment. It seemed that the BOR Decision is biased against the NSTP and PE courses. Regent Severino clarified that the original appeal was really for all subjects, but the BOR decided to only grant the appeal of those with a grade of “4.0” and/or “5.0” in NSTP and PE courses.
- 4.4 Regent Ramota raised a concern about the inconsistencies in the policies of UP Visayas and other constituent universities (CUs) regarding Latin honors. He asked whether the policy being followed by UP Visayas was approved by the Board since the other CUs allow students to graduate with honors even if they have a grade of “4.0” and/or “5.0” in any of the prescribed subjects. Regent Tiongco recalled during the discussion in November that the general practice in most CUs was that students are conferred Latin honors even if they have incurred a grade of “4.0” and/or “5.0” so long as they meet the GWA requirements for Latin honors. In response, Chair De Vera requested Secretary Lara to check if there were any Board actions related to the grant of Latin honors.
- 4.5 In order to provide further context on the matter, former Vice-President for Academic Affairs Dr. Cynthia Rose Bautista was invited to the meeting. Dr. Bautista explained that in 2000, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, in agreement with the Academic Affairs Committee, decided that students with grades of “4.0” and/or “5.0” will not be conferred with Latin honors. At that time, it was only UP Visayas implemented the policy while the rest of the CUs did not adopt the rule. She added that even in UP Visayas, the policy was not consistently implemented, and it was only under the administration of Chancellor Clement C. Camposano that such policy was strictly implemented. She also informed the Board that while the policy



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

### **A. General Governance (cont'd)**

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#### **4. Appeal for reconsideration by the UP Visayas ... (cont'd)**

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is not implemented in other CUs, the President's Advisory Council recognized UPV University Council's power over academic matters and therefore upheld the UP Visayas Administration's position. She stressed further that under the UP Charter, the University Council recommends to the Board students for graduation as well as the grant of Latin honors. The current controversy now raises the question of whether the Board can grant honors even when there is no recommendation by the University Council.

4.6 Regent Go read into the record the Decision of the Board of Regents at its 25 November 2022 BOR meeting. President Jimenez said that it is clear that there was an inherent recognition by the Board of the power of the University Council to disqualify students from receiving Latin honors. Regent Go concurred that under the UP Charter, the power to approve or disapprove graduation lies with the Board of Regents, but the recommendation should come from the University Council. If the UC does not recommend, then the Board of Regents should not even discuss the matter.

4.7 Regent Escudero emphasized the importance of establishing consistency among the different CUs of the University. To solve the problem, the Board may set the rules and make it applicable prospectively. President Jimenez strongly recommended that the BOR should not interfere with the prerogative of the University Council to set the academic criteria. The Board then deliberated at length on the scope of powers granted to the University Council and the Board of Regents as stipulated in the UP Charter (Republic Act 9500).

## **J. MATTERS APPROVED BY THE BOARD (cont'd)**

### **A. General Governance (cont'd)**

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#### **4. Appeal for reconsideration by the UP Visayas ... (cont'd)**

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- 4.8 Upon the request of President Jimenez, Vice President for Legal Affairs Abraham Rey M. Acosta explained his office's legal opinion on the matter as submitted to President Jimenez. VP Acosta is of the opinion that the University Council has the sole authority to establish the requirements for graduation and the grant of Latin honors, and to recommend to the Board the students who should be granted Latin honors. Citing a Supreme Court decision, VP Acosta explained that the BOR may either approve or disapprove the recommendations of the University Council, but it cannot include names in the list unless it can be proven that the University Council committed grave abuse of discretion.
- 4.9 Regent Severino cited the Tañada vs. Tuvera case, emphasizing that a policy must be published for it to be in effect to subjects whose actions it tends to regulate. He added that the students perceive it as unfair to be subject to a policy that was not in effect for a long time but was suddenly implemented without prior notice.
- 4.10 Regent Belegal explained that one of the bases by the BOR in granting the appeal of UP Visayas students is the UP Code which stipulates that Latin honors are awarded based on the GWA of the graduating students. Since PE and NSTP are not included in the calculation of GWA, the students who met the required GWA for Latin honors should be conferred with them, regardless of their grades in PE and NSTP. She further emphasized that the students who filed the appeal were initially recommended by their respective Faculty Councils. However, the UP Visayas University Council removed them from the list, prompting them to file an appeal with the BOR.

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

### A. General Governance (cont'd)

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#### 4. Appeal for reconsideration by the UP Visayas ... (cont'd)

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- 4.11 Chair De Vera registered his abstention from the matter as he was not present during the Board's initial deliberation of the UP Visayas students' appeals. However, he stated his position that students who obtained a grade of "4.0" and/or "5.0" in any subject should be allowed to graduate with honors, provided they have met the required average.
- 4.12 At this point, Chair De Vera requested President Jimenez to chair the meeting as he had to chair another meeting at CHED.
- 4.13 After further deliberations, President Jimenez moved for the deferment of action of the UP Visayas appeal as he deemed that the matter requires further review. There being no objections to the motion to defer, the appeal for reconsideration by the UP Visayas Administration on the Decision of the Board of Regents regarding the grant of Latin honors to UP students who have grades of "4.0" and/or "5.0" in NSTP and PE courses was deferred. President Jimenez requested the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs to gather all the facts mentioned in the meeting and to provide a recommendation for the Board. Regent Severino further requested a meeting with OVPLA in order for them to hear the side of the concerned students. President Jimenez also requested the students to submit their position paper regarding the appeal for reconsideration.

**Board Action: DEFERRED. The Board directed the students to submit their position on the appeal for reconsideration. OVPLA shall submit its opinion and recommendation to the BOR after receiving the position paper and reply paper of both parties in support of their respective positions.**

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

### A. General Governance (cont'd)

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#### 5. Establishment of the UP Archipelagic and Ocean Virtual University

5.1 On the basis of the discussion held during the BOR Briefing on Academic Matters held on 30 March 2022, former Vice President Ma. Cynthia Rose B. Bautista said that they will be resubmitting the proposal for the establishment of the UP Archipelagic and Ocean Virtual University. She added, however, that they are asking that the BOR approve in principle the establishment of the UP Archipelagic and Ocean Virtual University and the constitution of a Task Force which will propose the organization of the University, as well as administrative governance mechanisms, processes, and policies, in consultation with relevant internal and external stakeholders.

5.2 There being no further questions or objections, the establishment of the UP Archipelagic and Ocean Virtual University was approved in principle subject to the constitution of a Task Force.

**Board Action: APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE, subject to a constitution of a Task Force to propose the organization of the Virtual University and administrative governance mechanisms, processes and policies in consultation with relevant internal and external stakeholders.**

Regent Ramota moved for an omnibus approval of Item Nos. 6-7 under General Governance since they were already discussed during the BOR Briefing held on 30 March 2023. Regent Tiongco seconded the motion, and there being no objections, the following remaining items under General Governance were approved:

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

**A. General Governance (cont'd)**

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- 6. Establishment of the Interdisciplinary Studies Center for Integrated Natural Resources and Environmental Management as an Affiliate of the UP Resilience Institute in UP Los Baños**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

- 7. Proposal to Rename the UPLB College of Arts and Sciences Building to “Dean Edelwina C. Legaspi Hall”**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

**B. Academic Matters**

Regent Ramota also moved that for an omnibus approval of Item Nos. 1-7 under Academic Matters as they were also presented to and extensively discussed by the BOR during the BOR Briefing held on 30 March 2023. Regent Tiongco seconded the motion. There being no objections, the following items were approved:

- 1. Institution of the Master of Music in Piano Pedagogy, UP Diliman**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

- 2. Institution of the Graduate Diploma in Environmental Planning, UP Los Baños**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

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

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**B. Academic Matters (cont'd)**

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**3. Institution of the following Doctor of Philosophy by Research Programs in UP Los Baños:**

- a. Ph.D. by Research (Agricultural Chemistry)
- b. Ph.D. by Research (Biochemistry)
- c. Ph.D. by Research (Wildlife Science)

**Board Action: APPROVED**

**4. Institution of the Master of Science in Human Movement Science, UP Mindanao**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

**5. Institution of the Bachelor of Science in Data Science, UP Mindanao**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

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

**Board Action: APPROVED**

**7. Recommendations of the University Registrars Task Force on the Harmonization of Academic Policies and Procedures**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

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

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### C. Fiscal Matters

#### 1. **UP Budget Proposal (BP) for FY 2024 in the amount of P40.836 Billion**

- 1.1 Regent Severino suggested that the discussion of the Budget Proposal be deferred to allow the Sectoral Regents more time to review it more thoroughly. In response, President Jimenez noted that the BOR Finance Committee had already given its favorable endorsement of the budget proposal during the briefing held on 31 March 2023.
- 1.2 Regent Belegal clarified that the Sectoral Regents had previously requested that they be included in the BOR Finance Committee meeting solely for the purpose of deliberating on the University's budget. They wanted to review the request for additional plantilla items and to be able to conduct consultations with their respective sectors. She also pointed out that there appears to be no request of UP Baguio for additional plantilla items for REPS and she wanted to know why this is so.
- 1.3 ce President Balmores briefly explained that the plantilla items are included in the budget proposal, but these are collated from the various budget proposals from the CUs. She also informed the Board that the proposed Budget has gone through the review of the NCR Regional Development Council (RDC) and the deadline for submission to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) is on 15 April 2023.
- 1.4 Regent Severino proposed a reordering of priority projects on the proposal's Capital Outlay, particularly the infrastructure projects for student services, as follows:
  - a. *Student Union Building of UP Los Baños to move up from seventh priority to the third;*
  - b. *Balay Atletas of UP Diliman to move up from the thirtieth priority to the fourth; and,*

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

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### C. Fiscal Matters (cont'd)

#### 1. UP Budget Proposal (BP) for FY 2024 ... (cont'd)

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*c. Site Development of Student Dormitories in UP Mindanao to move up from the ninety-eighth priority to the fifth.*

- 1.5 Since there is a timeline for submission and the proposal has been reviewed by RDC, President Jimenez proposed that the Board approve the 2024 UP Budget Proposal but to take note of the request and concerns raised by Regent Severino.
- 1.6 To address the concerns raised by Regent Belegal, the Board invited UP Baguio Chancellor Corazon Abansi to join the meeting. Chancellor Abansi confirmed that UP Baguio did not submit any request for additional plantilla items for REPS. They only submitted a request for plantilla items for faculty and administrative staff in accordance with the memorandum issued by Vice President Yunque. They have been proposing additional plantilla items for REPS, but it has not been formalized into a formal request, although they are aware that there is a request coursed through the Office of the Staff Regent. After further discussion, Chancellor Abansi said that they will submit their additional request for plantilla items to be included in the Budget Proposal. Vice President Balmores requested that the submission be made by 04 April 2023, to which Chancellor Abansi agreed.
- 1.7 President Jimenez also requested plantilla items for the Office of the Secretary of the University and the Office of the Sectoral Regents. He then moved for the approval of the UP Budget Proposal for FY 2024, noting the concerns raised by the Sectoral Regents. There being no objections, the same was approved.

**Board Action: APPROVED. VPPF  
Balmores to take  
appropriate action  
regarding the additional  
requests for plantilla items.**



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

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**C. Fiscal Matters (cont'd)**

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Regent Ramota moved for the omnibus approval of Item Nos. 2-10 under Fiscal Matters. Regent Pastorfide seconded the motion. There being no objections, the following items were approved:

**2. UP Internal Operating Budget (IOB) for FY 2023 in the amount of P26.615 Billion**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

**3. Reprogramming of UP System Administration's Unexpended Balances of Prior Years' Obligations in the amount of P211,723,773.07 to fund the financial requirements of projects under the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

**4. Reprogramming of UP Los Baños' Unexpended Obligations from Personnel Services from Prior Years under the General Fund, in the amount of P230,000,000.00**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

**5. Reprogramming of UP Visayas' Unexpended Balances of Prior Year's from the General Fund in the amount of P34,153,369.50**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

**6. Programming of UP Visayas' Unprogrammed Income under Revolving Fund in the amount of P12,906,182.11**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

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

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**C. Fiscal Matters (cont'd)**

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- 7. Programming of UPM-PGH's Unprogrammed Income in FY 2021 in the amount of P12,552,898.10**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

- 8. Reprogramming of UPM-PGH's Unobligated Income in FY 2021 in the Amount of P210,931,306.21**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

- 9. Request of UPM-PGH for the Utilization of the Balance of the P400 Million Fund Realigned and Approved during the 1351st BOR Meeting as "Bridging Fund to Cover the Cost of Setting and Operating Requirement of the PGH as a COVID-19 Referral Hospital" in the amount of P243,309,293.88**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

- 10. Amendment to the General Construction Agreement between the University of the Philippines and Hilmarc's Construction Corporation for various major infrastructure projects of the UP PGH**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

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

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**C. Fiscal Matters (cont'd)**

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**11. Approval of the Terms of Reference (TOR) and the Constitution of the Special Bids and Awards Committee and the Technical Working Group (TWG) for the UPM-PGH Cancer Center Public-Private Partnership Project**

- a. Regent Belegal elaborated on the concerns raised by the All UP Workers Union concerning the care provided to service patients and benefits of health workers in the UPM-PGH Cancer Center Public-Private Partnership Project (PPP). PGH Director Gerardo D. Legaspi and PGH Special Assistant to the Director Jose Rafael Marfori were invited to the meeting to respond to each of the issues raised by the Regent Belegal.
- b. After further discussions, Vice President for Development Ferdinand Jesus Pecson suggested that a dialogue with the Workers' Union can still be conducted to further address their concerns. However, in the meantime, the Special Bids and Awards Committee (SBAC) and the Technical Working Group (TWG) can already be constituted in order to move forward with the project.
- c. Regent Tiongco moved for the approval of the TOR and the constitution of the SBAC and TWG for the UPM-PGH Cancer Center PPP. Regent Ramota seconded the motion, and there being no objections, the same was approved.

**Board Action: APPROVED**

Regent Ramota moved for an omnibus approval of Item Nos. 12-15 under Fiscal Matters. Regent Severino seconded the motion. There being no objections, the following items were approved:

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

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**C. Fiscal Matters (cont'd)**

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**12. Construction of UP Manila Main Library and Learning Commons Building Phase 2 in the amount of P199,098,452.18**

- a. This item was part of the items approved by the Board in omnibus. However, towards the end of the meeting, Vice President Pecson raised some serious concerns regarding the contract for the Phase I of the UP Manila Main Library and Learning Commons Building.
- b. Chancellor Padilla was called to answer the concerns raised by Vice President Pecson. She then explained the problems with the Phase I contract leading to the delay. After further discussions, Regent Ramota moved that the administrative matters concerning the construction of UP Manila Main Library and Learning Commons Building Phase 2 be delegated to the UP President. There being no objections, the same was approved.

**Board Action: APPROVED. The authority to approve any administrative matters related to the construction of UP Manila Main Library and Learning Commons Building Phase 2 was delegated to the President.**

**13. BAC Resolution, Notice of Award, Purchase Order, and Notice to Proceed for the procurement of one (1) lot (3) Bas-Relief Sculptures Murals at UP Diliman (UP Resilience Institute, Shopping Center, Faculty Common/Center) in the amount of P34,218,608.80**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

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

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**C. Fiscal Matters (cont'd)**

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- 14. BAC Resolution, Notice of Award, Purchase Order, and Notice to Proceed for the procurement of one (1) lot (fabrication, installation, and delivery of Sculptural-Relief Murals at Faculty Commons (FC2 and FC3), UP Diliman in the amount of P18,398,731.67**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

- 15. Write off of pending deliverables of OVPAA-funded research projects whose project leaders are no longer affiliated with the University**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

**D. Administrative Matters**

Regent Ramota moved for the omnibus approval of Items No. 1 – 3 under Administrative Matters. Regent Severino seconded the motion. There being no objections, the following items were approved:

- 1. Conferment of the Title of Professor Emeritus on faculty members nominated by the UP System Committee on Professor Emeritus Appointments, effective upon retirement**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

- 2. Automatic promotion of Assistant Professor ELENITA N. QUE, College of Education, UP Diliman, from Assistant Professor 7 to Associate Professor 7 for obtaining Ph.D., effective upon conferment of the degree**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

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

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**D. Administrative Matters (cont'd)**

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- 3. Reclassification of Dr. MARIA VANESSA B. RODRIGUEZ of the Marine Science Institute, UP Diliman from Associate Professor 3 to Research Associate Professor 3, effective 1 August 2022 until 31 July 2025**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

- 4. Reclassification of the following UP Manila faculty from Part-Time Status to Full Time Status, effective 03 April 2023:**

- 4.1 **Dr. MYRNA B. SEDURANTE**, Professor 4 (SG 27-5) of the UP Manila College of Medicine
- 4.2 **Dr. ALVIN B. CABALLES**, Professor 7 (SG 28-7) of the UP Manila College of Medicine and Attending Surgeon, Division of Pediatric Surgery, Department of Surgery of the Philippine General Hospital

**Board Action: APPROVED**

**II. MATTERS FOR CONFIRMATION BY THE BOARD**

**1. Ad Interim Appointments of the following UP Officials:**

- a. **Prof. ALYSSA M. PELEO-ALAMPAY** as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (Quality Assurance), effective 10 February 2023 until 31 March 2023;
- b. **Prof. EVANGELINE C. AMOR** as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (Curriculum and Instruction), effective 10 February 2023 until 31 March 2023;

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

### 1. Ad Interim Appointments of the following UP Officials: (cont'd)

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- c. **Prof. CARLA B. DIMALANTA** as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (Research), effective 10 February 2023 until 31 March 2023;
- d. **Prof. IMEE SU MARTINEZ** as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (Internationalization), effective 10 February 2023 until 31 March 2023;
- e. **Asst. Prof. RICHARD PHILIP A. GONZALO** as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (Student Affairs), effective 10 February 2023 until 31 March 2023;
- f. **Assoc. Prof. MARY DELIA G. TOMACRUZ** as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (Resource Management), effective 10 February 2023 until 31 March 2023;
- g. **Dr. LEO D.P. CUBILLAN** as Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective 01 April 2023 to serve at the pleasure of the President;
- h. **Prof. ALYSSA M. PELEO-ALAMPAY** as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (Quality Assurance), effective 01 April 2023 to serve at the pleasure of the Vice President for Academic Affairs;
- i. **Prof. IMEE SU MARTINEZ** as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (Internationalization), effective 01 April 2023 to serve at the pleasure of the Vice President for Academic Affairs;
- j. **Prof. ARIEL S. BETAN** as Assistant Vice President for Administration and Director III of the System Human Resource and Development Office (SHRDO), effective 01 March 2023 to serve at the pleasure of the Vice President for Administration;
- k. **Prof. SIR ANRIL P. TIATCO** as Assistant Vice President for Public Affairs and Director of the UP Media and Public Relations Office (MPRO), effective 22 February 2023 to serve at the pleasure of the Vice President for Public Affairs;

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

### 1. Ad Interim Appointments of the following UP Officials: (cont'd)

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- l. **Prof. JEANETTE YASOL-NAVAL** as Assistant Vice President for Public Affairs and Director of the UP Alumni Relations (OAR), effective 01 April 2023 to serve at the pleasure of the Vice President for Public Affairs;
- m. **Ms. SHARI NIÑA G. OLIQUINO** as Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, effective 01 April 2023 to serve at the pleasure of the Vice President for Academic Affairs;
- n. **Asst. Prof. MARIE AUBREY VILLACERAN** as Director, University Center for Women's and Gender Studies, effective 10 March 2023 until 9 March 2026; and,
- o. **Atty. RICKY DELA TORRE** as Executive Director IV (Chief of Staff) of the UP Office of the President, effective 10 February 2023 to serve at the pleasure of the President.

- 1.1 President Jimenez requested confirmation by the Board of the appointment of University Officials who are part of his team. Regent Severino moved for the confirmation of the ad interim appointments. Regent Ramota and Regent Tiongco seconded the motion. There being no objections, the same was confirmed.

### **Board Action: CONFIRMED**

### 2. Approval by the UP President of the graduation of the following UP Diliman students, who will take the PRC licensure examinations (by virtue of the authority granted to the President by BOR at its 1048th meeting held on 26 March 1992):

- a. *College of Engineering: for the Degrees of BS Electrical Engineering, BS Electronics and Communications Engineering, BS Electronics Engineering, and BS Civil Engineering; and,*
- b. *Virata School of Business: for the Degree of BS Business Administration and Accountancy.*



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

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### **2. Approval by the UP President of the graduation ... (cont'd)**

- 2.1 Regent Ramota moved for the confirmation of the President's approval on the graduation of the UP students who will take the PRC licensure examinations. Regent Severino seconded the motion. There being no objections, the same was confirmed.

**Board Action: CONFIRMED**

### **3. Approval by the UP President of the graduation of students whose names are included in the list submitted by UP Cebu, 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 the UP Cebu University Council at its 18th regular meeting held on 28 September 2022)**

- 3.1 Regent Severino moved for the confirmation of the President's approval on the graduation of the UP students from UP Cebu. Regent Ramota seconded the motion. There being no objections, the same was confirmed.

**Board Action: CONFIRMED**

Regent Tiongco moved for the omnibus approval of Memorandum of Agreements/Memorandum of Understanding (Items No. 4-13) under Matters for Confirmation. Regent Ramota and Regent Pastorfide seconded the motion. There being no objections to the motion duly made and seconded, the following items were approved:

### **4. Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines Diliman and the Provincial Government of Laguna for UP to conduct through the Asian Institute of Tourism the Out-of-Classroom Learning Activities (OCLA) and related tourism development workshops**

**Board Action: CONFIRMED**

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

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- 5. Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines Diliman through the UP Law Center and the National Authority for Child Care (NACC) for the technical assistance to NACC on the drafting, reviewing, and finalizing of the IRR to implement its mandate under R.A. No. 11642**

**Board Action: CONFIRMED**

- 6. Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines Diliman through the Population Institute and the Department of Health through the Disease Prevention and Control Bureau for the implementation of the project “2021 Young Adult Fertility and Sexuality Study (YAFS5) Phase 3**

**Board Action: CONFIRMED**

- 7. Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines Diliman through the National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG) and the House of Representatives for the conduct of an Executive Course on Legislation for the Members of the 19th Congress**

**Board Action: CONFIRMED**

- 8. Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines Diliman through the College of Engineering and Geospectrum Marketing Services for internship/practicum program**

**Board Action: CONFIRMED**

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

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- 9. Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines Diliman through the UP Institute of Small-Scale Industries (UP ISSI) and the Centre for Neighborhood Studies (CeNS), for the project “Building Anticipatory, Nimble, and Growing Neighborhood Enterprises through Virtual Reality (BangonVR) Initiative which will be integrated into the UP ISSI Honing Agents for National Disaster Awareness (HANDA) Program**

**Board Action: CONFIRMED**

- 10. Memorandum of Understanding between the University of the Philippines Diliman and the Central Mindanao University (CMU), for the purpose of developing academic cooperation and promote mutual understanding between two Universities**

**Board Action: CONFIRMED**

- 11. Memorandum of Understanding between the University of the Philippines Manila through the College of Dentistry and the University of Saskatchewan (USask), for various academic cooperation, research and scholarly endeavors in the field of mutual interest**

**Board Action: CONFIRMED**

- 12. Memorandum of Understanding among the University of the Philippines Diliman, University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), De La Salle University (DLSU), Palawan State University (PSU), and the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff (PCSDS), to promote mutual friendship and cooperation in various research and research related activities in the field of marine science and conservation to improve the capacity of Palawan-based HEIs and NGAs, and to facilitate exchange of data and knowledge among the parties**

**Board Action: CONFIRMED**

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

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- 13. Memorandum of Understanding between the University of the Philippines Open University and Universiti Sains, for collaboration to facilitate academic/institution cooperation**

**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 31 March 2023 (*Memorandum No. OSU2023-07-03*)

- A. **UP Diliman corrected academic calendar for the Second Semester and AY 2022-2023**
- B. **UP Visayas change of University Council meeting from 15 March 2023 to 22 March 2023**
- C. **UP Baguio change of graduation date from 19 July 2023 to 18 July 2023**
- D. **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 (1312<sup>th</sup> BOR Meeting, 29 October 2015).

CU		Contract	NATURE
UP Diliman	1	Memorandum of Agreement on between the University of the Philippines Diliman and the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA-BAR)	Project: "Establishing Agricultural Performance and Rural Development Indicators from a Governance Perspective: Analysis and Recommendation toward Improved DA Service and Centralized Department Databased"

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

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#### D. Contracts/Agreements (cont'd)

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CU		Contract	NATURE
UP Diliman	1	Memorandum of Agreement on between the University of the Philippines Diliman and the Department of Agriculture ... (cont'd)	<p>Amount: P2,046,000.00 from DA-BAR</p> <p>Duration: Shall be effective for a period of six (6) months after duly notarized</p> <p>Implementing unit: National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG)</p>
UP Diliman	2	Memorandum of Agreement on between the University of the Philippines Diliman and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM)	<p>Internship program for the NCPAG students</p> <p>Duration: 20 June 2022 until 6 August 2022</p> <p>Implementing unit: National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG)</p>

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

#### D. Contracts/Agreements (cont'd)

CU		Contract	NATURE
UP Diliman	3	Memorandum of Agreement on between the University of the Philippines Diliman and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Environment Management Bureau (DENR-EMB)	<p>Conduct of “Basic Meteorology Training”</p> <p>Amount: (DENR-EMB) shall pay UP the amount of P490,000.00, inclusive of 10% administrative cost in favor of UP</p> <p>Duration: Shall take effect upon signing/approval of the parties and shall be valid and binding until November 21 or upon completion of the tasks to be done</p> <p>Implementing unit: UP Institute of Environmental Science and Meteorology (UP-IESM)</p>
UP Diliman	4	Memorandum of Agreement on between the University of the Philippines Diliman and the Department of Trade and Industry Region III (DTI-Region 3)	<p>Conduct of the Small Business Counselors Course 101, 103, and 104</p> <p>Amount: DTI-Region 3 shall pay UP the amount of P920,000.00 as contract fee</p> <p>Duration: Shall be effective for a period of six (6) months upon signing by the parties</p> <p>Implementing unit: UP Institute for Small Scale Industries (UP ISSI)</p>

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

#### D. Contracts/Agreements (cont'd)

CU		Contract	NATURE
UP Diliman	5	Memorandum of Agreement on between the University of the Philippines Diliman and the Department of Trade and Industry Region VII (DTI-Region VII)	<p>Conduct of the Small Business Counselors Course 101 and 103</p> <p>Amount: DTI-Region 3 shall pay UP the amount of P400,000.00 as contract fee</p> <p>Duration: Shall be effective for a period of six (6) months upon signing by the parties</p> <p>Implementing unit: UP Institute for Small Scale Industries (UP ISSI)</p>
UP Diliman	6	Memorandum of Agreement on between the University of the Philippines Diliman and Gokongwei Brothers Foundation, Inc. (GBF)	<p>Turnover of the project website to UP Project: KaSaMa (Ka-Science at KaMathematics) Teachers Online Community</p> <p>Duration: Effective for one (1) year commencing 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2022</p> <p>Implementing unit: National Institute for Science and Mathematics Education Development (NISMED)</p>

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

#### **D. Contracts/Agreements (cont'd)**

<b>CU</b>		<b>Contract</b>	<b>NATURE</b>
UP Diliman	7	Memorandum of Agreement on between the University of the Philippines Diliman and National Economic Development Authority (NEDA)	Secondment of Assoc. Prof. Sarah Lynne S. Daway-Ducanes to serve as Assistant Secretary of NEDA  Duration: Effective 31 August 2022 until 30 August 2024
UP Diliman	8	Contract of Lease the University of the Philippines Diliman and Marine Environment and Resources Foundation, Inc. (MERF)	Lease of 29.56 sq.m more or less at Room No. 250, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Marine Science Institute Building, National Science Complex, UP Diliman for a term of June 2018 until May 2021 with a monthly rental rate of P16,222.53
UP Open University	1	Memorandum of Understanding between the University of the Philippines Open University and the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) of the Provincial Government of Davao Del Norte	Social work field education for post graduate students from the Social Work Program of UPOU  Duration: Shall commence on 29 August 2018 until 31 July 2019  Implementing unit: Faculty of Management and Development Studies



#### **IV. OTHER MATTERS**

##### **1. Matters of Chair De Vera:**

- a. Discussion on the CHED-funded PCARI Project at the UP Veterinary Training Hospital-UP Diliman Station;
  - b. UP Policy on allowing internships of students from other SUCs or colleges in the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) in line with the Doctor Para sa Bayan Act; and,
  - c. Policy on the establishment of School of Health Sciences and medical programs in other provinces.
- 1.1 Chair De Vera requested the UP Manila Chancellor to present policies related to two topics during the next Board meeting. Firstly, the internship of students from others SUCs or colleges in the PGH, and secondly, the establishment of the School of Health Sciences and medical programs in other provinces.
- 1.2 As Chair De Vera had to leave the meeting early, the discussion of his agenda items was deferred to the next Board meeting.

**Board Action: NOTED. The foregoing items will be discussed at the next Board meeting.**

##### **2. Request of President Angelo Jimenez for Authority to Travel to London, United Kingdom and Malaga, Spain from 3-10 May 2023 to participate in the orientation visit, on-site meeting and training regarding professional standards and certification at University of Liverpool and to join the UPLB delegates in discussing partnership activities with the officials of University of Malaga in Spain**

- 2.1 Regent Tiongco moved for the approval of the request of President Jimenez for authority to travel to London, United Kingdom and Malaga, Spain from 3-10 May 2023. Regent Ramota seconded the motion. There being no objections, the same was approved.

**Board Action: APPROVED**

#### IV. OTHER MATTERS (cont'd)

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### 3. Amendments to the Security and Safety Office, UP Los Baños

- 3.1 UP Los Baños Chancellor Jose V. Camacho briefly discussed the proposed amendments to the qualifications for the Director position of the UPLB Security and Safety Office (UPLB-SSO).
- 3.2 Regent Severino moved for the approval of the amendments. Regent Ramota seconded the motion. There being no objections, the proposed amendments to the UPLB-SSO were approved.
- 3.3 President Jimenez requested that further amendments related to the UPLB-SSO be delegated to the UP President, subject to confirmation by the Board. Regent Ramota then moved that the authority to approve future amendments relating to UPLB-SSO be delegated to the UP President. There being no objections, the same was approved.

**Board Action: APPROVED. The Board delegated to the UP President the authority to approve future amendments relating to the UPLB-SSO.**



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