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# DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

1382<sup>nd</sup> BOR Meeting, 29 June 2023

## I. MATTERS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

### A. GENERAL GOVERNANCE

#### 1. Appointment of University Officials:

##### a. **Deanship of the School of Library and Information Studies, UP Diliman**

- a.1 President Jimenez requested Secretary Lara, the President's Representative to the Search Committee, to provide a concise overview of the search process for the Dean of the School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS). Secretary Lara stated that all sectors, including students and faculty, expressed support for the appointment of the lone nominee, Asst. Prof. Rhea Rowena U. Apolinario, as Dean of SLIS. The Search Committee also received numerous letters of support from librarians all over the Philippines and the Southeast Asia Region for Asst. Prof. Apolinario.
- a.2 At this point, the Board invited Asst. Prof. Apolinario to join the meeting for an interview. Asst. Prof. Apolinario succinctly outlined her vision and plans for SLIS to the members of the Board, encapsulating it in three words: equip, engage, and excel.
- a.3 Regent Go inquired about the current status of the SLIS' vision and what steps are required to achieve it. Asst. Prof. Apolinario explained that SLIS remains in the early stages of fulfilling its vision. She emphasized the need to focus on faculty development, particularly obtaining PhD degrees, because it has been the hindrance for so many years in introducing a PhD program in Library and Information Science. With respect to roadmaps, Asst. Prof. Apolinario acknowledged that fully realizing the vision within three years might be challenging. However, she expressed confidence in her ability to propel SLIS toward accomplishing its strategic plans.

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

**A. GENERAL GOVERNANCE** (cont'd)

**1. Appointment of University Officials:** (cont'd)

**a. Deanship of the School of Library and Information Studies, UP Diliman** (cont'd)

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a.4 She also elaborated that they are currently in need of additional funding for the renovation of their building. At the moment, they are temporarily relocated at the School of Labor and Industrial Relations.

a.5 Regent Go inquired about Asst. Prof. Apolinario's plans to increase the number of undergraduate students in SLIS. Asst. Prof. Apolinario shared her collaborative efforts with senior high schools to raise awareness about Library and Information Studies.

a.6 After further discussions, Regent Tiongco moved for the approval of the appointment of Asst. Prof. Apolinario as the Dean of the School of Library and Information Studies, effective 29 June 2023 until 28 June 2026. Regent Ramota seconded the motion. There being no objections, the same was approved.

**Board Action: APPROVED the appointment of Asst. Prof. RHEA ROWENA U. APOLINARIO as Dean of the School of Library and Information Studies, UP Diliman, effective 29 June 2023 until 28 June 2026.**



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

**A. GENERAL GOVERNANCE** (cont'd)

**1. Appointment of University Officials:** (cont'd)

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**b. Deanship of the College of Science and Mathematics, UP Mindanao**

b.1 At this point, the Board went to executive session.

b.2 The Board approved the appointment of Prof. Cleto L. Nañola, Jr. as the Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, UP Mindanao, effective 29 June 2023 until 28 June 2026.

**Board Action: APPROVED the appointment of Prof. CLETO L. NAÑOLA, JR. as Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, UP Mindanao, effective 29 June 2023 until 28 June 2026.**

**2. University of the Philippines Data Privacy Manual (2023 Edition)**

2.1 Since this agenda item has been extensively discussed by the members of the BOR during the BOR Briefing held on 19 June 2023, Regent Go moved for the approval of the University of the Philippines Data Privacy Manual (2023 Edition). Regent Ramota seconded the motion. There being no objections, the same was approved.

**Board Action: APPROVED**

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

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**B. ACADEMIC MATTERS**

**1. Appeal of 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**

1.1 Vice President for Legal Affairs Abraham Acosta provided a background of the appeal filed by UP Visayas (UPV) Administration from the Decision of the Board of Regents at its 1376<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 25 November 2022 which granted the appeal of UPV students to be allowed to graduate with Latin honors despite having grades of “4.0” and/or “5.0” in NSTP and PE courses. He explained that the arguments then of UPV students were: 1) the rule was not published in their handbooks; 2) some students from the previous academic years were able to graduate with Latin honors even if they obtained a grade of “4.0” or “5.0”; and 3) they were deprived of due process. Meanwhile, the main argument of the UPV Administration was that the UPV University Council holds the authority to set standards or criteria for graduating with honors and that it is the only body who may determine which students are qualified to graduate with honors. He also detailed the respective powers of the University Council and the Board of Regents as stipulated under the Republic Act 9500 or the UP Charter, and cited Supreme Court cases concerning the powers of the University Council. In summary, the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs (OVPLA) opined that the granting of Latin honors falls under the jurisdiction of the University Council. The Board of Regents can intervene and correct University Council decisions if there is misuse or abuse of power. As OVPLA found no such abuse or misuse of power or discretion, it recommended that the BOR uphold the UP Visayas University Council's decision to not grant Latin honors to students with grades of “4.0” or “5.0” grades in NSTP and PE subjects.

1.2 In response to student’s concerns about outdated student handbooks, President Jimenez suggested requesting the constituent universities to regularly update their student

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

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**B. ACADEMIC MATTERS (cont'd)**

**1. Appeal of the UP Visayas Administration . . . (cont'd)**

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handbooks, even in digital formats only. He emphasized that the Board can neither propose nor initiate the granting of honors; they can only approve or disapprove the University Council's recommendation. As the Chief Academic Officer of the University, he is of the position conferring Latin honors without the University Council's recommendation might infringe on the prerogatives and powers of the University Council as the highest body of the community of scholars based on the law (RA 9500), and the standing tradition of universities, insofar as academic matters are concerned.

1.3 Regent Go sought clarification on why there were students who were granted Latin honors despite having obtained a grade of "4.0" or "5.0". Vice President Acosta clarified that the requirement that there would be no "4.0" or "5.0" was promulgated by the UPV University Council in 2000, but after the year 2000, there were two instances where students were allowed by the UPV University Council to graduate with Latin honors even if they obtained a grade of "4.0" or "5.0".

1.4 President Jimenez further requested Secretary Lara to provide more information to the Board about the agreement from all University Councils to adopt the policy promulgated in 2000 regarding the grant of Latin honors. Secretary Lara clarified that in 2000, all University Councils adopted a policy that barred students with grades of "4.0" or "5.0". from graduating with honors. However, only UP Visayas implemented this policy, but it was not consistently enforced in subsequent years. The current University Council of UP Visayas, realizing that there was a previous policy, reinstated the policy and applied it for the 2022 set of graduating students. Hence, there were indeed years after 2000 when students with grades of "4.0" or "5.0" were awarded Latin honors.

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

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**B. ACADEMIC MATTERS (cont'd)**

**1. Appeal of the UP Visayas Administration . . . (cont'd)**

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- 1.5 Regent Ramota raised that PE and NSTP courses are not part of the computation for the General Weighted Average (GWA) of students. He emphasized that a grade of “4.0” is a conditional grade that can be removed. Regent Belegal supported this by noting that students with a grade of “4.0” have already been penalized as they must complete the requirements to get a grade of “3.0” or retake the subject. She said that by denying them Latin honors, they are essentially facing continued penalty for the same error.
- 1.6 For his part, Regent Severino explained that the University Code stipulates that the GWA is the basis for granting Latin honors. Thus, PE and NSTP grades, not factored into the GWA, should not affect the graduation with honors. He then recommended upholding the BOR’s decision from its 1376<sup>th</sup> Meeting on 25 November 2022, which retroactively granted Latin honors to 20 students who appealed their cases. Regent Belegal added that during the same meeting, the Board only granted the appeals of UPV students with grades of “4.0” or “5.0” in NSTP or PE courses; all other appeals based on other grounds were denied.
- 1.7 Regent Ramota sought clarification on whether implementing more stringent requirements would require Board approval. Vice President Acosta clarified that, as per RA 9500, the University Council holds the power to set requirements for granting honors.
- 1.8 In addition, President Jimenez noted that students may be granted Latin honors only upon recommendation of the University Council. There is no such recommendation insofar as the students involved in this case are concerned, and as already mentioned earlier, the Board cannot compel the University Council to make such recommendation as it would be a violation not only of their prerogatives as provided under the law, but also of their academic freedom to decide on academic matters such as the grant of Latin honors.

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

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**B. ACADEMIC MATTERS** (cont'd)

**1. Appeal of the UP Visayas Administration . . . (cont'd)**

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- 1.9 After thorough deliberations on the powers of the Board of Regents and the University Council, the Board granted the appeal of UP Visayas to uphold the decision of the UP Visayas University Council on the grant of Latin honors. Consequently, Regent Go recommended establishing a harmonized policy across constituent universities regarding the grant of Latin honors. There being no objections, the appeal was granted.

**Board Action: The Board granted the appeal of the UP Visayas to uphold the decision of the UP Visayas University Council on the grant of Latin honors.**

Since the academic matters were all taken up during the BOR Briefing on Academic Matters held on 26 June 2023, Regent Ramota moved for the omnibus approval of the following items (*Item Nos. 2-6* under Academic Matters). *Copies of the proposals and presentations are on file at the OSU.* There being no objections, the following items were approved:

**2. Institution of the Doctor of Medicine-Master of Public Health (MD-MPH) Double Degree Program, UP Manila**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

**3. Institution of the Master of Arts in Environmental Planning Program, 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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4. **Adoption by UP Los Baños of the UP Diliman Associate in Arts (Sports Studies) Program**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

5. **Adoption by UP Cebu of the UP Diliman Associate in Arts (Sports Studies) Program**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

6. **UP Principles for Responsible Artificial Intelligence**

**Board Action: APPROVED**

**C. FISCAL MATTERS<sup>1</sup>**

1. **Reprogramming of UP System Administration's Unexpended Balances of Prior Years' Obligations in the amount of P29,682,122.00 to fund UP System and UP Mindanao Projects**

- 1.1. Vice President Balmores elaborated on the items covered by the Reprogramming of UP System Administration's Unexpended Balances, which includes the request for travel grant of the UP System Office of International Linkages (UPS-OIL) amounting to about P21.8 Million and the installation of ceiling for the UP Mindanao Administration Building Atrium amounting to about P7.8 Million, for a total of about P29.68 Million.

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

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**C. FISCAL MATTERS**<sup>1</sup> (cont'd)

**1. Reprogramming of UP System Administration's Unexpended Balances ...** (cont'd)

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- 1.2 Vice President Cubillan further explained that the requested additional funding will be utilized for the scholarship grants and maintenance and other operating expenses of OVPAAs Research/Creative Work Presentation in International Conferences (Travel Grant) Program, which supports researchers and graduate students for paper presentations at international conferences and colloquiums. Through this program, UP researchers and graduate students could disseminate their research findings and develop their areas of interest through collaborations with their peers in universities abroad.
- 1.3 President Jimenez expressed his support for sending even undergraduate students to international conferences not only in the ASEAN Region but also in other parts of the world to broaden their perspectives. Regent Severino informed the Board that the University used to send student delegates to the ASEAN Student Congress before it was temporarily stopped due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He added, however, that the UPS-OIL offers student exchange programs to Europe and the United States.
- 1.4 Regent Ramota moved for the approval of additional funding for the Travel Grant Program. Regent Tiongco seconded the motion. There being no objections, the same was approved.
- 1.5 On the request of UP Mindanao, President Jimenez provided a brief background on the necessity for installing a ceiling for the Administration Building Atrium where the graduation and other University events are held.

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

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C. **FISCAL MATTERS**<sup>1</sup> (cont'd)

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1. **Reprogramming of UP System Administration's Unexpended Balances ...** (cont'd)

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1.6 At this point, Regent Severino raised that UP Mindanao is also grappling with challenges related to the Faculty and Staff Housing, as well as the New Student Dormitory. The construction of both facilities had been completed but the occupancy permit has not yet been secured due to the unfinished electrical and water works. President Jimenez then instructed Vice President Pecson to look into the issues raised by the Student Regent.

1.7 Regent Belegal moved for the approval of the reprogramming request for UP Mindanao's installation of ceiling at the Administration Building Atrium, and there being no objections, the same was approved.

**Board Action: APPROVED**

2. **Reprogramming of UP Manila's Savings from Unexpended Balances of Prior Years' Obligations from the General Fund and Revolving Fund in the amount of P301,157,208.00**

2.1. UP Manila Chancellor Carmencita D. Padilla presented the request of UP Manila for reprogramming of funds amounting to a total of P301,157,208.00, which is divided into Personnel Services (PS), Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), and Capital Outlay (CO) expenses. She also explained in detail the intended use of each funding category.

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

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**C. FISCAL MATTERS**<sup>1</sup> (cont'd)

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**2. Reprogramming of UP Manila's Savings from Unexpended Balances ... (cont'd)**

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2.2 Chancellor Padilla also discussed UP Manila's concept of a Healthy University Program, which integrates various components such as campus environment, disaster risk reduction and management, workplace safety, industrial hygiene, mental health and wellbeing, physical wellness, and campus safety and security. Additionally, she presented an update on the progress of ongoing construction projects at UP Manila, including the Academic Zone Elevated Walkway.

2.3 On a related note, Regent Belegal requested an update on the GSIS benefits of UP Manila's part-time faculty members. Chancellor Padilla responded that discussions with GSIS on the matter are ongoing. President Jimenez added that he will request OVPLA to engage with the legal counsel of GSIS regarding this matter.

2.4 Regent Ramota moved for the approval of the reprogramming of UP Manila's savings from unexpended balances of prior years' obligations from the General Fund and Revolving Fund in the amount of P301,157,208.00. Regents Tiongco and Belegal seconded the motion. There being no further questions or objections, the same was approved.

**Board Action: APPROVED**

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

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**C. FISCAL MATTERS**<sup>1</sup> (cont'd)

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**3. Programming of UP Manila-Philippine General Hospital's Unprogrammed Income in FY 2022 in the amount of P50,000,000.00**

3.1 UP Manila-Philippine General Hospital Director Gerardo D. Legaspi explained that the programming of UP-PGH's Unprogrammed Income in FY 2022, amounting to P50,000,000.00, will be allocated towards the proposed renovation of PGH Central Block Nursery and Isolation.

3.2 Regent Ramota inquired about PGH's plans to address the concerns raised by the UP Manila-PGH Workers' Union regarding understaffing and the increasing number of personnel engaged under contracts of service (COS). Director Legaspi responded that the Department of Budget and Management has approved their request for additional plantilla positions, which is expected to help alleviate these issues.

3.3 Regent Tiongco moved for the approval of the request of PGH for programming of UPM-PGH's Unprogrammed Income in FY 2022 in the amount of P50,000,000.00. Regent Ramota seconded the motion, and there being no further clarifications or objections, the same was approved.

**Board Action: APPROVED**

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

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**C. FISCAL MATTERS**<sup>1</sup> (cont'd)

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**4. Programming of UP Manila-Philippine General Hospital's Unprogrammed Income in FY 2022 in the amount of P85,943,565.55**

4.1 Director Legaspi elaborated on their request for the programming of unprogrammed income in the amount of P85,943,565.55. The proposed amount is intended for the following purposes: 1) the installation and proper operation of the Generator Set and Automatic Transfer Switch; 2) the rehabilitation of Waterline System in the Charity Wards, Old OR Building, and Administration Building; 3) the supply, delivery, installation, testing and commissioning of a Wireless Infrastructure Expansion; and 4) the construction of the Blood Donor Waiting Shed Area.

4.2 Regent Tiongco moved for the approval of UPM-PGH's request for programming of its unprogrammed income in FY 2022 in the amount of P85,943,565.55. Regent Ramota seconded the motion. There being no further clarification and objections, the same was approved.

**Board Action: APPROVED**

**5. Programming of UP Manila-Philippine General Hospital's Unprogrammed Income in FY 2022 in the amount of P230,815,800.00**

5.1 Director Legaspi presented the details on UP-PGH's request for programming of its unprogrammed income in FY 2022, amounting to a total of P230,815,800.00. He added that the requested funds will be allocated for the PGH Central Sterile; and procurement and testing of an advanced surgical microscope, anterior skull base surgery imaging system, anterior skull base or rhinology surgery instruments, and an anterior skull base surgery drill system.

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

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**C. FISCAL MATTERS**<sup>1</sup> (cont'd)

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**5. Programming of UP Manila-Philippine General Hospital's Unprogrammed Income ... (cont'd)**

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5.2 After further clarifications, Regent Tiongco moved for the approval of the programming request of UP Manila-Philippine General Hospital's unprogrammed income in FY 2022 in the amount of P230,815,800.00. Regent Ramota seconded the motion. There being no objections, the same was approved.

**Board Action: APPROVED**

**6. FY 2023 Program of Receipts and Expenditures (PRE) for the "Free Higher Education (FHE)" in the amount of P1,534,322,000.00**

6.1 Vice President Balmores requested the approval of the Program of Receipts and Expenditures (PRE) for Free Higher Education (, amounting to P1,534,322,000.00. She explained that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) requires BOR approval of the PRE before the release of the Special Allotment Release Order (SARO) for the same.

6.2 Vice President Balmores also presented the allocation of expenditures per CU. Regent Ramota inquired whether the elevation of UP Tacloban to an autonomous unit was considered in the allocation. In response, Vice President Balmores clarified that CU allocations are not fixed and are based on each CU's submission.

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

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**C. FISCAL MATTERS**<sup>1</sup> (cont'd)

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**6. FY 2023 Program of Receipts and Expenditures (PRE) for the “Free Higher Education (FHE)” ... (cont'd)**

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6.3 Regent Belegal moved for the approval of the PRE for Free Higher Education in the amount of P1,534,322,000.00. Regent Tiongco seconded the motion. There being no objections or further questions, the same was approved.

**Board Action: APPROVED**

**D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**1. Automatic promotion (with merit) of faculty members for obtaining Ph.D. (1147th BOR Meeting held on 21 December 2000), effective upon the dates recommended by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs:**

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| 1. Brisneve Edullantes       | 15. Dianne Joy Aguilon         |
| 2. Hazel Trapero             | 16. Jessa Ata                  |
| 3. John Arvin Manaloto       | 17. Marie Faye Nguyen-Orca     |
| 4. Oscar Serquina            | 18. Maria Kristina Alinsunurin |
| 5. Adonis Emmanuel Tio       | 19. Mary Jasmin Ang            |
| 6. Myrna Benita Luna         | 20. Cinmayii Manliguez         |
| 7. Alberto Dimarucut         | 21. Junaldo Mantiquilla        |
| 8. Jan Robert Go             | 22. Armacheska Mesa-Satina     |
| 9. Jhalmar Hernandez         | 23. Juliet Aleta Villanueva    |
| 10. Lauro Fontanil           | 24. Myra Almodiel              |
| 11. Laurence Marvin Castillo | 25. Roberto Figueroa           |
| 12. Cheeo Marlo Sayuno       | 26. Finaflor Taylan            |
| 13. Katrina Ross Tan         | 27. Hanny John Mediodia        |
| 14. Perlie Velasco           |                                |

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

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**D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**1. Automatic promotion (with merit) of faculty members for obtaining Ph.D. ... (cont'd)**

- 1.1 Regent Belegal suggested that the name of the constituent unit (CU) where the recommended faculty members belong be indicated in the future so the Board can easily see how many PhDs graduated from each CU. President Jimenez concurred with her suggestion.
- 1.2 Regent Ramota expressed concern about the effectivity of the promotion and pointed out that in the previous Board meetings, automatic promotions are effective upon conferment of the degree. Vice President Cubillan explained that the guidelines for the effectivity of automatic promotions stipulate that if the application for automatic promotion is submitted within one year of degree conferment, then the effectivity is retroactive to the date of the conferment of the degree. However, if the application is received more than a year after the date of degree conferment, then it will be effective upon approval by the BOR. If the applicant is on study leave, the automatic promotion is effective upon his return to duty. He mentioned that some faculty members in the list fall on either the second or third category, hence, the recommended effectivity dates.
- 1.3 Regent Ramota informed the Board that he received appeals from some faculty members who are in the list seeking clarification regarding the effectivity of their promotions and requesting the BOR to uphold its decision in its 1147<sup>th</sup> Meeting that automatic promotion must be effective upon the conferment of the degree.
- 1.4 Vice President Cubillan assured the Board that there will be a review of the appeals to ensure adherence to the rules. Regent Go requested a summary of effectivity dates and corresponding costs for these promotions, to be presented at the next BOR meeting.

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

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**D. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS** (cont'd)

**1. Automatic promotion (with merit) of faculty members for obtaining Ph.D. ... (cont'd)**

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1.5 Regent Ramota moved for the approval of the Automatic promotion (with merit) of faculty members for obtaining Ph.D. in accordance with the rules approved by the BOR at its 1147th BOR Meeting held on 21 December 2000, effective upon the dates recommended by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. There being no further objections, the automatic promotions of the above-mentioned faculty members were approved.

**Board Action: APPROVED. The Vice President for Academic Affairs shall submit a summary of effectivity dates on promotions and their corresponding costs at the next BOR meeting.**

**2. Secondment of Prof. J. Prospero E. De Vera III as Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) from 22 July 2022 until the date of his compulsory retirement from UP**

2.1 Regent Go moved for the approval of the secondment of Prof. J. Prospero E. De Vera III as Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education, effective 22 July 2022 until the date of his compulsory retirement from UP on 25 May 2023. Regent Ramota seconded the motion, and there being no objections, the same was approved.

**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. Renewal of the Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines and the Civil Service Commission (CSC), for the scholarship to the grantee or qualified designated beneficiary of the Search for Outstanding Government Workers Awardees**

3.1 President Jimenez briefly explained that the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) stipulates UP's commitment to grant scholarships to the 2022, 2023, and 2024 awardees or qualified designated beneficiary of the Search for Outstanding Government Workers administered by the Civil Service Commission (CSC). The scholarship encompasses any of the courses offered across UP campuses, subject to admission criteria and the University's stipulated requirements.

3.2 Regent Go moved for the approval of the MOA with the CSC. Regent Ramota seconded the motion. There being no objections, the MOA between UP and CSC for the scholarship to the grantee or qualified designated beneficiary of the said award was approved.

**Board Action: APPROVED**

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

Regent Go moved for the omnibus approval of the foregoing items. There being no objections, the following items were confirmed:

**1. Ad Interim Appointments of University Officials:**

**UP System**

- a. ***Prof. JOSE ANTONIO R. CLEMENTE*** as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (Faculty Development), effective 1 May 2023 to serve at the pleasure of the Vice President for Academic Affairs



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

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### **1. Ad Interim Appointments of University Officials:** (cont'd)

#### **UP System** (cont'd)

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- b. *Prof. TIFFANY ADELAINÉ G. TAN* as Assistant Vice President for Administration, effective 1 July 2023 to serve at the pleasure of the Vice President for Administration

#### **UP Diliman**

- a. *Prof. AUGUSTUS C. RESURRECCION* as Assistant Vice President for Administration, effective 1 July 2023 to serve at the pleasure of the Vice President for Administration
- b. *Assoc. Prof. ADELINÉ A. PACIA* as Vice Chancellor for Administration to serve at the pleasure of the Chancellor
- c. *Prof. GONZALO A. CAMPOAMOR II* as Vice Chancellor for Research and Development until 30 April 2023
- d. *Asst. Prof. LOUISE JASHIL R. SONIDO* as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs until 31 July 2023
- e. *Prof. LUIS MARIA T. BO-OT* as Vice Chancellor for Community Affairs until 31 July 2023
- f. *Prof. RAQUEL B. FLORENDO* as Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development to serve at the pleasure of the Chancellor.

**Board Action: CONFIRMED**

2. **Memorandum of Understanding between the University of the Philippines and the Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) to promote research, education and culture, and to contribute towards the mutual interests and development of the two institutions.**

**Board Action: CONFIRMED**

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

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3. Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines Diliman and the Department of Science and Technology-Philippines Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-PCAARRD) to implement the project entitled “Levelling-Up of Innovative Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources-based Start-ups-Spinoffs thru Promotion, Assistance and Development (LIPAD)

**Board Action: CONFIRMED**

4. Memorandum of Agreement between the University of the Philippines Diliman and the Department of Science and Technology-Philippines Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-PCAARRD) to implement the project entitled “Acquisition and setting up of ICPMS for the Metallomics facility”

**Board Action: CONFIRMED**

5. Matters approved by the Board of Regents (by referendum):

**01 June 2023**

**BAC Resolution, Notice of Award, Purchase Order, and Notice to Proceed for the procurement of one (1) lot: 2 units of Mc Lane Imaging FlowCytobot through direct contracting, in the amount of P25,988,000.00**

**Board Action: CONFIRMED**

### **III. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

The Board NOTED all matters for information of the Board that were emailed to all Regents on 26 June 2023 (*Memorandum No. OSU2023-07-07*).

- 1. Report of Operating Results and Financial Position of UP Provident Fund Inc. (UPFFI) for the Year 2022**
- 2. UP Los Banos Academic Calendar Year 2023-2024**
- 3. Change in the Schedule of UP Manila Teachers' Leave *from* July 22, 2023 – August 21, 2023 *to* June 22, 2023 – July 21, 2023 Due to the Change of Schedule of UP Manila Graduation from July 21, 2023 to August 7, 2023**

### **IV. OTHER MATTERS**

- 1. Request of President Angelo Jimenez for Authority to Travel to Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. from 6-9 July 2023 to participate in the 38th Annual Grand Convention (AGC) of the University of the Philippines Medical Alumni Society in America (UPMASA) and the inauguration of Dr. Henry Echiverri as the incoming UPMASA President for 2023-2025**
  - 1.1 President Jimenez informed the Board of Regents that he will be meeting with the University of the Philippines Medical Alumni Society in America (UPMASA) from 6-9 July 2023, exclusive of travel time.
  - 1.2 Regent Go moved for the approval of the request of President Jimenez for authority to travel to Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. from 6-9 July 2023, exclusive of travel time. Regent Belegal seconded the motion. There being no objections, the request was approved.

**Board Action: APPROVED**

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

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#### 2. **Announcement of the conferment of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, upon former Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) Representative, H.E. Michael Peiyung Hsu**

2.1 President Jimenez requested Secretary Lara to provide an update regarding the conferment of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, upon former Taipei Economic and Cultural Office Representative (TECO), His Excellency Michael Peiyung Hsu.

2.2 Secretary Lara shared that Ambassador Michael Peiyung Hsu has already formally accepted the offer of the University for an honorary degree. The conferment rites will be held on 01 September 2023 at the UP College of Law, UP Diliman.

**Board Action: NOTED**

#### 3. **Notice of ITDC regarding the changes in the policy on Google Workspace Storage**

3.1 Regent Belegal sought clarification regarding the notice issued by the UP Information Technology Development Center (UP ITDC) about the changes in Google Workspace storage capacity effective 15 July 2023. She expressed concern about the short notice and the limited time given to faculty, REPS and administrative staff to backup and transfer their files from Google Workspace. She inquired about the allocation of storage capacity for REPS and administrative staff since some of them would require larger storage spaces, particularly with the University's shift towards paperless transactions and online learning.

3.2 ITDC Director Paulo Noel G. Paje explained that the allocated storage spaces were determined based on actual utilization history with an additional 10% buffer. In response to the concern raised by Regent Belegal, he assured that while there are pre-determined allocations for each sector, the requests for higher storage capacity for specific needs will be accommodated, taking outliers into account. He also highlighted that offices are allocated an additional 30 gigabytes storage capacity in addition to the allocation for staff. Additionally, he recommended taking advantage of the free personal cloud storage of up to one (1) terabyte offered by Microsoft OneDrive.

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

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#### 3. **Notice of ITDC regarding the changes in the policy on Google Workspace Storage** (cont'd)

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- 3.3 President Jimenez emphasized the importance of ITDC in ensuring that UP constituents are well-informed and properly guided about these available resources and their usage. He also suggested preparing for potential increases in storage needs as offices transition fully to paperless transactions.

**Board Action: NOTED**

#### 4. **Update on UP System's Subscription to Zoom**

- 4.1 ITDC Director Noel Paje explained that Zoom Singapore had raised its price by 96% and therefore resellers did not participate in the bidding process since UP's Approved Budget Contract (ABC) was based on the original price, which led to a failed bidding. He said that the University will rebid for the Zoom subscription but strongly recommended shifting to other alternatives like WebEx, Google Meet, or Microsoft Teams so that the University will not be limited to one technology provider. Regent Severino expressed the concern of students regarding the timeline for acquisition of new platforms especially during the Mid-Year. President Jimenez advised negotiating with Zoom while simultaneously exploring the alternative platforms proposed by Director Paje.
- 4.2 Regent Ramota requested Director Paje to provide the members of the Board with the summary of the alternative platforms that may be used in lieu of Zoom.

**Board Action: NOTED. ITDC Director Paje to submit a summary of alternative technology platforms in lieu of Zoom.**

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

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##### 5. **Matters of Regent Ramota:**

- a. **Status of Professorial Fellows**
- b. **Housing Benefits for Professors Emeriti and Faculty Members**
- c. **Teaching Credits of Physical Education (PE) Faculty**

- 5.1 Regent Ramota informed the members of the Board that these matters were previously addressed in past Board meetings. He suggested constituting or reconstituting the relevant Technical Working Groups (TWGs) to review existing policies and propose new solutions.
- 5.2 President Jimenez requested the concerned Vice Presidents to provide updates on the concerns raised by Regent Ramota, to determine if a TWG needs to be constituted or reconstituted.
- 5.3 Regarding the status of professorial fellows, Vice President Cubillan explained that while UP has mechanisms for hiring foreign faculty, they cannot be granted tenure by the University under existing Civil Service rules. President Jimenez mentioned that he would include this topic in his discussions with the Civil Service Commission.
- 5.4 In terms of teaching credits for faculty members handling PE courses, Vice President Cubillan acknowledged that there are current concerns on credit loading for PE units, but he assured the Board that they will review the existing policy. Regent Severino stated his support for the review because he believes that the heavy teaching loads of PE faculty might have detrimental effect on the way PE courses are taught to students.

**Board Action: NOTED**

##### 6. **BOR Resolution on the Reappointment of Regent Raul C. Pagdanganan as a Member of the UP Board of Regents**

- 6.1 President Jimenez informed the Board that term as Regent of Regent Raul C. Pagdanganan will expire on 6 July 2023.

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

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**6. BOR Resolution on the Reappointment of Regent Raul C. Pagdanganan as a Member of the UP Board of Regents(cont'd)**

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6.2 Upon recommendation of President Jimenez, and without the participation of Regent Pagdanganan, the Board adopted and approved a resolution recommending the reappointment of Regent Raul C. Pagdanganan as a Member of the UP Board of Regents.

**Board Action: APPROVED**



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