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MINUTES OF THE CAMPUS UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday April 12, 2023 at 9:00 A.M., MSU-IIT Gymnasium

Presiding Officer: Prof. Alizedney M. Ditucalan, JD, LLM, together with the University Registrar Mr. Ricardo C. Enguito.

The meeting started at 9:04 A.M.

Out of the total number of 406 faculty, 350 attended the meeting.

The preliminaries were done.

The University Chancellor, Prof. Alizedney M. Ditucalan, serving as the Chairperson of the Campus University Council, officially initiated the meeting and inquired if there were any additional items to be added to the agenda.

University Registrar, Mr. Ricardo C. Enguito, reported that the University Council's EXECOM had approved the addition of specific problem cases, one each from the CSM, COET, and CEBA, to the meeting's agenda. Additionally, the Dean of CSM's request for discussion on publication requirements for master's students was also approved, scheduled for discussion after the presentation of graduation candidates.

Agenda: 1) Presentation of Candidates for Graduation in the Different Colleges

2) Presentation of proposal to offer MS Robotics in COET which the EXECOM agreed to change the name from MS Robotics Engineering to MS Robotics

3) In the problem cases in CSM, COET, and CEBA, one student from each college

4) A proposal to make some modifications in the implementation of the publication requirements of graduate students

5) The new Teaching Efficiency instrument

Campus University Council Resolution No. 001 – 041223

"Resolved, to approve the inclusion in the agenda of the proposed curriculum, MS Robotics, and the 3 problem cases, one case each from each college: CSM, COET, and CEBA.

Resolved further, to approve the provisional agenda, moved by Dean Jan Mickelle V. Maratas, then seconded severally by the council members."

The council members were given an extension of three days to review the minutes from the last meeting.

Campus University Council Resolution No. 002 - 041223

"Resolved, that the minutes of the previous meeting held on October 24, 2022 be provisionally approved, pending the evaluation of the three-day timeframe of the council members, and for comments and corrections thereof, moved by Dean Maria Rizalia Y. Teves, seconded by Dean Monera A. Salic."

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CHAIRPERSON'S TIME

43 The Board of Regents approved the creation of the Research Institute for Engineering and
 44 Innovative Technology within the College of Engineering and Technology (COET). This new
 45 institute will integrate existing research centers, reflecting the structures of COET, the College of
 46 Science and Mathematics (CSM), and the Premier Research Institute of Science and Mathematics
 47 (PRISM).

48 Notable changes to PRISM include its ability to host academic programs and a transition from
 49 research groups to research centers. Furthermore, the Dean of CSM will now serve as the co-chair
 50 of PRISM, strengthening collaboration with scientists.

51 In the meeting, it was noted that research activities are currently organized within respective
 52 colleges. There was an announcement regarding an upcoming research summit.

53 Significant discussion took place with the Premier Research Institute of Science and Mathematics
 54 (PRISM), and the topic of publication awards was thoroughly reviewed. Modifications to the
 55 Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) governing these awards were discussed. Once the IRR
 56 is officially promulgated, changes will be implemented, such as allowing students to be recognized
 57 as co-authors, and considering multiple authors, even those not affiliated with the university.

58 The publication award, which serves as startup funds for upcoming research projects, follows a
 59 proportionality rule. There is an aspiration to increase this incentive. The committee is preparing
 60 to submit a well-considered recommendation for further clarification on these matters.

61 Additionally, there is a proposal to establish a purely student-led publication, where students are
 62 not only co-authors but are also recognized as student authors, potentially fostering more student
 63 engagement in research publications.

64 Approval for College of Health Sciences Building: The Board approved the construction of a new
 65 building for the College of Health Sciences.

66 Allocation for Auditorium Project: A project worth P50 million was allocated for the construction
 67 of an auditorium next to the existing gymnasium.

68 Advancements in CEBA and College of Education: The realization of the third-floor building in
 69 CEBA was discussed. Additionally, plans were made to improve the College of Education
 70 Amphitheater by furnishing it with more durable and presentable chairs.

71 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Open University Malaysia: An MOU was
 72 established between MSU-IIT and Open University Malaysia. The Center for Pedagogy and
 73 Instruction will be responsible for matters related to this agreement.

74 Dr. Nelia G. Balgoa commended the Chancellor's efforts but asked about the process for creating
 75 centers, including the Center for Culture and Arts. She raised concerns about the approval path,
 76 from the APC to the Institute Council and the Board of Regents, and whether there were policy
 77 changes.

78 Chancellor Ditucalan clarified that academic programs go through the Council, while
 79 administrative creations do not.

80 Dr. Nelia G. Balgoa suggested the need for defined parameters to determine the appropriate
81 approval path for creations, whether academic or administrative.

82 Chancellor Ditucalan explained the distinct roles of the University Council and the System Council
83 and how the Board of Regents handles reconciliations.

84 Prof. Sittie Noffaisah B. Pasandalan referred to Section 76 of the MSU Code of Governance,
85 highlighting research and extension policies going through the council. Chancellor Ditucalan
86 acknowledged this but emphasized that what was created was an institution, not a research
87 program; it's an office.

88 Dr. Nelia G. Balgoa emphasized that matters passing through the APC should also go through the
89 Council.

90 Chancellor Ditucalan clarified that the APC advises the Chancellor, and the EXECOM wields the
91 council's power. They can make amendments unless they violate policies. He expressed gratitude
92 for the clarifications and assured a thorough review of the matter.

93 The Chancellor invited the Council to share any ideas about policies for the benefit of the
94 university.

95 He also explained issues with faculty salaries due to technicalities and sincerely apologized.

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97 **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION BY COLLEGE**
98 **DEANS AND CENTER DIRECTORS:**

99 a) COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS (CSM),

100 b) COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (COET)

101 c) COLLEGE OF ECONOMICS, BUSINESS & ACCOUNTACY (CEBA)

102 d) COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (CASS)

103 e) COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (CED)

104 f) COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES (CHS)

105 g) COLLEGE OF COMPUTER STUDIES (CCS)

106 h) SCHOOL OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (SIS)

107 i) CENTER FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CCA)

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109 CSM Dean, Dr. Jan Mickelle V. Maratas, presented a total of 272 candidates for graduation from
110 the graduate program of the College of Science and Mathematics and 365 from the undergraduate
111 programs. A copy of the list was furnished to the members of the council. He also mentioned that
112 one problematic case would also be discussed.

Campus University Council Resolution No. 003 – 041223

"RESOLVED, that a total of 272 candidates for graduation from the graduate program
and 365 from the undergraduate programs in the College of Science and Mathematics
are considered for graduation, subject to the fulfillment of the requirements for
graduation, except that one student whose case would be deliberated. Moved for
approval by Prof. Mark Nolan P. Confesor, seconded by CEBA Dean Maria Rizalia Y.
Teves."

114 COET Dean Maria Sheila K. Ramos presented a total of 574 for the College of Engineering and
115 Technology 38 for the graduate program, and 536 for the undergraduate program. A list of was
116 furnished to the members of the council.

Campus University Council Resolution No. 004 - 04123

"RESOLVED, that a total of 38 candidates for graduation from the graduate program and 574 from the undergraduate programs in the College of Engineering and Technology are considered for graduation, subject to the fulfillment of the requirements for graduation, except that one student whose case would be deliberated. Moved for approval by the CED Dean, Dr. Monica A. Salic-Hairulla, seconded by Dr. Mark Nolan P. Confesor."

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118 CEBA Dean Dr. Maria Rizalia Y. Teves presented a total of 223 for the College of Economics,
119 Business, and Accountancy, 5 for the graduate program, 218 for the undergraduate program, and
120 one problematic case to be deliberated.

Campus University Council Resolution No. 005 - 041233

"RESOLVED, that a total of 223 candidates for graduation from the undergraduate programs and 5 from the graduate program in the College of Economics, Business, and Accountancy are considered for graduation, subject to the fulfillment of the requirements for graduation, except that one student whose case would be deliberated. Moved by CASS Dean, Dr. Marie Joy Banawa, seconded by CCA Dir., Asst. Prof. Amado C. Guinto, Jr."

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122 CASS Dean, Dr. Marie Joy D. Banawa presented a total of 462 for the College of Arts and Social
123 Sciences, 66 for the graduate program, and 396 for the undergraduate program. A list is hereby
124 attached. During the EXECOM meeting, Dean Banawa presented only 461. The Chancellor
125 inquired as to why that name was not included, and the concerned faculty said that the student's
126 name was inadvertently omitted.

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Campus University Council Resolution No. 006 - 041223

"RESOLVED, that a total of 66 candidates for graduation from the graduate program and 396 from the undergraduate programs in the College of Arts and Social Sciences are considered for graduation, subject to the fulfillment of the requirements for graduation, moved by OVCRE Vice Chancellor, Dr. Gaudencio C. Petalcorin, Jr., seconded by OVCPD Vice Chancellor, Dr. Pamela F. Resurreccion."

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Campus University Council Resolution No. 007 – 041223

"RESOLVED, that the 1 candidate for graduation in the College of Arts and Social Sciences, Mr. Mohamad Omar for MPA Option B, whose name was not presented to the EXECOM, be included in the list of candidates for graduation, moved by Prof. Jack B. Isolana, seconded by OVCPD Vice Chancellor, Dr. Pamela F. Resurreccion."

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130 CED Dean, Dr. Monera A. Salic-Hairulla, presented a total of 551 from the College of Education,
131 for the graduate program and for the undergraduate program. A list is hereby attached. During the EXECOM meeting, Dean Hairulla presented only 550, this time requesting the body that the name

132 of Mr. Hepolito be included in the list of candidates for graduation, as the student's name was
133 inadvertently omitted.

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Campus University Council Resolution No. 008 – 041223

"RESOLVED, that the 550 candidates for graduation in the College of Education, are considered for graduation, subject to the fulfillment of the requirements for graduation, moved by COET Dean, Dr. Maria Sheila K. Ramos, seconded by CASS Dean, Dr. Marie Joy D. Banawa."

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Campus University Council Resolution No. 009 – 041223

"RESOLVED, that the additional candidate for graduation in the College of Education be considered for graduation, in the name of Mr. Hepolito, subject to the fulfillment of the requirements for graduation, moved by COET Dean, Dr. Maria Sheila K. Ramos, seconded by CHS Dean, Dr. Abdullah Junior S. Mangarun."

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137 CHS Dean, Dr. Abdullah Junior S. Mangarun presented a total of 140 candidates for graduation
138 from the College of Health Sciences for the degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Campus University Council Resolution No. 010 – 041223

"RESOLVED, that the 140 candidates for graduation in the College of Health Sciences are considered for graduation, subject to the fulfillment of the requirements for graduation, moved by CASS Dean, Dr. Marie Joy D. Banawa, seconded by CED Dean, Dr. Monera A. Salic-Hairulla."

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140 CCS Asst. dean, Prof. Joel L. Miano, presented a total of 171 candidates for graduation from the
141 College of Computer Sciences, 20 from the graduate program, and 151 from the undergraduate
142 program.

Campus University Council Resolution No. 011 – 041223

"RESOLVED, that the 171 candidates for graduation in the College of Computer Sciences are considered for graduation, subject to the fulfillment of the requirements for graduation, moved by CEBA Dean, Dr. Rizalia Y. Teves, seconded by CHS Dean, Dr. Abdullah Junior S. Mangarun."

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144 SIS Director, Dr. Mark Anthony J. Torres, presented a total of 21 candidates for graduation from
145 the School of Interdisciplinary Studies.

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Campus University Council Resolution No. 012 - 041223

"RESOLVED, that the 21 candidates for graduation are considered for graduation, subject to the fulfillment of the requirements for graduation, moved by CASS Dean, Dr. Marie Joy D. Banawa, seconded by CCA Dir., Asst. Prof. Amado C. Guinto, Jr."

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148 CCA Director, Asst. Prof. Amado C. Guinto, Jr., presented a total of three candidates for
149 graduation from the Center of Culture and Arts.

Campus University Council Resolution No. 013 – 041223

"RESOLVED, that the 3 candidates for graduation are considered for graduation in the Center for Culture and Arts, subject to the fulfillment of the requirements for graduation, moved by CASS Dean, Dr. Marie Joy D. Banawa, seconded by CASS Asst. Dean, Asso. Prof. Sittie Noffaisah B. Pasandalan."

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151 CSM Dean Maratas, with confirmation from the year level adviser, presented the case of Mr. Alan
152 Pahayahay, a BS Marine Biology student who should have graduated in 2019 but faced delays due
153 to family problems and severe depression, worsened by the pandemic. Mr. Pahayahay is now
154 requesting to enroll in his undergraduate thesis, which is nearly complete, and be considered a
155 candidate for graduation. The Year Level Adviser explained that the student couldn't file a leave
156 of absence. In the first semester of 2022-2023, his thesis adviser, Prof. Dr. Marilou Orbita, was on
157 sick leave, and the supervision was handed over to Prof. Emilie Geracio.

158 The year level adviser appealed to the University Council to include Mr. Pahayahay in the list of
159 graduation candidates for the 2nd semester of AY 2022-2023. The Chancellor inquired about the
160 student's completion of academic requirements, leading to the presentation of a motion.

Campus University Council Resolution No. 014 – 041223

"RESOLVED, that Mr. Alan Pahayahay be considered a candidate for graduation in the College of Science and Mathematics, subject to the fulfillment of the requirements for graduation, moved by Prof. Mark Nolan Confesor, seconded by Asso. Prof. Sittie Noffaisah B. Pasandalan and Prof. Rizalia Y. Teves."

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162 COET Dean Dr. Ma. Sheila K. Ramos allowed the department chairperson of Materials Resource
163 in Science Engineering, Prof. Leoniel Silva, to present the case of Miss Charlea Joy G. Binghoy,
164 a student initially enrolled in BS Marine Biology, then shifted to BS Mining Engineering. The
165 issue pertains to course credits, specifically Math 17-A and Math 51-A, which are needed for
166 Math 60 in the BS Mining Engineering program. Although it was assumed these courses were
167 equivalent, the student failed to submit the required documents for credit transfer, as denied by
168 the Math Department.

169 The appeal is to consider crediting Math 17-A and Math 51-A to Math 60, given that the student
170 has completed Math 70 and other courses dependent on Math 60 as a prerequisite.

171 Prof. Mhelmar Labendia from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics clarified that their
172 department does not credit Math 17 and Math 51 to Math 60, and the system will reject Math 70
173 as there was no Math 60, the required prerequisite. Additionally, 22% or 4 weeks of the topics
174 covered in Math 17 and Math 51 are not included in Math 60. It was noted that the student managed
175 to complete Math 70 even without finishing Math 60, which is an unusual situation.

176 Chancellor Ditucalan inquired if even without the system, for example, just in manual process, can
177 Math 17 and Math 51 be credited to Math 60?

178 In response to the Chancellor, the Chairperson of the math department simply stated, "No. No.
179 No."

180 Vice Chancellor for Research and Enterprises, Dr. Gaudencio Petalcorin, Jr., noted that Math 51
181 serves as the student's introduction to Calculus, and expressed belief that if the student successfully
182 passed subsequent subjects, it indicates competence acquired through outcomes-based education
183 during Senior High. Dr. Petalcorin emphasized that Math 60 is a bit more advanced. He also argued

184 that if the student had already met the requirements for courses that demand Math 60 as a
185 prerequisite, the prior completion of Math 17 and Math 51, which the student had passed, should
186 suffice.

187 Prof. Leaniel Silva, Chairperson of BS Mining Engineering, emphasized that the student had
188 successfully finished all the subsequent subjects, including Math 70 and Engineering Sciences,
189 which necessitate Math 70 as a prerequisite. This successful completion forms the basis for their
190 appeal.

191 Prof. Dr. Jocelyn P. Vilela explained that she disapproved the crediting of Math 17 and 51 to Math
192 60 due to the significant topics not covered in the former subjects. She emphasized the need for an
193 official process, citing the University Code and Student Handbook. She questioned the adherence
194 to the quality policy recently distributed.

195 Chancellor Ditucalan highlighted that the Council is the appropriate body for discussing and
196 making recommendations on such matters.

197 COET Dean Dr. Sheila Ramos clarified that their request to credit Math 17 and Math 51 to Math
198 60 is due to the latter being a prerequisite for Math 70, which the student had successfully
199 mastered. Furthermore, the student had demonstrated proficiency in higher-level subjects like
200 Engineering Mathematics and Engineering Statistics, both of which require Math 60 as a
201 prerequisite. Hence, through the Chairperson of Mining Engineering, the dean is appealing for the
202 student's graduation consideration.

203 Chancellor Ditucalan sought clarification on how the student was allowed to enroll in Math 70
204 without Math 17 and 51 being credited to Math 60.

205 Prof. Jocelyn Vilela emphasized that the issue at hand isn't about passing Math 70 because it
206 essentially starts anew. She pointed out two important factors: the student's capability to learn and
207 the teacher's ability to facilitate necessary reviews. She questioned the value of curriculum
208 proposals and revisions, CHED memo requirements, and board approvals if the program's
209 assessment doesn't recognize that if the student succeeded in higher subjects, they should also pass
210 the lower subject.

211 Chancellor Ditucalan asked whether Math 17 and 51 serve as prerequisites for Math 70.

212 Prof. Jocelyn Vilela clarified that Math 60, not Math 17 or 51, is the prerequisite for Math 70. She
213 pointed out that the issue arises because advanced credit is often processed during evaluation for
214 council meetings, and this practice should be conducted before the enrollment period.

215 Chancellor Ditucalan inquired about the possibility of giving credit for Math 60 towards Math 17
216 and 51.

217 Prof. Jocelyn Vilela said, 'Still no, sir.' The contents are not the same.

218 Dr. Pamela Resurrection, the Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development, has noted a
219 divergence in perspectives, specifically between an outcomes-based framework and international
220 standards for organizations. It appears there is a debate about the best approach. Additionally, a
221 suggestion was made to conduct examinations for the topics that were not included in the Math 17
222 and Math 51 courses, indicating a potential solution to address the differences in content coverage.

223 Chancellor Ditucalan expressed agreement with the proposed approach, indicating that it aligns
224 with his perspective. He then inquired about the possibility of the Math department conducting a
225 validation process, suggesting a need for further verification or assessment of the proposed
226 solution or changes.

227 Vice Chancellor Gaudencio Petalcorin, Jr., stated that there have been several cases in the past. If
228 Math 60 is not credited, then the student lacks only 4 units. A solution was done before: a student
229 who passed the succeeding subjects but lacked some units was allowed to take validation
230 examinations.

231 Professor Dr. Mark Nolan Confesor mentioned that Math experts have identified discrepancies
232 between Math 17 and Math 51 compared to Math 60 and Math 70. He emphasized that there is no

233 obligation to grant advanced credit but rather framed it as a topic for discussion. This implies that
234 the differences between these courses are being acknowledged, and it's open for consideration
235 without being mandatory.

236 Chancellor Ditucalan solicited a clearer history of what really happened, and it was found out that
237 the student was not able to take Math 60.

238 The chairperson of the math department said that Math 60 is offered every semester.

239 According to the student's adviser, the student said that she went to the Math Department and was
240 told that Math 17 and Math 51 put together would be credited to Math 60; that was verbally
241 received. "That's why we are making this appeal."

242 Chancellor Ditucalan clarified that the situation is not about granting advance credit but rather
243 pertains to course substitution. This process involves examination and validation.

244 Dean Maria Sheila K. Ramos noted that the student is subject to the Maximum Residency Rule
245 (MRR). In response, Professor Jocelyn Vilela raised the question of why the same MRR
246 consideration that was applied in the College of Science and Mathematics (CSM) couldn't be
247 extended to this College of Engineering and Technology (COET) student's case.

248 Chancellor Ditucalan clarified that the student would be allowed to enroll in Math 60 without
249 prejudice to her case of MRR.

250 Professor Joel Miano, the program coordinator of Mining Engineering, suggested that the student
251 should be permitted to enroll in Math 60.

252 Dr. Noel Estoperez put forward an appeal, suggesting that the student should be granted the
253 opportunity to take a validation examination. If the student successfully passes these exams, the
254 subject in question would be considered validated, indicating a potential solution for the academic
255 situation at hand.

256 Chancellor Ditucalan said that he would pay the tuition fees.

257 Chancellor Ditucalan provided clarification on the matter, emphasizing that it's not possible to
258 credit a course that the student didn't officially enroll in. He cited a similar case in the College of
259 Arts and Social Sciences (CASS), where a student was allowed to enroll in a subject, met the
260 requirements, and was subsequently permitted to graduate after fulfilling all academic
261 prerequisites. This highlights the importance of official enrollment and adherence to academic
262 requirements.

263 Prof. Noel Estoperez: "In the past, we applied acceleration where a student did not enroll in Math
264 17, but went directly to Math 51. The higher subjects were passed by the student, so after the
265 evaluation, if there are lacking topics, then for humanitarian reasons, we may allow the student to
266 take those lacking topics."

267 Chancellor Ditucalan said that if we have such policies, then it would be easy to apply these
268 discussions, but we need to come up with such policies on prior learning, like what is being applied
269 in acceleration.

270 Prof. Noel Estoperez stressed the point that taking examinations would be the best thing to do to
271 complete the requirements in the higher subjects.

272 Prof. Jocelyn P. Vilela said that the student will be allowed to enroll in Math 60, and if she passes
273 the subject, then she will be allowed to graduate this semester, that is, if the council would allow
274 that she is considered a regular student.

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Campus University Council Resolution No. 015 - 041223

"RESOLVED, that Ms. Charlea Joy G. Binghoy be allowed to enroll in Math 60 as a
regular student and pay the tuition fees in the second semester of the school year 2022-
2023, without prejudice to her MRR status, attend the class, and if she passes the subject,

then her name shall be included in the list of candidates for graduation, subject to the fulfillment of the requirements for graduation, moved by Asso. Prof. Sittie Noffaisah Pasandalan, seconded by Prof. Nelia Balgoa.”

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- 277 Comments/discussions:
- 278 Professor Jingle Magallanes raised questions about the enrollment process, particularly regarding
279 how the student was allowed to enroll in Math 70 if Math 60 hadn't been credited as a prerequisite.
- 280 Chancellor Ditucalan emphasized the importance of a specific point and reminded the Registrar's
281 Office and all parties involved to exercise extra caution when dealing with issues related to
282 prerequisites.
- 283 Vice Chancellor Pamela Resurreccion identified this situation as a case of duties not being properly
284 followed and suggested that it should be evaluated thoroughly. This implies a need to address
285 procedural non-conformance and improve the system for handling such cases.
- 286 Dr. Jocelyn Vilela emphasized that this case should not set a precedent for future instances of
287 verbal advance credits. Instead, she underlined the importance of following established, legitimate
288 procedures. She also stressed the significance of proper academic advising and the necessity of
289 considering prerequisites before permitting a student to enroll in a subject that requires such
290 prerequisites.
- 291 Chancellor Ditucalan indicated that the discussion and decisions made will be officially recorded
292 for future reference and documentation.
- 293 A problem case from CEBA: one MBM graduate student
- 294 The case of a graduate student, Ms. Eula Rosetta S. Nanaman (MBM-Graduating), was presented
295 by CEBA Dean Dr. Rizalia Teves, with additional information provided by the Marketing
296 Department Chairperson, Dr. Safa D. Manala-o. It was noted that the student had failed the
297 comprehensive examinations for the third time. However, the student made an appeal to both the
298 CEBA Dean and the University Chancellor, requesting a fourth attempt at the failed exams. This
299 outlines a situation where the student is seeking an exception to the examination rules.
- 300 Chancellor Ditucalan clarified that the student handbook mandates an intervention, such as a
301 remedial session, before a student can retake the examination. Additionally, there was a suggestion
302 to consider allowing the student to re-enroll in the failed subject.
- 303 Professor Dr. Rolando Candidato pointed out that the existing graduate framework allows for only
304 two attempts at comprehensive exams. According to the old framework, if the student fails on the
305 second attempt, they would be dismissed from the program. Since the new framework has not yet
306 been approved by the Board of Regents, the proposed third attempt would not be valid, and the
307 failure to provide a remedial class, as per the old framework, is also a concern.
- 308 Professor Dr. Mark Nolan Confesor raised a question about who should initiate the request for a
309 remedial course: should it be the student's responsibility to request it, or should the department
310 take the initiative?
- 311 Chancellor Ditucalan clarified that the department is responsible for ensuring that the remedial
312 activity is administered.
- 313 Professor Dr. Jocelyn Vilela pointed out that each department has its own retention policies and
314 suggested that this specific case should not have been discussed in the Council. She argued that
315 whether the program was old or new, the same policies in the graduate framework apply. CEBA
316 Dean, Dr. Ma. Rizalia Teves and Dr. Rolando Candidato supported this viewpoint.
- 317 Chancellor Ditucalan raised the question of whether the student would face dismissal from the
318 MBM program and potentially shift to the MBA program.

319 Professor Edera clarified that if the student were to shift to the new MBA program, it would require
320 an additional 2 years to complete the program.

321 Dr. Nelia Balgoa emphasized the importance of upholding academic policies, noting that if a
322 student fails two examinations, it signifies that the student may not be adequately prepared for
323 higher-level subjects.

324 Chancellor Ditucalan stressed that if policies were inflexible and unchangeable, then the existence
325 of the Council would serve no purpose. He indicated the need to find a solution to the issue at
326 hand.

327 Dr. Manala-o sought clarification regarding whether the student would be mandated to enroll in
328 the remedial course during the current semester.

329 The student would enroll in a refresher course for the two subjects that she failed to pass.

Campus University Council Resolution No. 016 - 041223

"Resolved that Ms. Eula Rosetta S. Nanaman, an MBM graduating student, would be allowed to take the remedial course and subsequently take the comprehensive examination, moved by Vice Chancellor Pamela Resurreccion, seconded by Asso. Prof. Sittie Noffaisah Pasandalan."

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331 Comprehensive Examination and Publication Requirements of CMO 15

332 Professor Dr. Mark Nolan Confesor discussed CMO 15 series of 2019, which pertains to graduate
333 programs mandating publication before graduation. He noted the challenge facing graduate
334 students who enrolled during the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year. These students are
335 required to produce a publication, but they may encounter difficulties due to the limited timeframe,
336 as many of them are simultaneously working and studying, making it challenging to fulfill this
337 requirement within the two-year program duration.

338 In addition, the journals publish not many times in a year, but some have annual publications,
339 hence this request for consideration. It will be a clearance item, which means that school records
340 like diplomas and transcripts of records will be released only after the actual publication.

341 Chancellor Ditucalan said that the Graduate Studies Handbook applies to all the university
342 systems, not just MSU-IIT, and has some provisions for flexibility. The university cannot drop this
343 publication requirement, but some modifications would be made, like allowing the student to
344 graduate even before publishing his or her paper. A mere acceptance of the application for
345 publication may suffice for him or her to graduate. But credentials would not be released until the
346 publication was done.

347 Asst. Prof. Jun Karren Caparoso clarified that the new Graduate Studies Handbook requires a
348 graduate student to take the comprehensive examination and publish his or her paper for those
349 graduate students who are enrolled during the first semester of the school year 2020-2021.

350 Chancellor Ditucalan said that we are a research university, and the graduate students' published
351 materials would be vital for strengthening the university's research thrusts. The publication
352 requirement would not be scrapped.

353 Prof. Dr. Rolando Candidato recalled that only 'with submission', not 'acceptance', may a
354 graduate student qualify for the list of candidates for graduation. Internal publication may be
355 feasible through the Vice Chancellor for Research and Enterprises, which is compliant with the
356 university's thrust towards productivity.

357 Chancellor Ditucalan emphasized that the Council cannot amend the existing policy. Its functions
358 are limited only to discipline, requirements for graduation, and admission.

- 359 Dr. Mark Nolan Confesor clarified that in the months of April, May, and June 2023, the Asia
360 Pacific Journal may not be able to accept such a large number of papers from our graduate students.
361 Another thing is that these graduate students would still be required to defend their papers.
- 362 Dr. Irish Dalona inquired if the Graduate Student Handbook was just recently approved in
363 December 2022, and the question about readiness is confronting as to how the provisions would
364 be complied with.
- 365 Chancellor Ditucalan explained how the implementation of this handbook would be carried out,
366 considering that this handbook was just recently approved, making room for the transition period.
- 367 Professor Jocelyn Vilela highlighted a significant distinction between "submission" and
368 "acceptance" regarding the requirement for publication. She clarified that the meaning of the
369 requirement is not simply the "acceptance" of a publication but the "submission" of one. She noted
370 that there are programs where publication is not mandatory. However, Dr. Alma Berowa
371 emphasized that CMO 15 makes publication a requirement.
- 372 Chancellor Ditucalan clarified that at the moment the graduate student enrolls and knows that
373 publication is required, the issue of fairness is appropriately handled.
- 374 Dr. Mark Nolan Confesor said that the graduating students this second semester of the school year
375 2022-2023 are already aware of this publication requirement.
- 376 CSM Dean, Prof. Dr. Jan Mickelle Maratas, said that not all CSM graduate students are required
377 to publish before they graduate.
- 378 Chancellor Ditucalan said that there may not be a literal interpretation of this provision.
- 379 Asst. Prof. Abu Al-Rasheed T. Tanggol expounded on the idea that the implementation of a
380 particular law could be an act of changing the rules of the game, like in the case of students enrolled
381 in the graduate program while the handbook was still to be approved, which could not be affected
382 by such a policy. He inquired about the basis for requiring publication and if the CMO would be
383 implemented, considering the category of the program and whether it requires publication or not.
- 384 Prof. Dr. Mark Nolan Confesor stressed the point that we are not changing the CMO, but we are
385 requiring it.
- 386 Chancellor Ditucalan said that the Board is the highest body that implements rules, not the CHED
387 amending any policy of the board.
- 388 Asst. Prof. Abu Al-Rasheed T. Tanggol agreed with Chancellor Ditucalan that a mere S.O. is not
389 sufficient to implement any CHED issuance. It requires the action of the BOR. CMO 15, after it
390 is adopted, concerning the Graduate Student Handbook, after the said policy has taken effect.
391 Therefore, students who are not yet enrolled during the approval of the handbook would not be
392 affected by that policy.
- 393 Chancellor Ditucalan appreciated how Prof. Tanggol articulated his point.
- 394 Dr. Mary Ann Sandoval mentioned that the Department of Filipino requires publication for both
395 masters and doctoral students. It was CMO 15 that required publication, as also emphasized by
396 Dr. Berowa. This time, she was wondering if there was a new rule: 'no publication'.
- 397 Chancellor Ditucalan stressed the point that this is a matter of policy, not a curricular requirement.
- 398 Prof. Jocelyn Vilela said that in reality, it was only CASS who revised 100%, but CSM only 20–
399 30%. CSM programs required publication, per S.O. The S.O. does not require publication for
400 defense, but a requirement for marching in graduation. She suggested that 'acceptance' would be
401 enough for the student to graduate, but 'submission' would be the clearance item, in order to help
402 our students and apply this rule to everyone.
- 403 Chancellor Ditucalan reminded the body that there are two kinds of people: those who require
404 publication in their curriculum and those who do not require publication in their curriculum.
- 405 Prof. Sittie Pasandalan sees a 'double standard' if the rule does not apply to everyone.

406 Professor Dr. Nelia G. Balgoa pointed out that MSU-IIT was an early implementer of CMO 15,
407 and it is reasonable to state that all new graduate programs introduced subsequently include a
408 publication requirement. In contrast, older programs do not have this publication requirement.

409 Asso. Prof. Naomie T. Paylaga raised concerns about allowing graduate students to graduate with
410 only the "acceptance" of their publication, as this might lower the academic standards. She noted
411 that, after graduation, students may struggle to find work if their diploma and transcript of records
412 are being held as clearance requirements. She questioned why this issue was being discussed in
413 the Council.

414 Dr. Irish Dalona stressed the point that the College of Arts and Social Sciences followed the
415 publication requirements no matter how challenging the task was. Publish or perish, so the student
416 is prepared for this provision. There is a need to set parameters, policies, infrastructure, and
417 capacity as well, so that the students can graduate with publication.

418 A fundamental question was posed: What is the rationale or basis for mandating publication as a
419 requirement for graduation?

420 The Chancellor said that CMO 15 is the basis.

421 Prof. Mark Nolan Confesor said that this is the first batch of graduate students covered by this
422 CMO 15 publication requirement. We are not modifying the CMO 15, but we are implementing
423 it.

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Campus University Council Resolution No. 017 – 041223

"Resolved, that submission for publication is an online clearance item at the Dean's Office for a graduate student to claim his or her credentials at the Office of the University Registrar. The letter of acceptance for publication qualifies the student to the list of candidates for graduation. This applies to those who are graduating in the second semester, school year 2022-2023.

Resolved further, starting the first semester of the school year 2023-2024, publication is a non-negotiable requirement for graduation. Moved by Prof. Dr. Mark Nolan Confesor, seconded severally by the council members."

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426 The next item on the agenda is the presentation of the Master of Science in Robotics (MS
427 Robotics) by the College of Engineering and Technology.

428 Prof. Dr. Carl John Salaan presented about MS Robotics, the program curriculum, research
429 opportunities, industry relevance, faculty and expertise, admission requirements, campus fa-
430 cilities, the application process, and the future outlook. Thus, a motion was presented.
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Campus University Council Resolution No. 018 – 041223

"Resolved, Prof. Mark Nolan Confesor moved for the approval of the offering of a
Master of Science in Robotics and was seconded severally by the council members."

433 Chancellor Ditucalan presented the graduation matters, with specific mention of the dates and the
434 commencement speakers, if the body has someone to suggest.

435 The Chancellor also discussed the new Teaching Efficiency Rating instrument, which is student-
436 centric, as the peers and the chairpersons are no longer involved in rating the faculty. It will be in

437 the Individual Performance Commitment Review (IPCR) where the supervisor may discuss the
438 faculty rating.

439 There being no other to discuss, the council meeting was adjourned at 5:45 in the afternoon.

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444 University Registrar

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448 **PROF. ALIZEDNEY M. DITUCALAN, JD, LLM**
449 University Chancellor

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CAMPUS UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: November 22, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM

Venue: Gymnasium

AGENDA:

1. PRELIMINARY

- A. Invocation
- B. Singing of the National Anthem
- C. Call to Order by the Chancellor
- D. Approval of the Provisional Agenda
- E. Approval of the Minutes of the April 12, 2023 Campus University Council Meeting
- F. Matters arising from the Minutes
- G. Chairperson's Time

2. Discussion and Resolution of Problem Case

3. New Business

A. Presentation of Candidates for Graduation by College Deans and Center/School Director:

- a. College of Science and Mathematics (CSM)
- b. College of Engineering (COE)
- c. College of Economics, Business and Accountancy (CEBA)
- d. College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS)
- e. College of Education (CED)
- f. College of Health Sciences (CHS)
- g. College of Computer Studies (CCS)
- h. School of Interdisciplinary Studies (SIS)
- i. Center for Culture and Arts (CCA)

B. Curriculum proposals

- a. Master in Applied Statistics
- b. Program proposals for revisions are: MSciEd major in Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Mathematics, General Science, and Elementary Mathematics; then PhD in Science Education major in Chemistry, Biology, and Mathematics.

C. Graduation Matters

- a. January 12, 2024, 54th Mid-Academic Year Graduation (tentative)
- b. Commencement Speaker

D. Other Matters

E. Announcement

F. Singing of the "Himno ng Pamantasang Mindanao"

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November 7, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO : All Deans
All Assistant Deans
All Department Chairpersons
All Faculty Members w/ the rank of Assistant Professor and
above

SUBJECT : **Campus University Council Meeting**

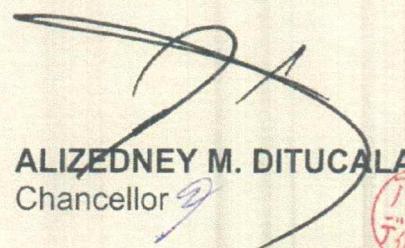
The Campus University Council shall meet on **November 22, 2023** starting at 9:00 A.M. at the University Gymnasium. The Acting Registrar shall provide the agenda for the said meeting.

All Deans are advised to disseminate this information to all concerned. All colleges and schools are advised to review the evaluation of their candidates for graduation, and furnish the other colleges/schools with copies thereof prior to the meeting.

Classes of the members of the Council are suspended. Those who do not intend to attend must file a leave of absence.

Expenses for snacks shall be chargeable against OVCAA Funds, subject to the existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For your guidance and compliance.


ALIZEDNEY M. DITUCALEAN
Chancellor



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