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Inspirational Message. Dr. Doracie B. Zoleta-Nantes, the SLSU President, appeared before the proponents of the 2020 approved research projects to deliver a message to inspire them to keep pursuing their career as researchers.

SLSU inks contracts for new research projs

Immediately after gaining the SLSU Board of Regents (BOR) approval, the Office of Research Services (ORS) organized an inception meeting on September 17, 2020, to facilitate the research contract signing and research grants awarding to the proponents of the ten approved research projects.

The University President, Dr. Doracie B. Zoleta-Nantes, made time to be present in the said meeting to meet the new proponents and stir their motivation to engage more in research endeavors. She shared her experiences when she was still starting her career as a researcher until she eventually gathered memorable experiences that brought her to places and taught her so much in the field.

The Vice President for Planning, Research, Extension, Production, and Development Dr. Marissa C. Esperal, the Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Gondelina A. Radovan, and the ORS Director Dr. Delia R. Babilonia also graced the occasion with their presence and participation. They spearheaded the awarding of research grants to the project leaders right after the signing of contracts. To strictly observe IATF

protocols, the ORS encouraged the project members to be virtually present through the video conference which the secretariat arranged.

The ORS also virtually invited representatives from the finance and procurement related offices to give the researchers information on the processes involved in the budget release and the acquisition of supplies and services. Proponents took the chance to ask questions and clarify matters that they need to comply with the respective offices.

On the same day, ORS awarded certificates of appreciation to the members of the Institutional Research Screening Committee (IRSC) with Dr. Marissa C. Esperal as the chair, Dr. Delia R. Babilonia as the co-chair, together with the following members: Dr. Gondelina A. Radovan, Dr. Aprillette C. Devanadera, Prof. Rene P. Zubieto, Prof. Maria Luisa A. Enal, Mr. Charly R. Lacorte, and Ms. Geri Mae A. Tolentino. Mr. Jed Frank S. Marqueses and Mr. Luis Miguel R. Saludez also received certificates for serving as a provisional members of the committee.

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Institutional Research Screening Committee. (From left to right) Dr. Marissa C. Esperal, Dr. Delia R. Babilonia, Dr. Gondelina A. Radovan, Dr. Aprillette C. Devanadera, Prof. Maria Luisa A. Enal, Mr. Charlie R. Lacorte, and Mr. Jed Frank S. Marqueses.

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SLSU inks...

The IRSC played a vital role in helping the proponents improve their proposals to become funding-worthy.

The meeting commenced on September 17, 2020, at the UBS Board Room supported with video conferencing. The SLSU Board of Regents (BOR) approved the research proposals under BOR Resolution No. 37 series of 2020, dated August 20.

1 Predictive Cross-Sectional Analysis of Mental Health Threats and Copings of University Students and Personnel During Covid-19 Pandemic

2 Multi-Site Evaluation of the Katatagan Kontra Drogen Sa Komunidad as a Jail-Based Drug Rehabilitation Program in Quezon Province



Dr. Helene D. Daya



Mr. Gino A. Cabrera



Ms. Noreen P. Echague

3 The Roles of Internal Locus of Control and Grit in Managing the Academic Stress of Senior High School Students in Southern Luzon State University



Ms. Karen Anne C. Quing



Mr. Jomar Saif P. Baudin

4 Kulayan mo ang Puso ko sa Panahon ng Pandemya: Drawing Themes as Indicators of State of Socio-Emotional Wellbeing Among Selected Children Under the Home Quarantine



Dr. Marissa C. Esperal



Dr. Ma. Elna R. Cosejo



Dr. Mari Jane A. Lee



Mr. Rene P. Zubieto

5 Culture and Research Tasks Value in Southern Luzon State University: An Assessment



Mr. Antonio Romana



Ms. Rizaide A. Salayo



Ms. Maria Lavina E. Fetalino

6 Participatory Development Communication Analysis on Extension Programs of SLSU Extension Service



Ms. Rizalina C. Lopez



Dr. Felix B. Lampos, Jr.



Ms. Wilma L. Comia



Ms. Editha D. Buenaventura

7 Acceptability of Donor Breast Milk Banking in Quezon Province



Dr. Susana A. Salvacion



Dr. Lorna L. Cano



Ms. Charito Lilibeth A. Dator

8 SLSU Catanauan Journey of Development



Dr. Aileen V. Elarco



Dr. Manuel P. Delos Santos



Mr. Francis B. Laguardia



Dr. Roland A. Calderon



Mr. Edgardo E. Cedeno



Ms. Razel C. Tulod



Mr. Celio P. Seco

9 Design and Development of Automated Coconut Dehusking Machine Using Raspberry Pi

10 Development of GSM-Controlled Bamboo Cutter Using Arduino

Inception Meeting



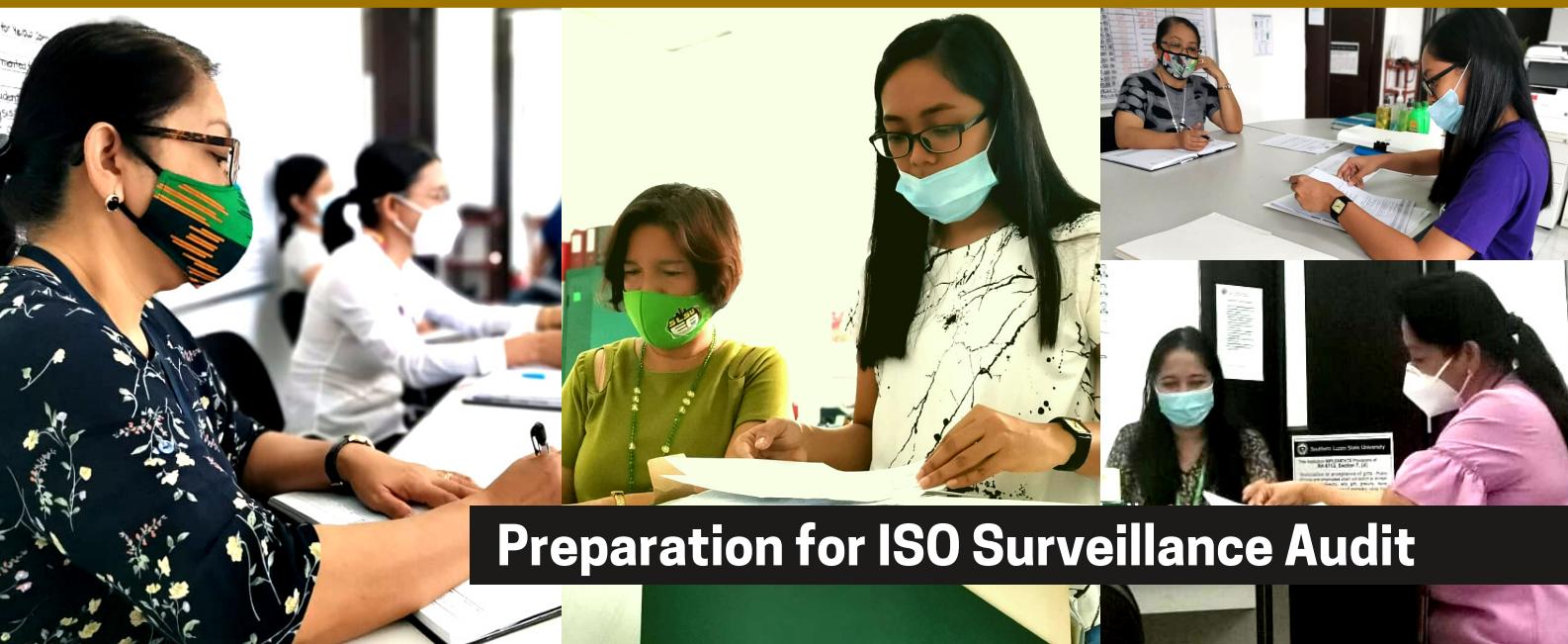
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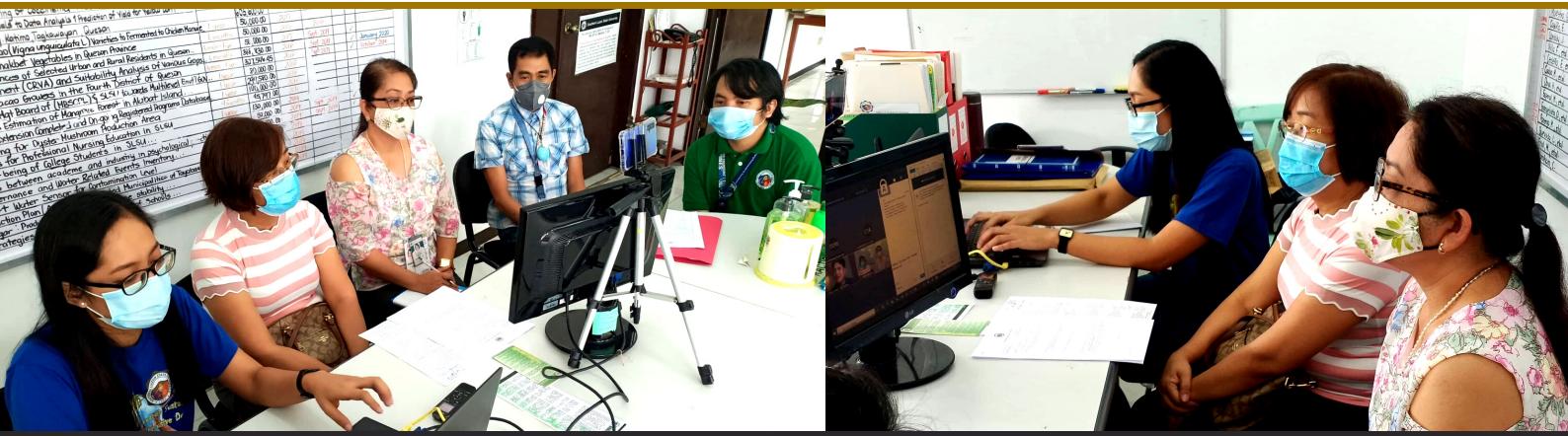
ORS Consultation. (From left to right) Ms. Christine Loui V. Arana (*Tissue Culture Laboratory Aide*), Ms. Jeanza C. Pabellano (*Tissue Culture Laboratory Technician II*), Mr. Rolando S. Oblenida (*Administrative Aide*), Ms. Darlene Faye B. Cadao (*MRTL Analyst*), Dr. Delia R. Babilonia (*ORS Director*), Prof. Maria Luisa A. Enal (*MRTL Head*), Ms. April Arianne A. de Leon (*Education Program Specialist I*), and Ms. Jean Venelie G. Raga (*RDE Support Staff*).

Dr. Delia R. Babilonia led the meeting with the personnel under the ORS to discuss the provisions in the Planning, Research, Extension, Production, and Development (PREPD) Manual that needs to be updated, especially in terms of research services. The PREPD Manual was approved seven years ago, by virtue of BOR Resolution No. 918, series of 2013.

On September 24, the ORS secretariat invited the officials and personnel of the Tissue Culture Laboratory and the Microbiology Research and Testing Laboratory (MRTL) that are both housed in SLSU Lucban. The Center for Hazard and Environmental Resource Mapping representatives based in SLSU Lucena attended the meeting via video conference. Their inputs were also considered in the drafting of the revised version of the manual for review and endorsement of the Research and Extension Council (REC).



Preparation for ISO Surveillance Audit



Virtual ISO:9001 Fourth Surveillance Audit. (From left to right) Ms. Jean Venelie G. Raga (ORS RDE Support Staff and Records Custodian), Dr. Editha E. de Jesus (CAS Research Coordinator and former ORS Director), Engr. Maurino Abuel (SLSU ISO Internal Auditor), and Engr. Jerwin Obmerga (SLSU ISO Internal Auditor)

Thumbs up for ORS, 4th Surveillance Audit

"Based on evidence seen, processes were generally carried out as planned and carried out in accordance with the established procedures."

- Aurelio L. Ebita,
Surveillance Auditor

The ORS team reaped the fruit of its hard work as it passed the virtual ISO 9001: Fourth Surveillance Audit held on August 14, 2020, via Go To Meeting video conferencing app. The representatives that appeared before the audit team were Dr. Delia R. Babilonia, ORS Director; Dr. Editha E. de Jesus, former ORS Director; and, Ms. Jean Venelie G. Raga, RDE support staff. The SLSU ISO Internal evaluators were also with them to assist in the smooth facilitation of the audit.

After the surveillance led by Mr. Aurelio L. Ebita, the Auditor from Certification International assigned for the research area, the ORS received the audit report

that includes the quotation above. It also noted the following positive observations: 1) There are quality objectives specified in the OPCR of Research Services. Their targets include conduct of seminar-workshop and submission of publishable journal articles; 2) Operational planning and control were established in terms of research process flow presented along with the availability of policies, procedures and forms; 3) Requirements related to research services that were determined include those of the harmonized research agenda from NEDA, DOST, and other government agencies; 4) Design and development process on research were evidenced by the defined content of research proposals including the Pre-screening Evaluation of the research proposals received; 5) The use of Plagiarism software to check percentage of originality of research is one of the effective tools used in reducing plagiarism issues; and,

6) Monitoring and measurement activities on the progress of each research were evident in the accomplishment report presented.

For the opportunities for improvement, Auditor Ebita mentioned the need to revisit the parameters used when rating accomplishments in terms of Quality, Efficiency, and Timeliness. Further, he acknowledged that the Research Proposal Pre-Screening Evaluation Sheet indicates the comments of evaluators in terms of Title, Format, Objectives, Methodology, Work Plan, Budget, and others; however, the acceptance criterion for each of the items has to be established to ensure objective evaluation during screening.

In terms of the established flowchart or procedure, the Auditor recommended that the ORS try to clearly define the expected outputs in the enrolled research activity process flow.

ORS plans for series of virtual events



Planning Stage. (From left to right) Dr. Delia R. Babilonia (ORS Director), Ms. April Arianne A. de Leon (Education Program Specialist I), and Ms. Jean Venelie G. Raga (ORS RDE Support Staff)

In September, the ORS started planning for the implementation of the proposed series of virtual events that gained the approval of the University President.

The first virtual event to be held in the second week of October is the annual Agency In-House Review for research projects that are completed or near completion. In November, the virtual

writeshop on developing and packaging research proposals shall be conducted to increase the engagement of faculty and employees in research endeavors. It shall be followed immediately with a virtual workshop on writing for a publication that shall aim to encourage researchers with completed projects to pursue publication of their output in reputable and accredited journals.

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