

MINUTES OF THE 16th BOR MEETING
05 May 2004
Leyte Normal University Conference Room
Tacloban City, Leyte

Present:

- Hon. Carlito S. Puno**
Chairperson, LSU Board of Regents

..... Chairman
- Hon. Paciencia P. Milan**
President, Leyte State University

..... Vice Chairman
- Hon. Juan L. Flavier**
Represented by Regent Rodolfo T. Lloren
Chairman, Senate Committee on Education, Arts & Culture
Senate of the Philippines

..... Member
- Hon. Harlin Cast. Abayon**
Represented by Regent Rolet M. Palacio
Chairman, House Committee on Higher and Technical Education
House of Representatives

..... Member
- Regent Leo P. Cañeda**
Regional Executive Director
Department of Agriculture Regional Office VIII

..... Member
- Regent Buenaventura C. Go-Soco Jr.**
Regional Executive Director
NEDA Regional Office VIII

..... Member
- Regent Guindolino R. Gerona**
President, ViSCA Alumni Association

..... Member
- Hon. Rolando Pabio**
Student Representative and
Vice-President, University Supreme Student Council

..... Member
- Regent Buenaventura B. Dargantes**
Represented by Hon. Rolando H. Arpilleda
President, LSU Faculty Association

..... Member
- Regent Jose V. Mazo**
Private Sector Representative

..... Member
- Regent Rebecca V. Barbusa**
Private Sector Representative

..... Member
- Prof. Daniel M. Tudtud, Jr.**
Board Secretary

..... Board Secretary

I. ROLL CALL

The Chairman of the LSU Board of Regents, Dr. Carlito S. Puno requested Prof. Daniel M. Tudtud, Jr., the Board Secretary, to make a roll call of members of the LSU Board of Regents present in the meeting.

The Board Secretary informed the Honorable Chairman that there are two new members in the Board: (1) Dr. Rolando H. Arpilleda, Vice President of the LSU Faculty Association, on account of the foreign travel of the Faculty President until the end of June 2004; and (2) Mr. Rolando Pabio, Vice-President of the Federated University Supreme Student Council (USSC), after the USSC President graduated last April 2004.

The Board Secretary then called the roll of members. One member, Mr. Rodolfo T. Lloren, the official representative of Sen, Juan Flavier to the LSU Board of Regents was not yet in the LNU Conference Hall but was already on his way to the meeting. In the meantime, Atty. Rodolfo Quimbo, also a representative of Sen. Juan Flavier, indicated that he would temporarily take over his place. All the other members of the LSU Board of Regents were present for the 16th Board of Regents meeting.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Carlito S. Puno, Chairman of the Leyte State University (LSU) Board of Regents, declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

III. CHAIR'S PRIVILEGE

Chairman Carlito S. Puno informed the Board that the CHED had already firmed up the Faculty Exchange Program. This is for those faculty interested to go to China for up to two (2) semesters. The salary ranges from US\$400.00 to US\$800.00 with free lodging and air transport *ex* Manila. Chairman Puno then gave the required forms to President Milan for consideration.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Puno directed the members of the Board to look at the Agenda for this Special Board of Regents meeting and inquired if there were any other items that need to be calendared.

A. *Calendar of Business*

1. New Business

- a) Proposed Budget for CY 2005
- b) Proposal of the LSU Laboratory High School
- c) Appointment of Dr. Rodolfo G. Escalada as *Professor Emeritus*
- d) Sabbatical leave application of Dr. Andresito D. Acabal

2. Other Matters

- a) Notice of Disallowance
- b) Palaña Case

Chairman Puno requested for a motion to adopt the Agenda. Regent Rodolfo Quimbo moved for the adoption of the Agenda, as presented. Regent Rolet M. Palacio seconded the motion.

Hearing no objections from the floor, the Chairman declared the Agenda, adopted.

V. CALENDAR OF BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Budget for CY 2005

President Paciencia P. Milan requested all the members of the Board to look at the Summary of the Budget proposal. The Budget presented for approval incorporates with it a 21% increase for Personnel Services; 19.2% increase in MOOE; and 29.9% increase in Capital Outlay. These are based on the prescriptions of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) in the preparation of budgets.

Regent Rodolfo T. Lloren inquired whether the proposed PS appropriation already included gratuity and terminal leave benefits.

President Milan replied that these have already been included in the proposed budget.

Chairman Puno commented that usually, the DBM calls for a budget forum sometime in February. However, this year no budget call has yet been made but it is expected that the DBM will be calling one very soon. Chairman Puno emphasized that inasmuch as there are 27 SUCs under him, it is necessary that the LSU Board approve one for the University at this time.

Chairman Puno asked if there were any objections to the proposed Budget for CY 2005. Hearing none, called for a motion to accept the budget for CY 2005.

Regent Rodolfo Quimbo moved for the acceptance of the proposed LSU Budget for CY 2005, as presented. Regent Rolet M. Palacio seconded the motion. The Board passed

Board Resolution No. 37, s. 2004

Accepting the Budget of the Leyte State University (LSU), Visca, Baybay, Leyte for CY 2005, as proposed.

Chairman Carlio S. Puno then proceeded to ask for a motion to have the newly accepted budget approved and endorsed to the DBM Regional Office VIII and CHED VIII.

Regent Rodolfo Quimbo moved for the approval and endorsement of the proposed LSU Budget for CY 2005 to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), as presented. Regent Rolet M. Palacio seconded the motion. The Board passed

Board Resolution No. 38, s. 2004

Approving and endorsing the budget of the Leyte State University (LSU) Visca, Baybay, Leyte for CY 2005 to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), as presented.

2. Proposal of the LSU Laboratory High School

President Paciencia P. Milan informed the Board that the Laboratory High School would like to request for the opening of a third section for freshmen students. At present, the University has accepted only about 100 incoming freshmen students. Under the proposal, a third section needs to be opened since the sections will be down-sized to not more than 43 students per section.

Furthermore, the parents of prospective high school freshmen have made representations with the high school faculty in this regard. The parents have also expressed willingness to pay extra in order to ensure that their children will be provided with quality secondary education.

Regent Quimbo inquired from President Milan how much it would cost the University to open up a new section. Regent Quimbo commented that the University might end up subsidizing the new section.

President Milan replied that she was not sure how much it would really cost the University, in the long run. However, it is proposed that all incoming high school freshmen will be levied an additional fee amounting to P700.00. This additional amount will be used for the salary of a new teacher.

After a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of opening up a third section of high school freshmen, the Board was able to establish that a breakeven point will be reached with an additional payment of P1,000.00. The Board took into consideration the fact that the parents of new freshmen were agreeable to the payment of an additional amount per year.

In this regard, the Board decided that an additional annual fee of P1,000.00 be assessed all new freshmen students. This will be paid in installment. Henceforth, this amount will be paid annually beginning with this batch of freshmen students until they graduate. Furthermore, all future batches of freshmen high school students will likewise be assessed this amount.

Regent Rodolfo Quimbo moved for the approval of the proposal, as modified. Regent Jose V. Mazo seconded the motion. The Board passed

Board Resolution No. 39, s. 2004

Approving the opening of an additional section for First Year in the LSU Laboratory High School, *Provided That*, all incoming high school freshmen students as well as all future students of the LSU Laboratory High School will be assessed an additional fee of P1,000.00 per annum, payable monthly.

3. Appointment of Dr. Rodolfo G. Escalada as *Professor Emeritus*

President Paciencia P. Milan informed the Board that the University Academic Personnel Board has carefully gone over the papers of Dr. Escalada following the approved guidelines and has met the criteria set therein.

Chairman Carlito S. Puno inquired if there were any questions or objections. Hearing none, Chairman Puno requested for a motion to approve the proposal.

Regent Rodolfo Quimbo moved for the approval of the appointment of Dr. Rodolfo G. Escalada to the honorary position of *Professor Emeritus*, as presented. Regent Leo P. Cañeda seconded the motion. The Board passed

Board Resolution No. 40, s. 2004

Approving the appointment of Dr. Rodolfo G. Escalada to the honorary position of *Professor Emeritus* effective upon Board approval.

4. Sabbatical Leave Application of Dr. Andresito D. Acabal

President Paciencia P. Milan informed the Board that the University Academic Personnel Board following the approved guidelines and has endorsed the sabbatical leave application of Dr. Acabal from June 1, 2004 until May 30, 2005. During Dr. Acabal's sabbatical leave, he is expected to prepare lecture manuals for Chem. 21 as well as prepare lecture slide presentations for Chem. 11 and Chem. 21.

Chairman Carlito S. Puno inquired if there were any questions or objections. Hearing none, Chairman Puno requested for a motion to approve the sabbatical leave application of Dr. Acabal.

Regent Rodolfo Quimbo moved for the approval of the Sabbatical Leave application of Dr. Andresito D. Acabal from June 1, 2004 until May 30, 2005, as presented. Regent Leo P. Cañeda seconded the motion. The Board passed

Board Resolution No. 41, s. 2004

Approving the Sabbatical Leave application of Dr. Andresito D. Acabal from June 1, 2004 until May 30, 2005, Provided That, he will present the following outputs upon reinstatement: (1) lecture manuals for Chem. 21; and (2) lecture slide presentations for Chem. 11 and Chem. 21.

B. OTHER MATTERS

1. Notice of Disallowance

President Paciencia P. Milan informed the body that the Commission on Audit has issued a Notice of Disallowance for the additional 'honorarium' given to the members of the Board of Regents. The Administration is preparing a comprehensive response to this COA finding. In the meantime that COA has interposed objection to the additional honorarium and until the COA has resolved the matter, all

members of the Board will be given the GAA approved honorarium of P2,000.00 per meeting. A differential will be given after this is resolved.

2. Civil Case Filed by Dr. Celedonia De Asis Palaña against Dr. Paciencia P. Milan, Dr. Corazon B. Batoy and Prof. Daniel M. Tudit, Jr. for Usurpation of Powers and Grave Abuse of Discretion

President Paciencia P. Milan informed the Board that Dr. Celedonia A. Palaña has filed a civil case against the LSU President, the Board Secretary and the OIC of the LSU-Tolosa Campus, on account of being replaced as head of the LSU-Tolosa Campus. Dr. Palaña is still actively contesting the headship of the Tolosa campus on account of the fact that the Civil Service Commission Central Office has not yet acted on her request for a change of records, particularly her date of birth. She is contending that her replacement as head of the LSU-Tolosa Campus was arbitrary and contrary to law, thus, she filed a civil case. President Milan requested the Board Secretary to make further explanation about the case.

Prof. Daniel M. Tudit, Jr. informed the Board that the respondents of the civil case would like to request for Board intercession in order that they will be able to use the University's Legal Counsel as their *abogado de officio*. The reason for this request is that the civil case filed by Dr. Palaña against the respondents is on their personal capacities not their official capacities. This being the case, respondents may be barred from using the University's Legal Counsel in their defense once the hearing starts. Quite clearly, the respondents based their actions for and on behalf of the University.

Regent Buenaventura C. Go-Soco, Jr. opined that there is probably no need to pass a Board Resolution for the reason that the University's Legal Counsel may have already been authorized by the Office of the Solicitor General.

Regent Go-Soco instead, suggested that "the Board authorize the University President to undertake appropriate actions that will consider the case against them as case against their acts done in their official capacity pursuant to a Board Resolution." Thus, "the Board takes cognizance that the case filed against the respondents is on their official capacity, and therefore the University's Legal Counsel should handle the case."

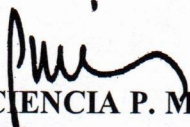
The members of the LSU Board of Regents were unanimous in their approval of the suggestion made by Regent Go-Soco.

IX. ADJOURNMENT


After all items were discussed, Chairman Carlito S. Puno requested for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Regent Jose V. Mazo moved for the adjournment of the meeting. Regent Rebecca V. Barbusa seconded the motion.

The 16th Board of Regents (BOR) Meeting of the Leyte State University was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Attested:


PACIENCIA P. MILAN
President

Certified True and Correct


DANIEL M. TUDTUD, JR.
Board Secretary