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Regent Ernesto G. Tabujara 03
Regent Emerlinda R. Roman, Faculty Regent 04
Regent Dennis L. Cunanan, Student Regent 05
Dr. Ledivina V. Cariño, Member-Secretary 06

Board action: Approval of the creation 09
and constitution of the Committee 10
as recommended by the President. 11

B. 1084th meeting on 23 February 1995 14

1. March 5, 1995 letter of Michelle Erika Chanco 16
Ludan to the Chairman of the Board of Regents, 17
requesting him to present her case to the Board, 18
"so that I may be allowed to graduate with honors 19
this coming April 1995." (Please see document 20
filed at the OSU Records.) 21

Note: At its 1084th meeting on 23 February 1995, 23
the Board denied the second appeal of 24
Michelle Erika Chanco Ludan's parents 25
regarding the penalty of expulsion imposed 26
on her by the Board at its 1076th meeting on 27
29 April 1994 by reason of her involvement 28
in a vehicular accident on 25 February 1992, 29
which resulted in the death of Franklyn 30
Fernando, a UPIS student. 31

Board action: Denial. The Board 34
sustained its previous decision at 35
its 1084th meeting. 36

V. POLICY MATTERS FOR APPROVAL BY THE BOARD 39

The following matters were submitted for APPROVAL by 41
the Board, its action being indicated at the end of each 42
item: 43

A. Resolution Establishing U.P. in Mindanao 45

(Please see Appendix A for the Resolution, 47
incorporating the corrections listed below.) 49

- Board action: Adoption of the 01
Resolution, with the following 02
modifications - 03
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1. Section 3, as suggested by the 05
President, should be reworded as 06
follows: 07
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- Section 3. "The main campus 09
of UP in Mindanao shall be sited in 10
Bago Oshiro Plantation, Land Title 11
No. TCT-1910-(061), in Davao City, 12
in an area not exceeding four 13
hundred hectares to be set aside by 14
proclamation of the President of 15
the Philippines, as provided by 16
Rep. Act No. 7889. In addition, 17
UP in Mindanao may acquire and/or 18
lease a suitable site and 19
facilities in Davao City proper to 20
accommodate academic programs 21
requiring easier accessibility to 22
students such as graduate 23
management programs, distance 24
learning tutorials and short-term 25
non-degree courses." 26
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2. The following should be inserted as 28
the fourth "WHEREAS" as suggested 29
by Regent Alfonso: 30
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- "WHEREAS, U.P. Alumni 32
Association Chapters in Mindanao 33
have long and perseveringly aspired 34
for and articulated the accrual of 35
benefits to the nation as well as 36
to Mindanao and its residents from 37
their recurrent proposal to 38
establish the University of the 39
Philippines in the country's second 40
largest island;" 41
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3. The second paragraph in Section 6 43
should be reworded as follows 44
(bracketted portions to be 45
deleted): 46
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- "Until the UP in Mindanao is 49
established as a full-fledged 50

university, its academic divisions 01
may adopt programs and use courses 02
already offered by the established 03
autonomous universities; Provided 04
that new academic programs or 05
courses to be initiated by the UP 06
in Mindanao shall be submitted to 07
the department or college already 08
specializing in those programs or 09
courses in the established 10
autonomous universities for its 11
comments, assessments and 12
recommendations; Provided, further, 13
that such programs or courses shall 14
be finally reviewed by the 15
President's Advisory Council [or, 16
when in place and finally 17
operational, by the System 18
University Council].” 19
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B. Institution of the following programs at U.P. Los 22
Baños: 23

✓ 1. Master of Arts in Communication Arts 24
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^ The degree requires the completion of at 26
least 30 units of graduate courses, and a thesis 27
in either Speech Communication or Writing. 28
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^ 2. Master in Communication Arts 30
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^ The degree requires the completion of at 32
least 36 units of graduate courses and passing a 33
written comprehensive examination. 34
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Rationale (for B, 1 & 2) 36
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In this Age of Information, there is a 38
tremendous amount of data from diverse fields of 39
knowledge that need to be carefully sifted, 40
judiciously managed, and effectively communicated 41
for the individual and social good. To accomplish 42
this, what are needed today are communicators with 43
a strong generalist orientation balanced with 44
advanced training in the various forms and styles 45
of oral and written communication. 46
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In any organization, speaking and writing 48
remain the basic modes of communication, whether 49
it be for gathering and transmitting information, 50
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**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES IN MINDANAO**

WHEREAS, the mandate of the University of the Philippines to provide “advanced instruction in literature, philosophy, the sciences and arts, and to give professional and technical training” as provided by the University Charter, Act No. 1870, as amended, is intended to give access to the population of the entire country who seek quality higher education;

WHEREAS, in the spirit of providing greater access to such quality higher education, the University of the Philippines has set up ten campuses in different parts of the country, of which five are located in Luzon, and five are in the Visayas;

WHEREAS, developments in the past concerning Mindanao, which accounts for a sizeable proportion of the Filipino population and of Philippine economic production, have led to a situation where the area has been generally underserved by the University in terms of student enrollment and as a focus of its research and extension programs;

WHEREAS, the University of the Philippines, as part of its vision and mission as the national university of the country, desires to maintain a strong presence in Mindanao to serve its people equitably and to share in its growth and development as a key player in the Philippines and Asia;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7889, enacted on February 20, 1995, also known as the “University of the Philippines in Mindanao Act,” authorizes the Board of Regents to carry out the establishment of an autonomous campus of the University of the Philippines in Mindanao”;

WHEREAS, as provided by Rep. Act No. 7889, the academic program of UP in Mindanao shall put an emphasis on science, technology and agriculture education, and in line with the rationale of that provision, the Board of Regents further desires that the academic program focus on such subjects as would be needed by and be relevant to the processes of building the Filipino nation, industrialization, and social development now going on in Mindanao;

WHEREAS, the University of the Philippines is a University System composed of mutually supporting units which can nurture the growth and development of a new autonomous campus such as the UP in Mindanao;

WHEREAS, the University desires to ensure that the academic excellence for which it consistently strives is also strongly pursued by the UP in Mindanao;

THEREFORE, the Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in it by Act No. 1870, as amended, otherwise known as the

University Charter, and by Presidential Decree No. 58, dated November 20, 1972, hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The University of the Philippines in Mindanao (UP in Mindanao) is hereby established as an autonomous campus of the University of the Philippines System.

Section 2. As a constituent unit of the University of the Philippines System, UP in Mindanao shall adhere to the highest standards of academic excellence, guarantee academic freedom, and encourage social responsibility and nationalistic commitment among its faculty, staff and students.

Section 3. The UP in Mindanao shall be sited in the Bago Oshiro Plantation, Land Title No. TCT-1910-(061), in Davao City, in an area not exceeding four hundred hectares to be set aside by proclamation of the President of the Philippines, as provided by Rep. Act No. 7889. Until such time as the area is proclaimed and the physical plant is prepared and ready for the instruction, research and extension programs of the UP in Mindanao, the President of the University of the Philippines is hereby authorized to seek out and negotiate for a suitable building or buildings in Davao City that will house the administrative offices and programs of the UP in Mindanao.

Section 4. The UP in Mindanao is intended to be an autonomous university of the UP System. However, it shall initially have the status of a College and shall be headed by a Dean who shall report directly to the President of the University of the Philippines System. The Dean shall lay the groundwork for the creation of a full-fledged autonomous university with at least three academic degree-granting units within a five-to-ten-year period. Such units shall be strongly grounded in basic and applied research and must have a core faculty with track records in publications and creative works.

Section 5. The UP in Mindanao shall immediately attend to the upgrading of science, technology and agricultural education in the region; the training and education of the region's management and leadership in agribusiness, regional and local government, and education; and the development of programs on Mindanao and East ASEAN culture, geo-politics, economy and the environment. These shall be manifested in teaching, research and extension programs of the University.

Section 6. There is hereby created a UP in Mindanao Council to be composed of all its faculty members with the rank of Assistant Professor or higher. It shall have the structure, functions and powers of a University Council of an autonomous university.

Until the UP in Mindanao is established as a full-fledged university, its academic divisions may adopt programs and use courses already offered by the established autonomous universities; Provided that new academic programs or courses to be initiated by the UP in Mindanao shall be submitted to the department or college already specializing in those programs or courses in the established autonomous universities for its comments, assessments and recommendations; Provided, further, that such programs

courses shall be finally reviewed by the President's Advisory Council or, when in place and finally operational, by the System University Council.

Section 7. To enable faculty members based in Mindanao to maintain their disciplinary identification, to be properly recognized in the discipline to which they belong and to keep abreast of developments in their respective fields of specialization, a system of joint appointments in UP in Mindanao and the academic department or college in UP Diliman, UP Los Banos, UP Manila and UP Visayas in which they have their disciplinary specialization shall be created and developed; Provided, that the terms and conditions, including the duration, of such joint appointments shall be mutually agreed upon by the faculty members and departments or colleges concerned. A system of incentives to attract the most qualified faculty to serve in the UP in Mindanao shall be established.

Section 8. The UP in Mindanao shall provide a special scholarship program and other affirmative action programs to help poor but deserving Muslims and other members of cultural communities qualify for admission to the University. No student shall be denied admission to the UP in Mindanao by reason of sex, religion, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin.

Section 9. The UP System rules for admission shall apply for entrance to the UP in Mindanao.

Section 10. The UP in Mindanao shall network and collaborate with other state and private colleges and universities in such areas as will contribute to the development of Mindanao.

Section 11. As provided in Rep. Act No. 7889, the amount of twenty million pesos (P20,000,000) has been appropriated from the income of the duty-free shops as the special operating expenses of the UP in Mindanao. To augment such funds, the President of the University is hereby authorized to utilize unprogrammed funds for the start-up expenses of UP in Mindanao.

Section 12. The President of the University shall submit a progress report on UP in Mindanao to the Board of Regents pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of Rep. Act No. 7889 as well as the provisions of this Resolution on or before the meeting of the Board in July 1995, for its review which report shall in turn be submitted to the President of the Philippines, the Congress and the Commission on Higher Education, consistent with the provision of the law requiring such action six (6) months after the effectivity of the Act, or on August 20, 1995; Provided, that a special report on the status of UP in Mindanao shall be rendered to the Board in March 1996, on the occasion of its first anniversary, and every year thereafter until it becomes a full-fledged autonomous university.

Section 13. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Appendix A

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES IN MINDANAO

(Revised version of Section 3)

Section 3. The main campus of UP in Mindanao shall be sited in Bago Oshiro Plantation, Land Title No. TCT-1910-(061), in Davao City, in an area not exceeding four hundred hectares to be set aside by proclamation of the President of the Philippines, as provided by Rep. Act No. 7889. In addition, UP in Mindanao may acquire and/or lease a suitable site and facilities in Davao City proper to accommodate academic programs requiring easier accessibility to students such as graduate management programs, distance learning tutorials and short-term non-degree courses.