

8. Regent Gonzalez-Montinola found the name “i-UPTV” too long. A shorter acronym could be better. Dr. Alfonso agreed and said that she will work on that.
9. Student Regent Pangalangan shared that students are concerned about access to certain academic materials. Some reading materials would cost them around Php 300-500 while in UPOU the materials are free since these are in soft copies. He hoped that the i-UPTV materials could likewise be accessed for free. Dr. Alfonso confirmed that the materials produced for this project would be free and accessible for everyone. She added that her team would make sure that those who are involved in the production would be willing to share their materials.
10. Staff Regent Mejia proposed that UP should provide items for the staff members of the i-UPTV.
11. Chair Licuanan said that while the project received a lot of support and interest from the Board, there are some refinements needed based on the comments. She also suggested that Dr. Alfonso provide more details on the budget, such as, sources of funds, what is needed from the University, and specific plans to generate revenues. When all these have been settled, Dr Alfonso will come back to the Board for the final approval of the i-UPTV.

**Board Action: APPROVED the concept in principle subject to refinements of some items, such as, sources of funds, counterpart funding from UP, and other operational details.**

**B. Proposed Restructuring of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (OVCAA), UP Diliman**

The OVCAA of UP Diliman is currently composed of the following five (5) sub-offices:

1. Office of the University Registrar (OUR)
2. Office of the Director of Instruction (ODI)
3. University Library (UL)
4. Diliman Interactive Learning Center (DILC)
5. Office of Extension Coordination (OEC)

With the proposed restructuring, the OVCAA group of offices will include eight (8)<sup>1</sup> offices, listed as follows with their respective "banner" goals:

1. Office of the University Registrar (OUR) Diliman "Quality Service"
2. Office of Instructional Development (OID) Diliman "Development"

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<sup>1</sup> The OEC is being transferred from the OVCAA to the Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Research and Development (formerly, Office of Research Coordination) in order to expand its activities relating to institutional extension projects and programs in parallel with institutional research and creative works, while some of the former OEC tasks are being reassigned to other offices within the OVCAA group as included in the present proposal, i.e. OIL and OID.

3. University Library (UL) Diliman "Modernization"
4. Interactive Learning Center (ILC) Diliman "Mainstreaming"
5. National Service Training Program (NSTP)<sup>2</sup> Diliman "Synergy"
6. Office of Field Activities (OFA) Diliman "Context"
7. General Education Center (GEC) Diliman "Convergence"
8. Office of International Linkages (OIL) Diliman "Engagement"

In particular, two (2) offices will be restructured:

1. Office of the University Registrar (OUR) Diliman
2. University Library (UL) Diliman

Three (3) offices will expand or redefine their functions:

1. Office of Instructional Development (OID) Diliman
2. Interactive Learning Center (ILC) Diliman
3. National Service Training Program (NSTP) Diliman

One (1) office will be elevated from being a section of the Office of Extension Coordination (OEC):

Office of International Linkages (OIL) Diliman

Two (2) offices will be created:

1. Office of Field Activities (OFA) Diliman
2. General Education Center (GEC) Diliman

The OVCAA group of offices looks forward to formally and officially carry out its missions under the proposed new structure. It is through this structure that the OVCAA sees itself best supporting the University of the Philippines in its role as the national university, and further advancing its status as a global university at par with the region and the world's premier learning institutions.

#### Highlights of the Discussion

1. UP Diliman Chancellor Michael Tan, together with Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Benito Pacheco and Prof. Carlene Pilar-Arceo from the Institute of Mathematics, presented to the Board the proposed restructuring of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs in UP Diliman. He said that the last comprehensive reorganization of the OVCAA was in 1983 during the time of President Edgardo Angara when he issued Executive Order No. 5. Different campuses then became constituent universities (CUs) and there was a number of various offices established under each CU.
2. Among the five (5) Offices of the Vice Chancellors in UP Diliman, the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (OVCAA) was the first to be reorganized since it is the biggest and the most vital office in UPD.

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<sup>2</sup> The NSTP is being realigned from the Office of the Chancellor/ Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs, to the OVCAA as it handles an academic requirement (service training) that is mandated by national law.

3. The review and evaluation process for the restructuring proposal began in 2014. Planning Workshops participated in by the Chancellor, the VCAA, the Directors/ Heads of OVCAA Offices, and key staff members were held. Tentative operational changes were gradually introduced and carefully tested, in coordination with other offices like the Office of the Chancellor (OC), the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Development (OVCRD) and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (OVCSA).
4. For two (2) years, a pretesting of the proposed offices under the OVCAA has been done involving Program Development Associates (PDAs) and non-UP contractual staff, with favorable outcomes. Chancellor Tan, however, observed that it seemed not right for someone like Dr. Grace Ramos of the Office of International Linkages (OIL) to represent the University as a PDA rather than as Head of the OIL.
5. The National Service Training Program (NSTP) is also being realigned and transferred from the Office of the Chancellor/ Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, to the OVCAA as it is an academic requirement (service training) that is mandated by national law.
6. The Office of Extension Coordination (OEC) is being transferred from the OVCAA to the Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Research and Development (OVCRD) in order to expand its activities relating to institutional extension projects and programs in parallel with institutional research and creative work, while some of the former OEC tasks are being reassigned to other offices within the OVCAA group, i.e. new OIL and Office of Instructional Development (OID).
7. Chancellor Tan explained each of the proposed eight (8) offices in terms of their respective banner goals.
8. President Pascual inquired why the term “instruction” is still being used instead of “teaching and learning” and “extension” instead of “public service”. He also asked why the Office of Instructional Development is separate from the Interactive Learning Center when the two may be fused together.
9. Vice Chancellor Pacheco said that more focus is still needed in the developmental aspects of interactive learning especially on both software and hardware technologies. Instructional Development is for the development of human resources while Interactive Learning is for the development of platforms for learning and teaching. However, Vice Chancellor Pacheco agreed with President Pascual that the traditional instruction and the interactive technology-based learning and teaching could well fuse together in the future.
10. Regent Senator Cayetano was glad that UP Diliman is now seeing the importance of international linkages. She supports the restructuring of the OVCAA into separate offices in order to have a more focused direction. On the plan to renovate the University Library, she said that there should be studies to show the needs of the students. It may not necessarily be the typical library but the need for a quiet space conducive for studying is important.

11. Regent Gonzalez-Montinola sought clarification on the purpose of the restructuring, and asked if the objective is it to allow the OVCAA to function better or to increase its scope. Vice Chancellor Pacheco explained that the only change was the increase in the number of offices, which would now be eight (8) offices delivering the goals of the three (3) banners: instruction, curriculum, and education technology.
12. Staff Regent Mejia has no problem with the restructuring per se but expressed concern that it might result in the reduction or transfer of administrative staff from one office to the other. Chancellor Tan assured him that there would be no displacement of administrative staff. But a few additional higher plantilla items will be requested for the University Extension Specialist, researchers, and administrative officers. But the Directors who will be appointed will still have to be faculty members on an additional assignment basis.
13. Regent Gonzalez-Montinola inquired if it is possible to have an Office of Community Service that will include the NSTP and other programs that may be encouraged by the University. Chancellor Tan explained that community service exists as NSTP and in the form of field activities but that is on a per semester basis. There is however an Office of Community Relations (OCR) under the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Community Affairs (OVCCA).
14. Regent Gonzalez-Montinola suggested to expand the NSTP Office to become an Office of Community Service by the students in order to broaden the community service programs of UP or to create structures that would allowing community service to happen. She said that whatever is required by law is important but equally important is to go beyond what is required and to inculcate community service in the University. Other universities abroad have an umbrella organization for community service and there are different organizations that feed in that organization like community service or social entrepreneurship.
15. Chancellor Tan said that he was uncomfortable making community service compulsory but what UPD does is to have a summit, together with the students, on what community service is.
16. Student Regent Pangalangan said that the students' concerns are usually coursed through the Office of Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (OVCSA) and programs for community participation are through the different student organizations.
17. Vice Chancellor Pacheco said that the OVCAA is in close coordination with the OVCSA in the execution of the NSTP. There is a plan to put up at Vinzons Hall an office for National Service Reserve Corps (NSRC) because students should continue to immerse in the organizations after they graduate from the required NSTP courses. He agreed that there should be an umbrella unit where extension coordination, community service, or public service could get together.
18. Faculty Regent Padilla liked the idea of a General Education (GE) Center. It might help increase the chances of UP Diliman to approve the proposed GE framework. Chancellor Tan said that the philosophy of the framework has no problem getting approved by the UP Diliman University Council (UPD-UC). The bone of contention is the number of units.

19. Vice Chancellor Pacheco clarified that the GE Center would serve as an administrative arm of UPD to implement the GE policy since it would still be the UC or the BOR that would be setting the framework or the direction of the GE Program.

**Board Action: APPROVED**

**C. Additional Designation of Atty. LIZA D. CORRO, Dean of UP Cebu, as Acting Chancellor, effective 31 March 2016 until 03 December 2018**

President Pascual recommended that the incumbent Dean of UP Cebu whose position is clothed with the functions of a Chancellor, be designated as Acting Chancellor in order to address a pressing legal need of UP Cebu, wherein the Office of the Chancellor plays an indispensable role in initiating actions in court as the person authorized by the Board of Regents (BOR) to protect the interest of the University.

Highlights of the Discussion

1. President Pascual explained that the idea of the designation is to clothe the Dean of UP Cebu with the Chancellor title so she will be properly recognized by the courts and the local authorities in Cebu as a Chancellor which has the authority to discharge the functions of the head of a constituent unit of the UP System. Current UP Cebu Dean Lisa Corro will remain as the Dean of UP Cebu, a college under the UP System.

**Board Action: APPROVED**

**D. Appointment of University Officials**

**UP Diliman**

Reappointment of **Prof. LEONARDO C. ROSETE** as Dean, College of Fine Arts, UP Diliman, effective 1 October 2015 until 30 September 2018

**UP Open University**

Appointment of **Prof. PRIMO G. GARCIA** as Dean, Faculty of Management and Development Studies (FMDS), UP Open University, effective 01 April 2016 until 31 March 2019

Appointment of **Prof. ALEXANDER G. FLOR** as Dean, Faculty of Information and Communication Studies (FICS), 01 April 2016 until 31 March 2019

**Board Action: APPROVED**