

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.