

I. MATTERS APPROVED BY THE BOARD (cont'd)

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B. ACADEMIC MATTERS (cont'd)

1. Proposed Guidelines for Academic Partnership Arrangements ... (cont'd)

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- a. In response to Regent Jimenez, Vice President Bautista said that UP is moving towards more strategic partnerships. She said that so far, many of the academic partnerships have been driven mostly by mutual interest of UP faculty with academics within their network.
- b. Regent Laurel fully endorsed the recommendation of Vice President Bautista. Accordingly, partnerships may be viewed as strategic alliances in favor of UP. He recommended the creation of a strategic planning group that will undertake the recommendations of Vice President Bautista.
- c. Regent Farolan fully supported the proposal made by Regent Laurel. However, he inquired about the role of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in ensuring that UP would also be encouraged to partner with other State Universities and Colleges. Vice President Bautista clarified that the proposed academic partnerships are not just with foreign universities but also with local universities.

2. Proposed revision of Item 6 of the Visiting Professor Guidelines on the Minimum Visit Duration in light of the situation of UP Open University

Board Action: APPROVED

- 2.1 Vice President Bautista explained that the existing BOR-approved guidelines for the UP Visiting Professor Program requires visiting professors to be physically present in the campus for at least three (3) weeks. Given the nature of the UP Open University, the UPOU is requesting that a minimum visit duration of its visiting professors be decreased to one (1) week for blended programs.
- 2.2 On a related matter, Chair Licuanan reminded both President Concepcion and Regent Escudero to look into Philippine laws regarding the possibility of hiring foreign professors as faculty members.

3. Request for Approval of Cycle 8 of the Emerging Interdisciplinary Research Program (EIDR) and Reprogrammed Funds of P24,280,062.17 for 2017 in support of the remaining EIDR Cycle 1-7 Projects as well as Batch 1 of the EIDR Cycle 8 Projects

Board Action: APPROVED