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UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

Date: June 7, 2024

USM AUDITORIUM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the University President and the University Academic Council Chair, Dr. Francisco Gil N. Garcia, at exactly 8:36 in the morning.

The activity began with a prayer by Dr. Pimentel and Dr. Murray, followed by a statement of the purpose of the meeting.

Dr. Pama moved to adopt the provisional agenda, which was seconded. The reading of the previous minutes of the meeting was then dispensed with.

Dr. Estilloso provided reminders, including the need to call the quorum of each college and certify that they are in quorum. Dr. Murray reiterated the importance of first determining the quorum of each college.

2. MATTERS FOR ENDORSEMENT BY THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL TO THE BOARD

Several agenda items were discussed during the Academic Council meeting:

1. Presentation of Candidates for Graduation for 2024
2. Presentation of Candidates for Graduation with Honors for 2024
3. Exclusion of Indexing as Requirement for Graduation
4. Inclusion of Integrity Statement in Instruction and RDE

Part I - Candidates for graduation

The academic units of the University presented their candidates for graduation for 2024. The presentation was conducted by the College Deans, Campus Chancellor, and ULS Principal, as shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Candidates for graduation for 2023-2024 per Academic Unit

ACADEMIC UNIT	Presenter	Total Number of Candidates for Graduation
Graduate School - Main	Dr. Leorence C. Tandog	63
Graduate School - KCC	Dr. Ronielyn F. Pinsoy	12
Veterinary Medicine	Dr. Elizabeth C. Molina	85
College of Engineering and Information Technology	Dr. Maricel G. Dayaday	293
College of Agriculture	Dr. Julius Jerome G. Ele	486
College of Arts and Social Sciences	Dr. Marcos F. Monderin	257
College of Business, Development Economics and Management	Dr. Irving T. Fajarito, Jr.	386
College of Education	Dr. Kautin S. Kulano	300
College of Human Ecology and Food Sciences	Dr. Urduja G. Nacar	249
College of Medicine and Allied Health Sciences	Dr. Dahlia S. Arancel	107
College of Science and Mathematics	Dr. Philip Lester P. Benjamin	97
College of Trades and Industries	Dr. Manuel J. Tayong	70

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ACADEMIC UNIT	Presenter	Total Number of Candidates for Graduation
Institute of Middle East and Asian Studies	Dr. Abdulnasser G. Makalugi	121
Institute of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation	Dr. Moreno B. Java, Jr.	104
USM-Kidapawan City Campus	Dr. Ronielyn F. Pinsoy	552
USM Buluan Campus	Dr. Geoffray R. Atok	-
USM PPALMA Cluster Campuses		234
USM-Senior High School	Dr. Marlon T. Salvador	103
TOTAL		**3, 519**

There were 3,519 candidates for graduation presented by the various Deans, the Campus Chancellor, and ULS Principal. Their requirements were certified as correct and complete by ARO Director, Dr. Nelia Du, and RDE Director, Dr. Lydia C. Pascual.

Various academic units presented their candidates for graduation. Dr. Leorence C. Tandog Dean of Graduate School (GS) reported 51 candidates, with 12 individuals having pending records and submission requirements. Dr. Maricel G. Dayaday of College of Engineering and Information Technology (CEIT) presented 293 graduating candidates, some of whom had missing permanent records. Dr. Marcos F. Monderin present for the College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS), out of 257 total candidates who completed academic requirements, none were endorsed due to various deficiencies, including missing hardbound copies for BAEL, ABPsych, and BSDC students. Dr. Irving T. Fajarito, Jr. of College of Business, Development, and Management (CBDEM) endorsed 386 graduating students, with 102 from Bachelor of Science in Development Management (BSDM) and 62 from BS Agribusiness (BS AgBus) having completed academic requirements.

Dr. Pama noted that the Board of Regents (BOR) meeting would take place the following week and suggested giving students with deficiencies at least 3 to 5 days to comply. Dr. Magulama then moved for the endorsement of 51 candidates for the Graduate School (GS), with 12 individuals without records/pending. This motion was seconded.

Dr. Kautin S. Kulano, Dean of the College of Education reported a total of 300 BSED students as candidates for graduation. It was noted that some students had "In Progress" (IP) grades for their thesis. Additionally, 14 BSE Science students were identified as having used e-signatures. One student was to be removed from the candidate list due to their name not having been formally read in the College Council. Dean Kulano provided an update, confirming that 299 students had completed their requirements, with one student's thesis still in progress. Dr. Sales raised a query regarding the endorsement of the remaining BSE students, prompting Dean Kulano to request a separate meeting to finalize decisions concerning the BSE-Science students.

Dr. Julius Jerome G. Ele, Dean of the College of Agriculture (CA) presented a situation regarding graduating students, specifically addressing those with "IP" (In Progress) grades and concerns about the timely submission of hardbound copies of academic work, which were noted as "on-going". The discussion briefly touched upon removing some individuals from a list. It was clarified that the nature of "collatilla" was not fully discussed, and only students with complete academic requirements but missing hardbound copies would be considered. The academic requirement for hardbound copies was affirmed.

There were graduating students presented with deficiencies from various units like CHEFS, CMAHS, CSM, CTI, IMEAS, ISPEAR, USM-Buluan Campus, USM-PPALMA Cluster Campuses, and ULS. These units presented their candidates with varying issues such as incomplete thesis defense, missing hardbound copies, address corrections, and other deficiencies, all subject to completion of requirements for endorsement.

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Part II - Honors Committee

Table 3 shows the candidates for graduation with honors for 2024. The Honors Committee reviewed candidates for graduation, identifying 572 Cum Laude and 53 Magna Cum Laude recipients, with Febrero, Julie Ann as the Class Valedictorian. A significant point of discussion involved a student from the previous year who was unable to graduate due to unmet requirements (form 137), leading to a question of their continued eligibility for honors. Similarly, Engr. Alucilja stating, who completed their degree in three years, was allowed to graduate but without honors, a decision confirmed by Dr. Estilloso. The basis for grievances regarding honors, as clarified by Dr. Castillos, was consistently meeting attendance requirements from the outset of the program. The committee also deliberated on including additional names with honors from ULS Academic Excellence, stressing the importance of spelling out middle names on lists and programs. A point of contention arose regarding whether these additional honors candidates had been approved by the college council and if a referendum was conducted, with Prof. Alcantara stating none occurred and Dr. Castillos emphasizing the need for a referendum's quorum before the Academic Council Meeting's adjournment.

Table 3. Candidates for graduation with honors

Campus	Summa Cum Laude	Magna Cum Laude	Cum Laude	With High Honors	With Honors	**Total**
All	0	53	572	0	0	**625**
ULS	0	0	0			
TOTAL						**625**

Part III - Curriculum Revision

A proposal was made to reduce the number of years for certain programs and to either eliminate or reduce institutional courses. The council also considered expanding course choices. Concerns were raised regarding consultation with CHED and the potential impact on accreditation. Discussion included accepting revised curricula and changes in program nomenclature, specifically for the BIndTech program, in accordance with CMO 18 S. 2023. This harmonized request is slated for the 1st semester of 2024-2025. A motion was put forth to endorse the DVM, BLIS, BSCrim, and BS Bio programs to the Board of Regents for approval, following confirmation of their curriculum reviews.

Part IV - Separation of COM from CMAHS

The Council addressed the proposed separation of the College of Medicine (COM) from the College of Medical and Allied Health Sciences (CMAHS), establishing them as distinct entities: the College of Health Sciences (CHS) and the College of Medicine (COM). Dr. Dollente presented information regarding the qualifications for the Dean of the College of Health Sciences, and Prof. Bretaña discussed the necessary faculty and administrative requirements for the separation. This separation and its related conditions were subsequently approved by the council.

3. OTHER MATTERS

The Exclusion of Indexing as a Requirement for Graduation was raised. Dr. Pama initiated the discussion, which led to a classification by Dr. Castillero as an administrative decision necessitating appropriate administrative action. The Inclusion of an Academic Integrity Statement in Instruction and RDE was thoroughly deliberated. Dr. Castillero presented the concept of incorporating a statement for students, particularly those taking the USMCEE. The discussion encompassed implications for group assignments, instances of non-compliance, and the statement's role in reinforcing existing academic codes. Concerns were voiced regarding the legal ramifications, the university-wide applicability, and the practical implementation across different student scenarios. The council endorsed the matter and

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recommended consultation with the legal office for further guidance on integrating the statement into proposals.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

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