

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

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4. Request for Authority to Purchase Three (3) ... (cont'd)

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- 4.4 Based on the explanations, Regent Pagdanganan moved for the approval of the request of UP Visayas for authority to purchase three service vehicles. Regent Tiongco and Regent Ramota seconded the motion. There being no objections, the same was approved.

Board Action: APPROVED

5. Request for Increase in the UPCAT Honoraria Rates for Test Personnel

- 5.1 Vice President Cubillan presented the proposals of the Office of Admissions, as follows: 1) Increase of UPCAT honoraria rates for test personnel; 2) Creation of four (4) additional designations of UPCAT test personnel; and 3) Request for delegation of authority to the President to approve future increases. He stated that, with the proposed 100% increase, the budget requirement for four sessions will now be about P19.6 Million per year, as compared to the previous budget of P9.8 Million for 2,422 UPCAT test personnel. Further, the additional four (4) designations, namely, Health Protocol Officer, Local Health Coordinators, IT Supervisor, and Travel and Finance Officer will require an additional annual budget of P967,760.00 for a projected total honorarium cost of P20,817,600.00 per year which will be sourced from UPCA 2022 and UPCAT Trust Fund.

- 5.2 Regent Pagdanganan inquired about the basis for the 100% increase in honoraria rates, to which Vice President Cubillan replied that it was influenced by the increases in the basic salaries over the last four years due to Salary Standardization Law V and the weekend overtime rates. (Saturday and Sunday).



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5.3 As requested by President Jimenez, Director De Los Reyes gave an update on the 2024 UPCAT preparations. He reported that they received a total of 104,000 online applications, which may still increase due to walk-in applicants. He also mentioned that there are additional test centers this year located in Dinagat Island, Siargao, Basilan, Sulu, Antipolo and three (3) additional test centers in NCR located at the Philippine Science High School Main Campus, UP Bonifacio Global City, and Southville International School. He further reported that coordination meetings with the Metro Manila Development Authority, UP Diliman Police, and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Community Affairs have all been made for the upcoming 2024 UPCAT examinations on 02-03 June 2023.

5.4 Regent Severino inquired if the information on walk-in applications even during the day of the examination has been disseminated and communicated to the general public. Director De Los Reyes responded that they made announcements through the Regional Test Centers, school officials, and radio stations in different localities.

5.5 President Jimenez inquired about the administration of UPCAT overseas, as well as the health issues encountered during examinations. Director De Los Reyes explained that for UPCAT 2024, there was no request for UP to conduct the UPCAT outside the country. He was informed, however, that students from Saudi Arabia will personally return to the country for the UPCAT. He added that there will be no special UPCAT exams for those who cannot take them on the scheduled dates. He added that the Office of Admissions also has standard operating procedures on handling health issues and concerns. Regent Pagdanganan pledged the support of the Cardinal Santos Medical Center in addressing health issues during the 2024 UPCAT.

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5.6 On the request for the delegation of authority to approve future increases in UPCAT honoraria rates, Secretary Lara explained that prior to the administration of former President Concepcion, the increases were being approved only by the UP President. But during the Concepcion administration, the last increase in 2018 was submitted to the Board for approval. Therefore, to settle the vagueness in the approval authority, a delegation of authority to the UP President is now being requested.

5.7 After further discussions, Regent Ramota moved for the approval of the three items on the proposal. Regents Tiongco and Belegal seconded the motion and there being no objections, the three proposals were approved.

Board Action: APPROVED. The Board delegated to the President the authority to approve future increases thereof.

6. Memorandum of Agreement on Mutual Revocation of the Deed of Donation between Cebu Province and UP Cebu Busay Property

6.1 Chancellor Malagar gave a brief background of the Deed of Donation with the Province of Cebu where a 20,000 square-meter property in Barangay Busay in Cebu City was donated to UP Cebu. He explained that the donated property is supposed to be the exclusive relocation site for the informal settlers occupying UP Cebu's properties in Sitio Avocado of Lahug Cebu City. However, none of the informal settlers were relocated to the donated site due to inaccessibility and lack of facilities.

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