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CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER

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Subject : POLICY ON THE OFFERING OF FILIPINO SUBJECTS IN ALL HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS AS PART OF THE NEW GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM PER CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 20, SERIES OF 2013

In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994", and by virtue of Commission en banc Resolution No. R-002-2017 dated June 16, 2017, the following policy is hereby adopted and promulgated by the Commission on the offering of Filipino subjects in all higher education programs as part of the New General Education Curriculum per CHED Memorandum Order No. 20, series of 2013 which shall be implemented effective Academic Year 2018-2019.

Background

This policy is being issued in compliance with the Supreme Court en banc Resolution dated April 21, 2015 in the case entitled "*Dr. Bienvenido Lumbera, et. al., vs. President Benigno Aquino III, et. al.*" G.R. No. 217451, which issued a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) enjoining the Commission on Higher Education from implementing and enforcing the provision of CMO No. 20, series of 2013, insofar as it excluded from the curriculum for college Filipino and Panitikan as core courses. The said Supreme Court en banc Resolution specifically states the following:

"NOW THEREFORE, effective immediately and continuing until further orders from this Court, You, respondents, your agents, representatives, or persons acting in your place or stead, are hereby **ENJOINED** from implementing and enforcing the provision of Commission on Higher Education Memorandum Order No. 20, series of 2013, insofar as it excluded from the curriculum for college Filipino and Panitikan as core courses".

The Policy

In view of the said TRO of the Supreme Court, all are enjoined to take due note of, and continue implementing the following provision of CMO No. 04, s. 1997, entitled "Guidelines for Implementation of CHED Memorandum Order No. 59, s. 1996, "New General Education Curriculum (GEC)" in reference to the inclusion of Filipino and Panitikan as core courses until further notice by the High Tribunal:

CMO No. 59 s. 1996

x x x

"Filipino --- 9 units"

x x x

The above refers to the minimum requirement for GEC-A for fields of study related to Humanities, Social Sciences and Communication.

CMO No. 4 s. 1997

“Students majoring in fields other than the Humanities, Social Sciences and Communication need not follow GEC-A but instead may follow another set of minimum requirements known as GEC-B which consists of the following:

- a. x x x
Filipino – 6 units”
x x x

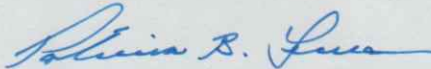
All concerned are hereby enjoined to comply and implement the above requirement of CMO No. 59, s. 1996 and CMO No. 4, s. 1997 provisions during the pendency of the Supreme Court TRO. Failure to comply may be construed as a direct or indirect violation of the TRO with possible sanctions by the Supreme Court.

Furthermore, the higher education institutions (HEIs) in the exercise of academic freedom in its curricular offerings, shall have the flexibility to determine the appropriate terms (semester/trimester/quarter) where the above-mentioned Filipino courses shall be offered.

For strict compliance of all HEIs and concerned officials.

Issued this 16th of June 2017, at the HEDC Building, C.P. Garcia Avenue, UP Diliman Campus, Quezon City.

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