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## **OFFICE OF THE STUDENT REGENT**

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**MEMO NO. 2012-011**

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**DATE:** 16 June 2012

**TO:** All Student Councils

**SUBJECT:** June-August Campaigns and Activities  
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### **CAMPAIGNS**

#### **STFAP Review**

The OSR is in the process of completing the Phase II (Freshman Perception Survey) of the STFAP review and expecting to submit the results of the second phase at the July 26 BOR meeting. Phase III which focuses on qualitative analyses of the system will use focus group discussions of STFAP applicants per campus which will start on August. Phase IV, a case study of extreme cases, will start by September and the last phase (V), summing up and formulation of policy recommendation, will be presented before the end of the year. The OSR is requesting for technical and logistical support to complete the comprehensive study as well as an endorsement of the results upon completion. Student councils are also encouraged to conduct their own studies to support our review.

#### **Joint Monitoring Group**

The OSR will carry out the GASC resolution adopted 22 May at UP Los Banos demanding the reconvening of JMG which delineates the authority of the Department of National Defense (DND) and the UP administration over UP campuses and students specifically (1) disallowing establishment of military and police detachments inside campuses, (2) banning operations and deployment of military, police or CAFGU forces in campuses, and (3) requiring proper notification in case of arrest, detention or custodial investigation of any UP student, faculty or personnel. The OSR seeks to safeguard members of the UP community in light of the recent cases of military harassment, human rights violation and campus militarization. The OSR is in the process of documenting recent cases of human rights violations of UP students as well as cases of intervention or presence of military or police elements across all UP units. Along with the documentation, the proposal to reconvene the JMG will be submitted at the July 26 BOR meeting.

#### **Deposit Fee**

As a background, all freshmen entering UP are charged the Php 100 deposit fee to compensate for damages to school property such as laboratory equipments or facilities. However, the present practice in various UP campuses is to charge students separately or to demand replenishment making the deposit fee exorbitant. So in light of the unused and underutilized deposit fee of students and the current state of funds available for student councils as well as the minimal financial support that student institutions get from the administration, the OSR will continue to forward the proposal to stop future collection of deposit fee to freshmen and allocate the funds which have been collected since time immemorial for student activities and services. The OSR is in the process of gathering the administration's accounting of the

funds as well as drafting the guidelines for utilization. This proposal is set to be presented at the July 26 BOR meeting along with endorsement from the students.

### **Lab Fees/Operational Fees**

In light of the worsening economic crisis resulting to less income for most of the Filipino families, the OSR is conducting a comprehensive and systematic study of all the fees charged to the students inside the university be it laboratory fees for different courses, operational fees such as the *saksak* fee or those charged for request of documents like transcript of records and true copy of grades. We hope to produce a primer of all the fees, a complete review identifying justified and unjustified fees and a policy recommendation to remove identified unjustified fees. The OSR is requesting that student councils submit a list of all the fees in their respective units as well as their inputs on this list of fees to initially start the study.

### **Budget Campaign**

The OSR is determined to continue, innovate and heighten its leadership role in the budget campaign of UP and for the whole education sector. This year's budget campaign seeks to involve more students and student formations, get wider and larger public support and gain tactical victories in the campaign process such as insertions and release of unreleased funds. Because it has been the long standing policy of the past and present governments to cut subsidy allocated to UP and to the entire education sector, we are preparing for intensified protest mobilizations coupled with lobbying from the UP administration. More than support, the OSR is expecting leadership and involvement among student councils in this year's campaign against budget cut and for higher state subsidy.

### **ACTIVITIES**

21 June- GASC adopted the UP Systemwide Day of Action for Higher State Subsidy (protest action at Department of Budget and Management (DBM) in Manila for UPD, UPLB, UPM and at the different regional DBM offices for regional units)

26 June- 5th Anniversary of Abduction of Karen Empeno and Sherlyn Cadan/ (conduct an activity in front of the nearest military camp to your campus)

2-14 July- UP Summit per campus discussing the situation of UP, education sector as well as the other concerns of the youth. It will also serve as a venue for collating student concerns per campus.

Schedule of UP Summit per campus:

- 2 July- UP Baguio
- 4 July- UP Manila
- 5 July- UP Diliman
- 7 July- UP Visayas
- 9 July- UP Mindanao

- 10 July- UPV Tacloban
- 12 July- UP Los Banos
- 14 July- UP Cebu

19 July- UP Systemwide Day of Action Against 3rd Year of Budget Cuts (Walkout)

23 July- Aquino's State of the Nation Address

24 July- UP Systemwide SONA Assessment (conduct an assessment per UP unit focusing on the student's take on Aquino's SONA)

26 July- BOR Meeting

10,11 August- Mindanao wide Students' Congress (Davao)

17, 18 August- Visayas wide Students' Congress (Cebu)

24, 25 August- Luzon wide Students' Congress (Baguio)

### **OTHERS**

#### **Campus Liaisons/OSR Satellite Teams**

The OSR is requesting for a (1) Communications Liaison who will be in charge of ensuring that all reports/memo/communication of the OSR is received by the SC and that all concerns of the SC is

received by the OSR, and a (2) Policy Liaison who will be in charge of coordinating the different policies being formulated/reviewed by the OSR to the concerned unit. We are requesting that names be forwarded to the OSR before 20 June (consensus of all SCs in the unit). A Head Liaison will be assigned for every unit to coordinate the team to and from the OSR.

**Communication**

The OSR can be reached thru the Student Regent's mobile number (09277334302), email (clevekevinrobertarguelles@gmail.com) or office landline (9818500 loc 4511). Communications from the OSR will be mainly channelled thru the Chairpersons of the student councils and the GASC 2012-2013 Facebook groups. From time to time, Mariel Quiogue (09178670120), OSR Secretary, will also coordinate in behalf of the office.

We are expecting maximum involvement as well as cooperation from the student councils. We are hoping for a very successful term for all of us in the service of our constituents.

Thank you.

In the Service of the Students and the Filipino People,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'arguelles', written over a horizontal line.

**CLEVE KEVIN ROBERT V. ARGUELLES**  
UP STUDENT REGENT