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APPROVAL OF SMART CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Resolution No. 32 Series of 2021

WHEREAS, since the onset of the CoVID-19 pandemic, USM has always responded to the call of CHED to implement initiatives to deliver education to students by utilizing its resources to adopt new methods in the teaching-learning process;

WHEREAS, with the suspension of face-to-face classes, it became imperative for learning institutions to provide a platform for faculty and students to hold classes using the learning management system (LMS);

WHEREAS, the University's existing resources are not sufficient to support the establishment of a LMS capable of responding to the demands of online learning;

WHEREAS, a proposal for the Smart Campus Development Program was submitted to the Commission on Higher Education for review and subsequent approval upon endorsement by its Board of Regents;

WHEREAS, the four (4) basic components of the Smart Campus Development Program to enable USM to efficiently deliver its services while observing protocols to ensure everyone's safety include (1) provision of internet connectivity, (2) enhancement of USM's learning management system, (3) transforming the library to a repository of electronic learning materials, and (4) development of electronic instructional materials;

WHEREAS, the proposal's utility extends beyond the pandemic because online learning is foreseen to be an alternative mode of learning in the University;

WHEREAS, both faculty members and students will benefit from this program because it will mean improved accessibility of learning resources and increase in the number of learning platforms;

BOR Resolution No. 32 s. 2021

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