



BOARD OF REGENTS

159TH REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS MAY 20, 2025 CHED-HEDC BUILDING, DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY

The 159th Regular Meeting of the University of Southern Mindanao Board of Regents was held on May 20, 2025, at 2:30 PM, both at the CHED-HEDC Building in Quezon City and via Zoom teleconference. Presided over by the Vice-Chairperson, Hon. Jonald L. Pimentel, the meeting was attended by a quorum of regents.

PRESENT:

1. **HON. J PROSPERO E. DE VERA III** - Chairperson
Commissioner, CHED
2. **Hon. MARQUEZ O. GO** - Member
Chairperson, Committee on Higher and
Technical Education
Represented by:
Hon. MA. ALANA SAMANTHA T. SANTOS
3. **Hon. PHLORITA A. RIDAO** - Member
Regional Director, NEDA XII
4. **Hon. SAMMY P. MALAWAN** - Member
Regional Director, DOST XII
5. **Hon. WILLIE JONES B. SALILING** - Member
President, USM Faculty Association
6. **Hon. KENNY FLOYDT. MONTELIJA** -Member
President – University Student Government
7. **Hon. PAUL JOHN B. ONGCOY** -Member
President, USM Alumni Association
8. **Hon. RENE P. VILLARICO** - Member
Private Sector

Absent:

1. **Hon. ALAN PETER S. CAYETANO** - Member
Chairperson, Senate Committee on Education,
Culture and Arts
Represented by:
Hon. JEFFREY A. ESPARAGOZA



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2. **Hon. JERRY JOHN M. TARAY** -Member
Private Sector

Others Present:

1. Jennifer E. Sinco – Board Secretary V
2. Clint U. Lopez – Board Secretary I
3. Jamella C. Mangiging – Administrative Assistant II
4. Jay-R G. Vildac – Director, Finance Management Services

The discussions began with the approval of the provisional agenda and the President's First Quarter Accomplishment Report, which highlighted the university's high passing rates in licensure exams and its improved standing in international university rankings, among other notable accomplishments of the University.

The Board reached several key academic and administrative decisions aimed at institutional growth. In academics, the Board granted conditional approval for the offering of Bachelor of Science programs in Radiologic Technology and Social Work, subject to further CHED evaluation. They also approved renaming the Bachelor of Technology to the Bachelor of Industrial Technology to align with national standards and authorized conditional extension classes for campuses currently in transition. Major administrative actions included the approval of the FY 2026 Annual Investment Program, a wage increase for job order and contract of service personnel, and the adoption of several new digital information systems.

In matters of finance and personnel, the Board confirmed numerous teaching and non-teaching promotional appointments and authorized an OJT fee for the Bachelor of Public Administration. They also approved a "Scrap and Build" initiative to optimize vacant faculty positions and discussed the purchase of new service vehicles to support university operations. The meeting concluded with a formal commendation of Student Regent Hon. Kenny Floyd T. Montelija for his outstanding leadership before the session was officially adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Below is the list of key resolutions by the Board during the meeting:

A. Institutional and Governance Matters

- Resolution No. 19-A, s. 2025: Approval of the Provisional Agenda
- Resolution No. 19-B, s. 2025: Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- Resolution No. 20, s. 2025: President's Report (Accepting the First Quarter 2025 Accomplishment Report)
- Resolution No. 21, s. 2025: New Designations (Confirming BAC-TWG and various committee memberships)
- Resolution No. 63, s. 2025: Commendation to the Student Regent (Hon. Kenny Floyd T. Montelija)



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B. Memoranda of Agreement (Confirmation)

- Resolution No. 22-A, s. 2025: MOA with Davao del Sur State College (DSSC) for graduate program collaboration
- Resolution No. 22-B, s. 2025: MOA with CHED for the "Empowering LGUs in Harnessing Insect Bat Ecosystem Services" project
- Resolution No. 22-C, s. 2025: MOA with University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) for socio-economic research
- Resolution No. 22-D, s. 2025: MOA with Carmen National High School – Senior High School for system training
- Resolution No. 22-E, s. 2025: MOA with LGU Kabacan for the CBDEM Delicacies capacity-building project
- Resolution No. 22-F, s. 2025: MOA with LGU Pigcawayan and LGU Banisilan for the establishment of USM Extension Campuses

C. Academic and Curricular Matters

1. Resolution No. 25-A, s. 2025: Proposed Offering of Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology
2. Resolution No. 25-B, s. 2025: Proposed Offering of Bachelor of Science in Social Work
3. Resolution No. 25-C, s. 2025: Proposed Offering of the Bachelor of Culture and Arts Education (BCAEd)
4. Resolution No. 26, s. 2025: Proposed Change of Nomenclature of the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (BSABE)
5. Resolution No. 27, s. 2025: Proposed Extension Classes During the Early Operations of USM Extension Campuses
6. Resolution No. 31, s. 2025: Proposed Revisions in the Doctor of Medicine Curriculum (Fourth Year)
7. Resolution No. 59-C, s. 2025: Proposed Curricular Revisions and Change of Nomenclature of the Bachelor of Technology (BT) to Bachelor of Industrial Technology (BlndTech)

D. Administrative Matters

- Resolution No. 23, s. 2025: Non-Teaching Positions with Salary Grade 18 and Below (Promotional Appointments)
- Resolution No. 24, s. 2025: Teaching Positions with Salary Grade 18 and Below (Promotional Permanent Appointments)
- Resolution No. 33, s. 2025: Elevation of the Director of the Office of International Affairs (OIA) as a Regular Member of the University Research, Development, and Extension Committee (URDEC)
- Resolution No. 34, s. 2025: Scrap and Build of Professor VI Positions to Establish New Positions
- Resolution No. 35, s. 2025: Reclassification of SUC Vice-President III Item to SUC Vice-President IV



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- Resolution No. 42, s. 2025: Proposed Increase in Wage Rate for JO/COS Personnel
- Resolution No. 58, s. 2025: Renewal of Temporary Teaching Appointments with Salary Grade 18 and Below

E. Finance and Infrastructure Matters

- Resolution No. 36, s. 2025: Annual Investment Plan (AIP) for FY 2026
- Resolution No. 47, s. 2025: On-the-Job (OJT) Training Fee of the Bachelor of Public Administration (BPAAd)
- Resolution No. 48-A, s. 2025: Budget Utilization Report as of December 31, 2024
- Resolution No. 48-B, s. 2025: Budget Utilization Report as of March 31, 2025
- Resolution No. 54, s. 2025: Authority to Purchase Motor Vehicles
- Resolution No. 55, s. 2025: Change of Authorized Signatories for Financial Transactions


Future Action Steps / Decisions

- **Infrastructure Oversight:** The University President is directed to provide monthly progress reports on the Library Renovation and the new Data Center.
- **Policy Review:** The Finance Committee will conduct a six-month review of the new IGP income utilization policy to ensure transparency.
- **Student Governance:** The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) will facilitate the formal handover between the outgoing and incoming Student Regents.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ABBREVIATED MINUTES IS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 160th REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:


JENNIFER E. SINCO
Board Secretary V

ATTESTED BY:



JONALD L. PIMENTEL, PhD
SUC President IV
Vice-Chairperson, Board of Regents