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Tarlac State University was presented with the Philippine Quality Award trophy in an onsite ceremony last March 25, 2022 at the Bulwagang Kanlahi in Tarlac City two days after the 2021 PQA Conferment Ceremony via Facebook Live.

The university attained the Level 2 or “Recognition for Proficiency in Quality Management” in the 24th Philippine Quality Award (PQA) Assessment Cycle which was approved by the Office of the

Philippine President last January 13, 2022.

Out of 114 state universities and colleges in the Philippines, TSU is one among the seven with PQA.

TSU is also the first SUC in Central Luzon to attain this recognition.

“This is not a coincidence; we are ending our governance, and yet to the last day, we are receiving a very important recognition – the highest recognition of the land on exemplary performance,” TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari said in a message.

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TSU is Level IV Institutionally Accredited by AACCUP

■ Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan

Tarlac State University has been awarded the Level IV Institutional Accreditation (IA) by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines, Inc. (AACCUP) on March 11, 2022 during the awards ceremony of the 35th AACCUP Annual National Conference.

TSU is one of the two SUCs (state universities and colleges) in the country with a Level IV IA. The other SUC is Pangasinan State University.

AACCUP’s Level IV IA is the highest possible level of award given to SUCs. Aside from the prestige as a standard of excellence, institutions may also use this privilege as a rational basis for budgetary requests, selection of Center of Excellence (COEs) and Center of Development (CODs), SUC leveling, and CHED (Commission on Higher Education) match-funding schemes, among others.

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TSU President Search Committee holds public forum and panel interview

■ Maria Adelaida D. Calayag



Five applicants to the position of Tarlac State University President were subjected to a public forum and panel interview last March 28, 2022 at the TSU Gymnasium organized by the Search Committee for TSU President.



The presidential candidate to be voted by the TSU Board of Regents will be the successor of incumbent TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari who is set to step down on March 31, 2022 after an eight-year term.



The applicants are Dr. Dexter Buted, President of Pangasinan State University; Dr. Maria Agnes Ladia, former Dean of the TSU College of Teacher Education; Dr. Erwin Lacanlale, TSU Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Agnes Macaraeg, former Dean of the TSU College of Arts and Social Sciences; and Dr. Arnold Velasco, Vice President for Academic Affairs of Tarlac Agricultural University.



Candidates were given 10 minutes to present their vision, mission, core values, and development goals for the university.

This was followed by questions from sectoral representatives composed of students, junior and senior faculty members, non-academic staff, and private sector.

During the presentation and first round of questions, all applicants were requested to stay at the VIP Lounge and were called one by one to proceed to the gymnasium. This is to prevent other candidates from hearing the same set of questions addressed to all the applicants.



Afterwards, the second round was held where candidates randomly picked questions from a box prepared by the Search Committee.

In the afternoon, a closed-door panel interview with the Search Committee took place at the Alumni Center of the Lucinda Campus.

TSU reopens campus for LF2F lab courses

■ Maria Adelaida D. Calayag



Tarlac State University has started its limited face-to-face classes (LF2F) for the BS Nursing program of the College of Science (COS) on Wednesday (March 16, 2022) at the Lucinda Campus two years after the Luzon-wide lockdown due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The college has allowed in-person classes for laboratory and demonstration sessions with only 14 students in a room in compliance with the Institutional COVID-19 Four-Level Alert System issued by the university's Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Committee (TSU-DRRMC).

Third year Nursing students attended their limited face-to-face classes yesterday at the Lucinda Campus where they performed ostomy care demonstrations and perioperative procedures that include ward admission and recovery at the Medical Clinic.

TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari, along with Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Erwin P. Lacanlale and COS Dean Prof. Mary Jane N. Rigor, personally visited the students during their first day.

"Itong face-to-face classes

[ay] kailangan ninyo lalo na sa mga demonstrations ninyo dahil alam namin na dapat prepared at ready kayo bago sumabak sa trabaho. At kapag nasa hospital na, kailangan kumpleto at buo lahat ng skills na matututunan ninyo," Pres. Mallari said to the Nursing students.

Pres. Mallari also advised the students to observe health protocols and stay in their designated rooms to avoid the possible spread of the virus.

Ms. Jessette Perez, full-time clinical instructor, said that this is the students' first time to hold mannequins and perform proper procedures because during flexible learning classes, students can only practice with their stuffed toys without the proper laboratory equipment and medical tools.

"Ang challenging part doon ay you cannot build rapport and trust [with] your students because virtual – walang [proper] communication. Unlike kapag face-to-face, you see your students and you can teach them properly and correctly the different procedures," Perez said in an interview.

Like Mariel Constante, 21-year-old Nursing student, other students



also hope for the continued face-to-face classes after these demonstrations.

"Iyong mga concepts po na itinuro, magagawa na po namin kasi may mga gamit na po kami kaysa kapag nasa bahay lang kami na laging nag-iimprovise ng mga magagamit. Pero yung iba po, hindi po naiintindihan kasi mahirap pong makita sa screen kung ano po yung mga ginagawa katulad po nung sa pagpapakanak po, hindi gaanong malinaw kapag ipapakita po nung professor 'yong kung saan i-inject yung oxytocin, so sa part po na 'yon ako nahihirapan at namali po ako," Constante said.

Constante said the pandemic pushed her to further study the course when she saw frontliners being recognized as heroes on television and in the news.

"Nare-recognize na po 'yong mga nurses pati po 'yong mga hirap po ng trabaho nila. Natataasan na rin po 'yong sahod nila kasi nga po na-recognize na po yung hirap at pagsasakripisyo ng mga frontliners," the student added.

Another lecturer from the college, Ms. Czarina Maninang, who took part in the pilot run of onsite classes, shared the

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disadvantages of online classes to Nursing students.

“Siyempre kapag online, hindi mo lahat matuturo sa mga students lalong-lalo na sa mga skills na kailangan nilang matutunan. Sila sa bahay nila, wala silang ganitong set up; ‘yong mga instruments wala sila, so ang benefit na magka-face-to-face ulit ay magkakaroon sila ng hands-on experience doon sa mga skills na kailangan nila,” Maninang said in an interview.

Aside from limited face-to-face classes, the college will also conduct in-person midterm examinations this March.

Furthermore, laboratory courses for the College of Engineering and Technology are planned to reopen soon.

The university has also submitted its Self-Assessment Checklist on the Readiness of Higher Education Institutions to Reopen Campuses for Limited Face-to-Face Classes to the

Commission on Higher Education (CHED) following CHED-DOH Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2021-004.

Meanwhile, the TSU School of Law also started their limited face-to-face classes last week. SOL is under the Legal Education Board and no longer needs CHED approval to conduct limited in-person classes.

Adjusted limited face-to-face classes guidelines for Alert Level 1

On March 2, the TSU-DRRMC issued the Institutional COVID-19 Four-Level Alert System Protocols as a proactive means to guide and continuously protect students, faculty members, non-teaching employees, and other stakeholders in case of changes in the alert level of the Tarlac Province.

TSU-DRRMC members held a meeting on March 1 to discuss the necessary adjustments to the institutional health and safety protocols for the upcoming conduct of limited face-to-

face classes and reopening of onsite transactions under Alert Level 1.

Protocols for onsite transactions with the university’s libraries, cashier, Admission and Registration Office, as well as guidelines for students who are planning to hold trainings for sports and cultural activities, among others, are also included in the guidelines.

Said adjustment is due to the recently implemented alert level systems for COVID-19 response across Central Luzon last February 27, 2022 by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) where Tarlac Province is lowered to Alert Level 1 from March 1-15, 2022.

The updated guidelines are anchored on the minimum public health standards set by the Department of Health (DOH) and recommendations from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the IATF. [with report from Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan]

Venustiano Jordan, they wish to offer Criminology, Public Administration, and Education courses. He also said that a building near the market can be converted to add more classrooms and accommodate more students.

Moreover, they will offer more scholarships for the students soon.

The mayor is also planning to procure a shuttle bus which will ferry students (especially those enrolled in evening classes) to all TSU campuses in Tarlac City.

“Ang itatawag po [dito] ay Tarlac State University La Paz Campus. Kayo [ang] nagpapasalamat sa amin

[pero] parang baliktad. Kami dapat ang magpasalamat sa pamahalaan ng La Paz dahil kayo ay nagtiwala sa TSU na buksan ang inyong mga pintuan para ‘yung mga estudyanteng nahihirapang makapunta sa kabayanan dahil mamamasahe pa at yung pamasaha ay gamitin na lang nila sa iba nilang pangangailangan sa buhay [‘yung pera nila],” TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari said in her message during the program.

The opening of campuses in different towns of Tarlac is in consonance with one of university’s advocacies – to bring TSU closer to the communities.

“Una, marami tayong estudyante

na wala ni pamasaha. La Paz is far from Tarlac City. So imagine mo kung 200 [pesos] ang pamasaha, pagkain na nila ‘yon. Samantalang kung nandito ang campus, lalakad lang sila, malapit na, kaya matutuwa ang mga magulangm,” Pres. Mallari further said.

According to Pres. Mallari, some faculty members from the Main Campus will be assigned to teach at the La Paz Campus. Students will study in La Paz for the first two years and will continue the succeeding two years at the Main Campus for their practicum and laboratory courses.

TSU student wins P100k grand prize in Smart Communication’s raffle promo

■ Ariz Rosal, OPA Intern



Winning over 100,000 pesos, a student from Tarlac State University bagged one of the grand prizes in Smart Communication’s Balik Tuition Raffle Promo which was personally awarded by the company’s representatives last March 4, 2022 at the Alumni Center of the Lucinda Campus.

Teddy Pascual, a second year student from the College of Computer Studies (CCS), joined and was qualified for the said raffle as he was using his Smart prepaid sim with “Giga Study” offers.

“Hindi ko po in-expect na

mananalo ako. Nakita ko lang siya [Facebook post] as an advertisement sa Facebook then naisip ko lang po i-try tapos ayon po. Kaya thankful din po ako na nag-try po ako that time. I am happy that I can buy a device for my online classes to help me in my studies and my online learning,” Pascual said.

Pascual added that the main reason he joined the said raffle promo is to buy a new computer for his online classes as he is often struggling with the computer he is currently using.

Meanwhile, his parents are also happy with the good news as

their son will no longer struggle with his online classes.

“Maraming salamat po sa Smart dahil mas mapapadali na po ‘yong online learning experience ko and mas makakapag-focus na po ako sa pag-aaral,” he added.

Aside from Pascual’s cash prize, TSU also received 50 Smart Bro Pocket WiFi units as part of the additional prizes.

Mr. Chris Ivhan Areola, a representative from Smart Communication, TSU has the largest number of registered students in the said promo.

TSU, La Paz LGU signs MOA for a campus

■ Maria Adelaida D. Calayag



Tarlac State University entered a Memorandum of Agreement with the Local Government of La Paz for the opening of the TSU La Paz Campus on March 24, 2022 at the Pagbabago Hall in this town.

This is the third campus initiated by a Tarlac LGU following Capas and Concepcion campuses. The TSU La Paz campus is situated at the heart of the town, one kilometer away from the municipal hall.

The 1,800 square meter lot where the two-story school building is erected was donated by the family of Engr. Venustiano Martinez, a renowned and well-respected man in the town.

According to La Paz Mayor

TSU to host 2022 CAASUC III; Prof. Balanquit assumes CAASUC III chairmanship

■ Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan



Tarlac State University will host the 2022 Culture and the Arts Association of State Universities and Colleges - Region III (CAASUC III) competition as it received the chairmanship of the CAASUC III Board of Management.

Culture and Arts Section Head Prof. Marcelino P. Balanquit was appointed as the Executive Chairperson of CAASUC 3 Board of Management in a turnover ceremony on March 30, 2022 at the TSU Hotel, Lucinda Campus.

As chair, Prof. Balanquit will

oversee the planning and organization of the upcoming culture and the arts activities in the region.

Together with Prof. Balanquit, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Erwin P. Lacanlale received the official documents and materials for CAASUC III from former chairperson Ms. Cecile L. Lapitan, Socio-cultural Director of Tarlac Agricultural University.

In his message of commitment, Dr. Lacanlale assured the members of the board that the university gladly accepts the challenge of hosting the

2022 CAASUC III.

“Through the leadership of the pride of Tarlac State University, Prof. Mar Balanquit, we will sustain the legacies and accomplishments made by CAASUC – if not to surpass what we have achieved or attained before. We hope that you will give the same support just like what you did for Tarlac Agricultural University,” Dr. Lacanlale said.

Twelve out of 13 coordinators from Region III state universities and colleges were present at the said event.

TSU is the 2nd HEI in Central Luzon to receive PRC-issued certification for food technology

■ Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan

Tarlac State University is the 2nd higher education institution (HEI) in Central Luzon to receive a Certificate of Compliance (COC) for the BS Food Technology (BSFT) program from the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).

The Professional Regulatory Board of Food Technology (PRB-FT) conducted a hybrid inspection and monitoring with PRC Region III Regulation Division Chief Dr. Maria Ellen Ruditha A. Quinicio at the Food Technology Research Center (FTRC) and the board officials via Zoom last March

30, 2022.

The PRC-issued certification is one of the requirements for TSU's BSFT graduates to take the board exam. It will also be used as a recommendation for the program when it applies for the Certificate of Program Compliance to be issued by the Commission on Higher Education.

According to Dr. Quinicio, the executives of the PRB-FT were amazed by the BSFT's facilities, accomplishments, and initiatives despite the program being young.

From the report of the inspection and monitoring team, the program was

fully compliant with no deficiencies and violations. Its strengths were its faculty composition, library resources, buildings and food processing facilities, student-faculty ratio, and flexible learning modality.

Further recommendations were made for the program, such as updating its research and development and extension agenda, enhancing its admission and retention policies, procurement of more sophisticated food testing equipment, and applying for certification like ISO/IEC 17025 which will enable laboratories

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DTI personally awards PQA trophy to TSU

■ Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan



Department of Trade and Industry Assistant Secretary Dr. Napoleon K. Juanillo, Jr. and DTI Director for Competitiveness Bureau Department Lilian G. Salonga personally awarded the PQA trophy to TSU which was received by Pres. Mallari and vice presidents.

In his message, Asec. Juanillo Jr. congratulated and commended TSU for having a documented and solid approach to system level quality and productivity management and for implementing quality and productivity improvement plans and procedures for the university.

“Your eagerness to take the initiative to advocate for the continuous improvement of your organization and not settling for less leads you to this very moment – celebrating the fruit of your efforts and sacrifices to attain performance excellence,” Asec. Juanillo, Jr. said.

Commission on Higher Education's (CHED) Commissioner and TSU Board of Regents' Chairperson Hon. Ronald L. Adamat also conveyed his congratulatory message through a video recording.

He lauded TSU's inclusion in the elite list of PQA awardees and further challenged the university in sustaining its performance excellence.

“The vision is still the same. The mission is still the same. The goals are still the same. But, the approaches, the methods, and the processes will have to be more creative and more innovative and inventive. Let me remind ourselves

that while we imagine and go for bigger things, we should not forget what is basic – and that education has to be grounded on values. Education without values will never amount to the upright transformation of a person,” he said.

Other local officials who expressed their felicitations were 2nd District Representative Hon. Victor A. Yap through TSU BOR Representative Hon. Melissa Yeung-Yap and Governor Susan A. Yap through Tarlac City Councilor Hon. Emily Ladera-Facunla.

In her welcoming remarks, Pres. Mallari shared this recognition to students, parents, partners in the local government units, and other stakeholders.

“And of course, to our students, to our parents, to all our stakeholders, this recognition is not about us – it's not about what we have done – it's about what we would like our students to be in the future because the recognition bestowed upon TSU is a recognition of a good future for our students at Tarlac State University,” Pres. Mallari said.

“Our journey was never difficult, because we were united in one belief – and that is we are not perfect. We might now be good in the eyes of others; but we shared our lives, we shared our time, we put our heart in all the things that we did and we will keep doing. On top of this, we did our best. So ladies and gentlemen, it's not the end of our journey especially on Philippine Quality Award. So, I am very grateful,” she added.

After receiving the PQA trophy,

the Pres. Mallari and the vice presidents also handed certificates of recognition to the PQA committee members as “Quality Champions” who were in charge of writing and packaging the submitted report.

Meanwhile, Pres. Mallari also awarded plaques of commendation to Administrative Council members and selected unit heads for the valuable contributions and services rendered to the university as well as a symbol of her deepest appreciation.

“All of you are the wind beneath my wings. So, maraming salamat sa inyong lahat – sa lahat ng bumubuo [sa] TSU. This plaque of recognition is just a piece of wood, and time will come you will not even mind it anymore. The words that are written [on it], time will come, you will never mind them. But this piece of wood and the words – every word written on it – carry my heartfelt thanksgiving to all of you,” Pres. Mallari said.

Pres. Mallari is set to end her eight-year term as university president on March 31, 2022. She started her term on March 30, 2014 with a reappointment in 2018.

The Philippine Quality Award is the highest level of national recognition for exemplary organizational performance that aims to recognize the achievements of both public and private organizations for their efforts towards performance excellence.

TSU underwent the PQA virtual site visit last September 14-16, 2021.

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Upon receiving the news, TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari expressed her gratitude to the university's Administrative Council members for this most recent quality assurance award.

"Congratulations to all of you! This is your hard work, leadership, and love for TSU!" Pres. Mallari said.

In an interview, Vice President for Planning and Quality Assurance Dr. Niño B. Corpuz said that "we deserve this award," and it is owed to the hard work and cooperation of the TSU community.

"It's the teamwork, the unity. It pays talaga. Iyong office ko, facilitator lang. Gina-guide lang namin 'yung mga tao. We conducted one year of mentoring. May mga internal accreditation pa. Hindi ko na mabilang 'yung mga meetings na ginawa ng QAO (Quality Assurance Office). Every month, every quarter

we meet with the area teams and/or their focal persons," said VP Corpuz.

The preparation for IA Level IV started on January 5, 2021 with the distribution of IA instruments and TSU's 2017 IA results as indicated in the university's timeline for 2021 AACCCUP Institutional Accreditation released by the QAO.

TSU subjected itself to AACCCUP's virtual Institutional Accreditation last December 6-10, 2021. This is the third time the university has braved this undertaking. The last visit was held last December 2017 wherein TSU was awarded Level II.

35th AACCCUP Annual National Conference

This year's conference was conducted in a hybrid format with the theme "Trends and Directions in Accreditation in Pre- and Post- COVID Stretch." The

limited face-to-face gathering was held at Clark Marriott Hotel in Pampanga, while others attended virtually via Zoom.

AACCCUP also awarded the top five SUCs with the greatest number of accredited programs across all levels and other SUCs which were successful with their institutional accreditation.

The awarding ceremony was led by AACCCUP President and TSU President Dr. Mallari, AACCCUP Executive Director and former President of Western Mindanao State University Dr. Milabel E. Ho, AACCCUP Chairman on Committee on Awards and President of Caraga State University Dr. Anthony M. Penaso, West Visayas State University's Instruction and Quality Assurance Director Dr. Alona M. Belarlga, and President of Sultan Kudarat State University Dr. Roland F. Hechanova.



siya ay nagcha-charge siya. At meron pong regulator 'yon kaya po hindi ma-o-overcharge 'yung battery," RD Sicut said.

The TSU solar-powered carts were launched in 2018 during the Regional Science and Technology Week which was graced by RD Sicut and Tarlac Governor Susan Yap.

"We have been using it for three years now in the regional government center at hindi po kami nagkaroon ng problema. And I believe that this is something that is ready for commercialization at dapat pong i-adapt natin para po ipakita na maaari po tayong maging mobile without relying on fossil fuels po," RD Sicut

further said.

In an interview with the Office of Public Affairs, Prof. Botio said the solar carts can travel from Lucinda to the Main Campus using their battery life that can last an entire day.

The solar energy projects of TSU do not only help mitigate the effects of oil price hike, but it also helps the environment as it is not a smoke belching vehicle.

Prof. Botio also shared that TSU was tapped by DOST to create 11 solar-powered carts which will be delivered to Nueva Ecija.

"While the Philippine Military Academy is asking [for] our expertise in solar [projects], I advised them that

if they are to use the technology, I think [sic] even the military camps all over the country should have this technology," Prof. Botio said.

According to Prof. Botio, TSU is the only SUC (state university and college) in Central Luzon who accepted DOST's challenge to produce solar power projects. He said they really took risks in creating this big project.

Furthermore, he thanked TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari who gave her full trust and support in this project. He is also hoping that whoever will be Pres. Mallari's successor will still support their endeavors to fulfill their aim that TSU will be known for its solar power projects.

DOST RD Sicut: TSU solar-powered carts ready for commercialization

■ Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region III Director Dr. Julius Caesar Sicut eyed Tarlac State University's solar-powered carts as a solution to the prevailing oil price hike during the department's virtual presser (DOST Briefing Room) on science and technology's contributions to mitigate

potential shortages in petroleum/oil and wheat last March 9, 2022 via the DOST Philippines Facebook Live.

TSU has five units of solar powered carts at the Lucinda Campus which were developed by Prof. Rodel Botio, faculty member from the College of Science (COS).

"Natutuwa po akong ibalita na 'yung solar cart po na 'yon, tatlong taon na pong tumatakbo dito without charging kasi meron po siyang solar panels sa ibabaw at dinesign po ng Tarlac State University 'yung kanyang charging system such that habang ginagamit po siya or habang nakapark

GAD awards GADTimpala to women leaders of TSU

■ Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan

Tarlac State University's Gender and Development (GAD) Office awarded GADTimpala plaques to female officials of the university during the university's flag raising and commencement ceremony of the 2022 National Women's Month Celebration (NWMC) at the Main

Campus on March 15, 2022.

The GADTimpala or the Gender and Development Transformation and Institutionalization through Mainstreaming of Programs, Agenda, Linkages, and Advocacies is awarded in recognition of their efforts in pursuing

gender equality and women empowerment in the university. This is the first time that such award was granted in the university.

Some of the awardees include University President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari; Vice President for Research and Extension Services Dr. Armee N. Rosel; college deans

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Dr. Brendalyn A. Manzano, Dr. Miriam S. Galvez, and Prof. Mary Jane N. Rigor; directors Dr. Heidilyn V. Gamido, Ms. Jazzel Llanelli M. Manabat, Dr. Theda Flare G. Quilala, and Ms. Cynthia M. Bognot; and Supreme Student Council (SSC) President Hon. Mikaela B. Laxamana, among others.

Themed “We Make Change Work for Women – Agenda ng Kababaihan, Tungo sa Kaunlaran,” this month-

long activity is a celebration of women exercising their choices, taking chances to make their voices heard, and benefitting from and trailblazing changes.

In her message, Pres. Mallari expressed that this celebration is all about equality.

“Gone are those days – a long time ago that we see men as masculine, and we see women as weak. Wala na iyan – even among leaders in various countries...

Women are celebrated all over the world now, because we recognize the strength and empowerment of women. But, we do not diminish the respect for men, because we are all equal in the eyes of the Lord,” Pres. Mallari said.

Moreover, the GAD is collaborating with the SSC in organizing this year’s NWMC virtual activities to involve the participation of TSU students through webinars and online contents.

TSU hosts regional GAD webinar for NWMC 2022

■ Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan

Tarlac State University was chosen to be the organizer of the regional webinar for the 2022 National Women’s Month Celebration (NWMC) under the leadership of the Central Luzon Regional Development Council’s Regional Gender and Development Committee (RDC III – RGADC) held on March 24, 2022 via Zoom and Facebook Live.

Highlighting the theme of the 2022 NWMC “We Make Change Work for Women: Agenda ng Kababaihan Tungo sa Kaunlaran,” the webinar focused on women empowerment aimed at providing opportunities to establish an integrated

scheme which ensures the wholistic attainment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and raises awareness on calibrating women’s work.

In her opening message, TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari shared that she is glad to have been given a chance to be a part of this event.

“Our theme says that ‘we make change for women.’ The ‘we’ there does not refer to women only. It refers to all of us – men and women. So, we do things in order to sustain the empowerment and engagement of women in our society... And that change will be for the betterment

not only of women but of our society,” Pres. Mallari said.

Moreover, CHEDRO III (Commission on Higher Education Regional Office III) Chief Education Program Specialist Ms. Lora L. Yusi said in her inspirational message that real women empowerment is seeing, hearing, believing, and recognizing the role of women and men in national development.

The invited guest speaker for the webinar is Dr. Joyce Mandejar Dy of the Philippine Commission on Women who talked about “A Call for Empowerment of Women in Development.”



She shared her expertise and experience in promoting women empowerment focusing on two important sources of information about women: 1) the nature of man and the nature specifically of a woman from a creationist perspective; and 2) the neurophysiological realities and facts about a women’s brain which are inevitable and persistent

changes. “For a woman to be empowered, she has the role of what makes up her well-being and she has to work at it. Creative, coping, social, essential, and physical self will live to an empowered woman, and it will be unique for each woman. An empowered woman values her self-worth, self-respect, and integrity,” Dr. Dy said.



This is followed by a Q&A forum, to which the Dr. Mandejar Dy entertained questions from the participants coming from different agencies in Region III. The session concluded with a message from the Regional Director of Philippine Information Agency (PIA) III and Co-Chairperson of the RGADC III, Dir. William L. Beltran.

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to demonstrate that they operate and generate valid results.

The observations, assessments, and recommendations of the PRB-FT inspection and monitoring team are pursuant to RA No. 8981 (PRC Modernization Act of 2000), RA No. 11052 (Philippine Food Technology Act), and PRC’s Section 4 of Resolution No. 1471, s. 2021 (Revised Guidelines on the Conduct of Inspection and Monitoring of Educational Institutions and Establishments).

According to Program Chairperson Ms. Mary Katherine A. Apolonio, the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of BSFT will follow soon.

Other members of the inspection and monitoring team are Dr. Anthony C. Sales, Regional Director of the Department of Science and Technology XI, and Hon. Remedios V. Bacilig, former Vice President for Research and Development at Jollibee Foods Corporation.

Present in the event to show their solidary and support for the program are Vice President for Planning and Quality Assurance Dr. Niño B. Corpuz, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Erwin P. Lacanlale, Vice President for Research and Extension Services Dr. Armee N. Rosel, College of Science Dean Prof. Mary Jane N. Rigor, Quality Assurance Director Dr. Ma. Socorro D. Valdez, FTTC Director Dr. Lea B. Milan, AACUP Accreditation Unit Head Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao, Pollution Control Officer Ar. Cherry L. Fabianes, Safety Officer Mr. Federico M. Estrada, Jr., and faculty members of the BSFT program.

President Mallari appoints new Planning Director

■ Nerika Tabora [OPA Intern]



Dr. Murphy P. Mohammed is the new director of the Office of Planning, Performance Monitoring and Evaluation effective March 1 until March 31, 2022 after having served as understudy director of the same office on February 8-28 of the same year.

This appointment is indicated in TSU Administrative Order No. 10, s. 2022 dated February 8, 2022, signed by Tarlac State University President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari.

In the same document, it stated that Dr. Mohammed will perform the functions stated in the TSU Code particularly on Book I, Title III, Chapter 5, Articles 64-65, Section I, page 49.

When asked about his thoughts about his new position, Dr. Mohammed is hopeful on increasing his knowledge and experiences as well as contributing to meet the university's vision.

"Learning is the only thing which is constant in life. With my new designation, I am much eager to learn many things from the people who I will be working with. Furthermore, I and the OPPME team are geared towards achieving the goal of our university in becoming a premier University in the Asia Pacific Region," he said in an interview.

Prior to being appointed as planning director, Dr. Mohammed served as the chairperson of the ladderized BSIT program from 2007 to 2011, director of the Center for Local Governance in 2012 to 2014 and 2014 to 2015, chairperson of Intellectual Property in 2015, and director of the Production Office in 2015.

Meanwhile, he was elected as the president of the Tarlac State University Faculty and Personnel Union (TSUFPU) in 2020.

As to educational qualification, Dr. Mohammed completed his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees at TSU. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 2008, Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics in 2005, and Doctor of Public Administration in 2009.

In addition, he is also a licensed civil engineer and master plumber on top of his civil service eligibility.

Affirming his thoughts that learning is the only constant thing in life, he pursued a second master's degree as a CHED scholar. He completed his Master of Science in Civil Engineering at the De La Salle University in 2017.

Moreover, Dr. Mohammed has already presented and published 35 research papers locally and internationally.

He started his teaching career at TSU in 2005 as a full-time instructor. As of this writing, his current rank is Professor V.

"Based on my life experiences, I believe that we must plan for everything for us to reach our goal in life. Monitoring our progress and evaluating the direction we are headed should likewise be observed. Equipping ourselves with the right knowledge, skills and acquiring higher education is vital in securing our niche in the university," he said.

extension services, among others.

"We are seeking to know more what the Tarlac State University offers not only in the province of Tarlac but throughout the Philippines as well as internationally... Nagpapasalamat po ako ng sobra-sobra," Dr. Naperi said in his message.

To answer their queries, a

panel was gathered led by the TSU vice presidents - Vice President for Research and Extension Services Dr. Armee N. Rosel, Vice President for Administration and Finance Dr. Marlon V. Gamido, and Vice President for Planning and Quality Assurance Dr. Niño B. Corpuz.

Other members of the panel are Dr. Edwin T. Caoleng, Dean of

the College of Public Administration and Governance; Dr. Brendalyn A. Manzano, Dean of the College of Arts and Social Sciences; Dr. Lea B. Milan, Director of the Food Technology and Research Center and OIC-Director of the Extension Services Management Office; and Dr. Ma. Socorro D. Valdez, Director of the Quality Assurance Office.

EDITORIAL Slowly getting back to normal

While the alternative work arrangement, commonly called work-from-home, protects individuals from getting infected with COVID-19, this setup has negatively affected the country's economy, according to Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Secretary Ramon Lopez. With workers doing their jobs in the comfort of their own homes, businesses somehow lost the influx of customers in their physical stores.

Similarly, educators also entered such work arrangements when the pandemic struck. Students strictly had to deal with their lessons, even internships, inside their homes. In some ways, education was also affected due to the lack of hands-on activities, especially in laboratory courses.

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Department of Health (DOH) issued a joint memorandum (JMC No. 2021-001) last February 2021 regarding the gradual reopening of campuses for limited face-to-face classes on medical courses, particularly BS Nursing. In the same year, CHED and DOH widened the scope of these learning arrangement guidelines for

areas under the different alert levels through JMC No. 2021-002). This means that getting back to the "now normal" setup is highly needed for the education system and the economy.

However, it must be noted that the reopening of campuses is not mandatory, according to CHED.

This March, Tarlac State University heeded the call of the Commission as it recognizes the importance of face-to-face interaction between educators and students. Two colleges, Science (where BS Nursing is under) and Engineering and Technology, reopened their doors to students with laboratory courses. Aside from undergraduate students, the School of Law also welcomed back its future lawyers into the classroom.

Other colleges within the university will soon follow since the Commission has become more inclusive in its guidelines. The university divided the implementation into two phases, as advised by CHED. The first phase, implemented this month, is meant for Nursing and Engineering, while the second phase (August 2022) is for all colleges. This move clearly indicates that we are

slowly getting back to normal – but not the pre-pandemic normal. In this sense, normal or the "now normal" is perceived as regaining human interaction in education with health and safety restrictions.

The university's gates have also been opened for students, alumni, and other stakeholders for allied services. The campuses are no longer silent because the Admission and Registration Office and Cashiering Unit, among others, are now open to students and alumni for requests and payments. This is, of course, supported by established online transactions and other necessary protocols.

It is prayed for by the TSU community that transmission and infection will no longer increase and that the province will be retained under the Alert Level 1 status. From the two long years of staying at home for classes and alternative work arrangements, the TSU community is now experiencing the "now normal." Hopefully, this "now normal" will not just be beneficial to the education sector in the coming months. It is also hoped that the return will translate to economic recovery in Tarlac.

TSU welcomes Central Bicol State University of Agriculture for benchmarking

■ Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan



Tarlac State University welcomed the officials of Central Bicol State University of Agriculture (CBSUA) led by their president Dr. Alberto N.

Naperi for a benchmarking activity on March 2, 2022 at the Alumni Center, Lucinda Campus. CBSUA officials visited

TSU to learn more about its best practices on infrastructure, quality assurance, flexible learning, student and faculty mobility, research and


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- 3.) Be a champion in community development by strengthening partnership with public and private organizations and individuals

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