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**Dear Student Leaders,**

This communication refers to the appeal letter that your group submitted on 3 May 2020 to urge the concerned officials of the university to consider the issues raised by your fellow students as we finalize the implementing guidelines of our Post-ECQ Plan.

The university believes that the opinions and suggestions of students are important inputs in the formulation of plans and policies. This is the very reason why students are properly represented in key bodies in the university that prepare, review and endorse plans and policies. As you already know, representatives of students were involved in the preparation and revision of the Post-ECQ Plan. Nonetheless, because the university is always willing to hear your thoughts, a committee was formed to address your appeal. The committee was chaired by the Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA), whose office is mandated by the Post-ECQ Plan to prepare the guidelines for the implementation of actions concerning grading and requirements. Aside from some university officials, the representatives of the undergraduate, graduate and foreign students served as members of the committee.

Please be informed that the committee met online on 4 May 2020 to discuss your appeal and formulate the implementing guidelines of the plan. Adequately addressing your concerns on grading, adjusted course requirement, thesis, and internship/OJT, the guidelines prepared by the committee will enable the university to extend utmost compassion to students in these trying times while adhering to our existing policies and without compromising academic quality. Please refer to the attached copy of the said guidelines.

There are two other issues in your appeal that the committee discussed but were not included in the guidelines:

1. "Vouch for the scholars and consideration for the athletes and those running for Latin honors"

There is an existing policy on giving additional points in the raw score of athletes, performers and other students who represent the university in international, national, regional and other competitions. Usually, the coach/trainer/adviser requests the OVPAA to issue a memorandum to concerned faculty members to officially inform them of the incentives to be given to qualified students.

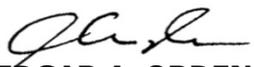
The Council of Deans (COD) already discussed the possibility that the grades of honor students and scholars may be affected by the shortened semester and modified grading scheme. A solution identified by the COD is to provide faculty members with the list of these students and encourage them to give special consideration.

## 2. "Matriculation and fees for graduate studies"

The university acknowledges the impacts of the on-going crisis on the financial resources of self-supporting graduate students. The requests for refund of fees and waiving of fees in Mid-Term 2020 by some graduate students have basis. However, I would like to inform you that the COVID-19 situation has also adversely affected the university. The drastic measures adopted by the government to respond to the pandemic have necessitated budget cuts in many agencies, including state universities. Given the current financial situation of the university, such requests are difficult to grant, especially since the students will ultimately be issued numerical grades.

Thank you for formally letting us know your sentiments and giving us the opportunity to officially respond to your concerns. I hope this reply will help ease the worries of your fellow students.

Sincerely yours,

  
**EDGAR A. ORDEN**  
University President