



B. ON THE APPROVAL OF THE CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF ACADEMIC RULES AFFECTED BY THE PANDEMIC AND REMOTE LEARNING

BACKGROUND:

In May 2020, the OVPAA proposed to the Board of Regents the suspension of academic policies, rules and guidelines affected by remote learning, highlighting the opportunity to pilot new ways of doing and the new realities of higher education while implicitly recognizing the adverse impact of the pandemic on the learning process.

Upon assessing on a semestral basis the learning situation in the time of COVID, the UP Administration suspended policies, rules and procedures from the Second Semester AY2019-2020 up to the Second Semester AY2020-2021.

For instance, because of the pandemic, the following policies/rules and procedures were suspended by the Presidential Advisory Council (chaired by the President with the Vice-Presidents and Chancellors as members) upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee (chaired by the Vice-President for Academic Affairs with the Assistant Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs, the Bice-Chancellors for Academic Affairs and Vice-Chancellors for Research and Extension/Development as members):

- Annotation of DRP submitted beginning 2nd Semester AY 2019-2020 until end of AY 2020-2021 will be "due to COVID-19 pandemic"
- Suspension of the following academic delinquency rules until the 2nd Semester AY 2020-2021
 - warning
 - probation
 - dismissal
 - permanent disqualification
- The three semesters will not be counted towards the Maximum Residence Rule (MRR)
- Degree program retention rules are suspended
- Since the K-12 transition years end in AY 2020-2021, continue to suspend the cap in the number of units taught by lecturers
- The Remote Teaching and Learning policies for AY 2020-2021 entailed the retention of the 12-unit regular load of undergraduate students and the class size of 25