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**TO : ALL FACULTY THROUGH THE DEANS  
ALL STUDENTS THROUGH THE OSA; USC CHAIR  
ALL OFFICE HEADS**

**FROM : ATTY. LIZA D. CORRO**  
**Chancellor, UP Cebu**

**SUBJECT : UP Cebu Contingency Action in light of the COVID-19**

Proclamation No. 922 of the Office of the President of the Philippines signed on 8 March 2020 declared the country to be in a state of public health emergency, ordering all government agencies and local government units to cooperate and mobilize necessary resources to combat the coronavirus (COVID-19). The President's declaration was based on the recommendation of the Department of Health (DOH), which raised the Philippines' coronavirus alert system to Code Red-Sublevel 1, due to the first case of local transmission.

The DOH has noted that "Once there is sustained community transmission or increasing number of local cases whose links cannot be established, the strategy will be shifted from intensive contact tracing, to the implementation of community level quarantine or lockdown and possible suspension of work or school". As of writing, DOH already announced 35 confirmed cases in the country.

In light of these volatile, uncertain and complex developments, UP Cebu is elevating its pre-emptive measures to ensure that the exposure of our constituency to infection from the virus spread is further minimized. Pending further advisories from the government, we strictly enforce the following guidelines for all constituency to abide.

## **A. On Academic Matters**

In line with *Memorandum No. OVPAA 2020-31 on Academic Contingency Plan in Light of COVID-19*, all UP Faculty members are required to shift to blended learning, and be able to adjust their pedagogy to virtual learning platforms in the event of class suspensions. This is based on the premise that UP ought to continue providing learning opportunities in the midst of possible class suspensions.

As we prepare everyone to be able to effectively implement the virtual learning platforms, we enjoin all faculty members and students to please respond to the survey, which the Office of the University Registrar (OUR) is circulating. This is intended for us to identify the most appropriate platform to use in this state of emergency, while the OVPAA continues to explore possible institutional subscriptions for accessible video-conferencing platforms (e.g. Zoom), that will enable students to attend classes and teachers to provide inputs and respond to questions virtually.

Kindly click this short link for the survey form and respond to it *on or before 5pm of 13 March 2020*: <https://forms.gle/85npDLzfCRwNuafd8>

