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**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FOURTH QUARTER REGULAR
BOARD MEETING OF THE UNP BOARD OF REGENTS HELD AT THE
CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHED CHAIRPERSON, HEDC
BUILDING, PRES. C.P. GARCIA AVENUE, UP DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY ON
DECEMBER 10, 2015**

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 92, S. 2015

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVISED STUDENT GOVERNMENT
CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, the Student Policy-Makers convened the Student Government Policy
Conference and Team Building in Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte on April 26-29, 2015 and during the said
activity they approved the revision of the 2011 Student Council Constitution;

WHEREAS, the revised UNP Student Government (UNP-SG) Constitution has undergone
revisions after a series of deliberations;

WHEREAS, an Open Forum and Plebiscite was conducted by the Honest, Orderly and
Peaceful Election (HOPE) Commission on November 9-11, 2015 and out of the 5,171 students who
cast their votes, 4,692 approved the Revised Student Government Constitution;


WHEREAS, this matter was presented to the UNP Board of Regents during the Fourth
Quarter Regular Board Meeting of the UNP BOR held at the Conference Room of the Office of the
CHED Chairperson, HEDC Building, Pres. C.P. Garcia Ave., UP Diliman, Quezon City on December
10, 2015;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the UNP
Board of Regents approves the Revised UNP Student Government Constitution.

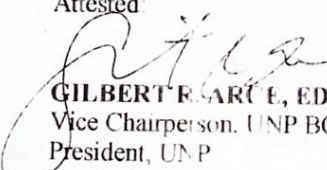
Adopted during the Fourth Quarter Regular Board Meeting of the UNP Board of Regents held
at the Conference Room of the Office of the CHED Chairperson, 4th Floor, HEDC Building, President
C.P. Garcia Avenue, UP Diliman, Quezon City on December 10, 2015.

APPROVED

Certified True and Correct:


WILBERTO P. TABUTOL
University/Board Secretary

Attested:


GILBERT R. ARTE, ED. D.
Vice Chairperson, UNP BOR
President, UNP

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN PHILIPPINES – STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the students of the University of Northern Philippines, imploring the aid of the Supreme Being, guided by the love of country, in order to establish a student government that shall protect and promote students' rights and welfare, do ordain and promulgate this Constitution.

ARTICLE 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Section 1** The University of Northern Philippines – Student Government (UNP – SG) comprises all student formations in the University of Northern Philippines.
- Section 2** The offices of the UNP – SG shall be located inside the campus of the University of Northern Philippines.

ARTICLE 2 DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND STUDENT POLICIES

- Section 1** The UNP – SG recognizes the role of education in the promotion of the total development of every student.
- Section 2** The UNP – SG recognizes the importance of the vision and mission statements of the University in all its undertakings.
- Section 3** The UNP – SG shall:
- 3.1.** Encourage students and formations to promote the welfare of the students.
 - 3.2.** Promote awareness and advocacy on issues of their immediate concern along the local, national and international spheres.
 - 3.3.** Develop among the students a sense of service and responsibility to utilize educational opportunities to the optimum level for the welfare of the University and of the community.
 - 3.4.** Maintain unity among its members.
 - 3.5.** Serve as an active forum for the ideas and sentiments of the students.

3.6. Be the vanguard of students' rights, interests and welfare.

3.7. Recognize the vital role of the students in effecting social change; rights of every individual; and guidelines and policies sanctioned by the University.

ARTICLE 3

BILL OF STUDENTS' RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

STUDENTS' RIGHTS

Section 1 The right of the students to information on the university programs, rules, regulations, policies and other matters shall not be abridged.

Section 2 The students' right to join organizations and associations and further their interests within the bounds of the law shall be respected.

Section 3 Students shall have the right to participate in activities conducted by the University and shall be consulted on matters concerning students' welfare and development.

Section 4 The freedom of expression and the exercise of free and responsible campus journalism shall be observed.

Section 5 Students shall have the right to conduct research, publish and discuss findings, and give recommendations appertaining thereto in accordance with the principles of academic freedom.

Section 6 Students shall have the right to quality education by receiving professional and competent instruction from the faculty and by enjoying to the fullest adequate facilities and services provided by the administration of the University.

Section 7 Students shall not be subjected to exploitation, involuntary servitude, harassment or cruel and unusual punishment.

Section 8 Due process shall be observed in all instances where the students' right or privilege is to be deprived before any person, body, board or tribunal inside the University.

Section 9 Students shall have the right to vote and be voted upon during elections; and no unnecessary qualifications shall be imposed to limit the exercise of these rights.

Section 10 Every student has a right to clean, healthy and green University.

STUDENTS' OBLIGATIONS

Section 11 Students shall observe and uphold the rules and regulations of the University, the Student Code of Conduct and Discipline and this Constitution at all times.

Section 12 Students shall help in creating a conducive academic atmosphere.

Section 13 Students shall take responsibility in the exercise of their rights with due regards to the rights of others.

Section 14 Students are obliged to pay all fees imposed by the authorized policy-making body of the University upon proper consultation with the students.

Section 15 Students shall observe mutual respect and support.

ARTICLE 4 MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Members of the UNP – Student Council (SC) shall include all elementary pupils, high school, college, post-baccalaureate, graduate studies and foreign students.

Section 2 All officially enrolled students of the University shall become members of the UNP – SC upon payment of the membership fee of the Council.

ARTICLE 5 STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN PHILIPPINES – STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Section 1 Major Branches
a. Supreme Order of University Legislators (SOUL)
b. UNP – Student Council (UNP – SC)
c. Truthful and Responsible University Student Tribunal (TRUST)

Section 2 Constitutional Commissions
a. Honest, Orderly and Peaceful Elections (HOPE) Commission
b. Students' Auditors for Financial Efficacy (SAFE) Commission

Section 3 Organizations
a. Local Council (LC)
 a.1. Classroom Organizations
b. Accredited Organizations (AOs)
c. Accredited Fraternities (AFs)

Section 4 Confederations
a. Society for the Protection of the Interests, Rights, Initiatives and Talents of Students (SPIRITS)
b. Peaceful, Responsible and Organized Fraternities (PRO-Frat)

ARTICLE 6
SUPREME ORDER OF UNIVERSITY LEGISLATORS (SOUL)

Section 1 The Supreme Order of University Legislators (SOUL) is the highest policy-making body of the UNP – SG.

Section 2 Functions. The SOUL shall:

2.1. Formulate policies that shall benefit all student formations in the University for the implementation of the UNP - SC.

2.2. Review and concur appropriations as proposed by the UNP – SC through its President.

2.3. Concur on all appointments made by the UNP – SC President.

2.4. Form committees necessary to help fulfill its duties and responsibilities.

Section 3 Composition. The SOUL shall be composed of all Senators per Local Council (LC) and from the Foreign Students, Peaceful, Responsible and Organized Fraternities (PRO-Frat) Chief Chancellor and the Chief Chancellor of the Society for the Protection of the Initiatives, Rights, Interests and Talents of Students (SPIRITS).

3.1. Senators

- a. Members of the Local Councils shall elect their own Senator.
- b. Every Local Council shall have only one (1) Senator.
- c. Foreign Students shall elect their own Senator.
- d. SPIRITS Chief Chancellor and PRO-Frat Chief Chancellor shall be ex-officio members of the SOUL.

3.2. The SOUL shall elect the following:

- a. Senate President
- b. Secretary – General who will lead the Secretariat Committee composed of the Secretary – General of SPIRITS and the Scribe of PRO-Frat as ex-officio members.

Section 4 Qualifications. A Senator must be a *bona fide* student of the University, with residency of at least one year consisting of two (2) terms, except summer, and not graduating in the first semester. They must not have a failing or incomplete grade. They must have been active student leaders prior to their application.

Section 5 The Senate President of the SOUL shall be elected by the members of the SOUL at the opening of their session. The Senate President shall:

5.1. Be the Presiding Officer of the Assembly.

5.2. Submit the proposed policies of the SOUL to the UNP – SC for approval.

5.3. Perform all other functions and powers as may be determined by the Assembly in the performance of their functions.

Section 6 The SOUL shall hold a regular meeting every third Saturday of the month. If the same shall fall during semestral or summer break, the SOUL shall re-schedule the same at a time which is convenient for the members to ensure the presence of the quorum.

A special meeting may be called by the Senate President upon written notice to all members one (1) day before the scheduled meeting. The notice shall contain the agenda of the meeting, and no other agenda shall be discussed except those that are indicated therein.

In the absence of the Senate President, the members shall elect among themselves a temporary Presiding Officer.

Section 7 The SOUL shall create the following committees:

7.1. **Finance.** This committee shall evaluate the finance and other related concerns that are submitted to the SOUL for approval. It shall review all budgetary measures and expenditures before the approval of the SOUL *en banc*.

7.2. **Appointments.** This committee shall review the propriety of all appointments made by the UNP – SC President and shall make recommendations to the SOUL for appropriate concurrence.

7.3. **Rules.** This committee shall review the internal rules and regulations of all Constitutional Committees and offices as required by the Constitution and other rules, and submit their recommendations for the approval of the SOUL *en banc*.

7.4. **Public Relations.** This committee shall be responsible for the coordination with the UNP – SC officers, the SOUL and the rest of the UNP community during special events where students are involved, and shall provide liaison work for the Assembly. They may recommend appropriate measures for better coordination among the student organizations.

7.5. **Secretariat.** This committee shall serve as the repository of all records of the SOUL and shall provide the secretarial needs of the committees of the SOUL.

Section 8 **Term of Office.** Members of the SOUL shall be elected by their respective constituents in an election duly scheduled for the purpose. The term of the Assembly shall be one year from the time they are elected from office. However, upon the lapse of the period, the Senators except for the graduating student officers shall continue to hold office until a new set of officers shall be elected.

Section 9 **Removal from Office.**

9.1. A Senator who fails to attend two (2) sessions without valid reason shall be removed from office.

9.2. A Senator may be recalled by a 2/3 votes of the members of his/her respective constituents.

9.3. A Senator removed from office may appeal to the TRUST.

ARTICLE 7

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN PHILIPPINES – STUDENT COUNCIL (UNP-SC)

Section 1 The UNP – SC is the executive body of the UNP – SG and shall have the power to executive the policies and resolutions passed by the SOUL and other authorized policy-making bodies.

Section 2 The UNP – SC shall be composed of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary – General, a Secretary on Finance, a Secretary on Audit, and a Secretary on Communications, who are elected by the general assembly in an election duly scheduled for the purpose.

Section 3 The UNP – SC officers must be *bona fide* students of the University, with residency of at least one year consisting of two (2) terms, except summer, and not graduating in the first semester. They must not have failing or incomplete grade. They must have been active student leaders prior to their application.

Section 4 The official seal of the UNP – SC shall be in such form as to reflect the ideals and aspirations of the supreme student government, and representative of the component councils and units of the University, as may be approved by the UNP – SC, in consultation with the SOUL.

Section 5 The Officers of the UNP – SC shall have the following instructions:

5.1. THE UNP – SC PRESIDENT shall:

- a) Serve as the Student Regent of the University.
- b) Voice out the interests of the students.
- c) Veto provisions or an entire policy enacted by SOUL when the same is/are not in consonance with the students' rights and welfare upon concurrence with the Council.
- d) Implement the policies enacted by SOUL, direct and manage the affairs of the UNP – SC and supervise the administrative supervision over all officers.
- e) Preside all meetings, regular or special, of the Council and perform the duties and functions required therein.
- f) Form committees other than those that are within the regular structure of the UNP – SC and appoint their Chairperson and Committee Heads.
- g) Appoint the members of the Management Staff (MS), upon consultation with the UNP – SC officers, and upon concurrence of the SOUL.

- h) Inform to the Council and SOUL members the agenda tackled during the Governing Board meetings.
- i) Address the first session of the SOUL on the state of the University on student concerns.
- j) Perform all other functions as may be assigned to him/her by the University President.

5.2. THE UNP – SC VICE PRESIDENT shall:

- a) Report directly to the UNP – SC President.
- b) Preside over meetings in the absence of the UNP – SC President.
- c) Perform all other functions deemed necessary by the UNP – SC President.

5.3. THE UNP – SC SECRETARY – GENERAL shall:

- a) Prepare and present written report of proceedings and activities to the Council.
- b) Take charge of all the records and certifies all the official activities of the Council and minutes of meetings.
- c) Prepare all necessary communications from the Council.
- d) Act as Committee Head of the Secretariat of the different bodies or committees that may be formed or organized under and by authority of this Constitution and other laws.
- e) Perform such other duties and powers as may be assigned to him/her by the UNP – SC President.

5.4. THE UNP – SC SECRETARY ON FINANCE shall:

- a) Take charge of all financial transactions, including among others deposits, withdrawals and disbursements of the Council.
- b) Prepare budgetary plans at the beginning of the term and financial statement at the end of the term.
- c) Recommend measures that would ensure the proper and appropriate management of funds of the UNP – SC.
- d) Act as the guardian of all funds of the UNP – SC.
- e) Issue receipts for all other collections authorized by the Council and signs all vouchers, checks and disbursements of the Council funds.
- f) Take accountability over all the funds of the UNP – SC.
- g) Perform such other duties and powers as may be assigned to him/her by the UNP – SC President.

5.5. THE UNP – SC SECRETARY ON AUDIT shall:

- a) Take charge of the auditing function of the Council, and implements the internal control of all the disbursements of funds of the UNP – SC.
- b) Perform such other duties and powers as may be assigned to him/her by the UNP – SC President.

5.6. THE UNP – SC SECRETARY ON COMMUNICATIONS shall:

- a) Perform the public relations function of the Council, including, but not limited to the issuance of press releases, and updates on information affecting students' rights and interests.

- b) Take responsibility in the dissemination of all pertinent information to the students, Council officers and the University.
- c) Perform such other duties and powers as may be assigned to him/her by the UNP – SC President.

Section 6 In case of death, temporary and permanent incapacity, resignation or removal from office of the President, the Vice President shall assume the presidency.

Section 7 In case of vacancy in both the offices of the President and Vice President, the same shall be addressed by a special election to be called not later than ten (10) days from the occurrence of the vacancies. The Honest, Orderly and Peaceful Elections (HOPE) Commission shall immediately convene to schedule the special election. The officers so elected or appointed shall serve only for the unexpired term of the former incumbent/s.

Pending the election of the President and Vice President, the SOUL shall select among themselves an Officer-in-Charge (OIC) President who shall assume the rights, duties and responsibilities of a President until such time that a new President shall have been elected. The OIC President shall, for all legal intents and purposes, be disqualified from running for the office of a President during his stint.

If the vacancy occurs thirty (30) days before the end of the Academic Year, no special elections shall be conducted.

The Secretary – General, Secretary on Finance, Secretary on Audit, and Secretary on Communications shall not be allowed to run for the vacated.

Section 8 The Secretary – General, Secretary on Finance, Secretary on Audit and Secretary on Communications are co-equal, thus, the rule of succession does not apply to the said offices.

Section 9 The term of the Council shall be one year from the time they are elected from office. However, upon the lapse of the period, the officers except for the graduating student officers shall continue to hold office until a new set of officers shall be elected.

ARTICLE 8 TRUTHFUL AND RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY STUDENT TRIBUNAL (TRUST)

Section 1 The Truthful and Responsible University Student Tribunal (TRUST) shall be in charge of the judicious implementation of the UNP – SG Constitution and the rules and regulations stated in the Student Code of Conduct and Discipline.

Section 2 Functions. The TRUST shall:

- 2.1. Hear complaints filed by any members of the student organizations or offended party in violation of this Constitution.
- 2.2. Hear complaints filed by the students or by offended party in violation to the Student Code of Conduct and Discipline and give proper recommendations to the University Student Discipline and Tribunal.
- 2.3. Have the power to make its decision on student leaders' cases as final and executory.
- 2.4. Recommend measures to improve the administration of administrative justice among the student leaders.
- 2.5. Promulgate its own rules.

Section 3 Composition. The TRUST shall be composed of nine (9) members with three (3) slots reserved for the College of Law students and the remaining slots shall be open to other colleges. They shall elect from among themselves a Chief Adjudicator.

Section 4 Qualifications. The Chief Adjudicator and members shall:

- 3.1. Be *bona fide* students of the University of Northern Philippines.
- 3.2. Be of good moral character
- 3.3. Have no failing or incomplete grade certified by the Dean.

Section 5 Manner of Appointment. The TRUST shall be appointed by the UNP – SC President from the students who are with proven probity, independence, competence and integrity, as recommended by the Dean of the College.

Section 6 Term of Office. The TRUST Adjudicators shall hold office until they graduate, unless removed for cause from the office upon the decision of the SOUL by a majority vote of all its members.

ARTICLE 9

HONEST, ORDERLY AND PEACEFUL ELECTIONS (HOPE) COMMISSION

Section 1 The Honest, Orderly and Peaceful Elections (HOPE) Commission shall have the jurisdiction over all student elections.

Section 2 Functions. The HOPE Commission shall:

- 2.1. Administer and enforce all laws relative to the conduct of elections, plebiscites and referendum.
- 2.2. Pass judgment on election process concerning election returns and qualifications of candidates for elective positions.
- 2.3. Report the results of the elections immediately to the electorate.
- 2.4. Implement measures for the conduct of honest, orderly and peaceful student elections.

Section 3 Composition. The HOPE Commission shall be composed of representatives from Local Councils through the nomination of the College Dean. They shall be appointed by the SC President, subject to the concurrence of the SOUL.

3.1. Each Local Council shall have at least one (1) representative for every five hundred (500) students. Local Councils with only a fraction of five hundred (500) shall have one representative.

3.2. No officers/editorial staff of any student organization or publication shall be a member of the HOPE Commission.

Section 4 Qualifications. The HOPE Commissioners shall:

4.1. Be *bona fide* student of the University.

4.2. Have no failing or incomplete grade as certified by the College Dean.

4.3. Possess a good moral character as certified by the Class Adviser.

Section 5 Officers. The HOPE Commission shall elect from themselves a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, a Secretary – General and a Secretary on Finance.

Section 6 Term of Office. The HOPE Commission Chairperson and members shall hold office until their graduation, unless removed for cause as may be provided by the Constitution or other laws. In case of vacancy, the Chairperson shall submit the notice of vacancy to the UNP – SC President who will thereafter request the Dean of the respective college to nominate a replacement. All vacancies shall be filled by the UNP – SC President within ten (10) days from receipt of the notice of such vacancy.

ARTICLE 10 STUDENTS' AUDITORS FOR FINANCIAL EFFICACY (SAFE) COMMISSION

Section 1 The Students' Auditors for Financial Efficacy (SAFE) Commission shall be the auditing body of all student formations and publications.

Section 2 Functions. The SAFE Commission shall:

2.1. Audit the financial statements of the UNP – SC, all student formations and publications inside the University.

2.2. Submit audited financial reports of all student organizations and publications to the Director of the Student Development Programs before the end of the second semester of each academic year.

2.3. Recommend measures deemed necessary for improving the efficiency and transparency of the UNP – SC and its subdivisions.

Section 3 Composition. The members of the SAFE Commission shall be screened and endorsed by the College of Business Administration and Accountancy (CBAA) through the Dean, and appointed by the UNP – SC

President, subject to the concurrence of the SOUL. The SAFE Commission shall be composed of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary on Communications and seven (7) Commissioners.

Section 4 Qualifications. Members of the SAFE Commission shall:

- 4.1. Be *bona fide* CBAA students of the University.
- 4.2. Be of good moral character, as certified by the Adviser.
- 4.3. Have an average of 2.0 in the immediately preceding semester, certified by the Dean.
- 4.4. Be level III or IV students.
- 4.5. Have the knowledge on accounting and auditing practice and rules.

Section 5 Term of Office. The SAFE Commission Chairperson and members shall hold office until their graduation, unless removed for cause as may be provided by the Constitution or other laws.

In case of vacancy, the Chairperson shall submit the notice of vacancy to the UNP – SC President who will thereafter request the CBAA Dean to recommend appointees. All vacancies shall be filled by the UNP – SC President within ten (10) days from receipt of notice of such vacancy.

ARTICLE 11 LOCAL COUNCILS (LCs)

Section 1 The Local Council (LC) is the mother organization of a College.

- a. All Colleges including the Laboratory Schools shall have their own Local Council (LC).
- b. The LC shall elect its executive officers: Governor, Vice Governor, Secretary – General, Treasurer, Internal Auditor, Business Manager, Press Relations Officer and Year/Grade Representatives, except in the case of the First Year Representative who shall be appointed by the LC Governor.
- c. The basic subdivision of the LC shall be the Class Organizations. They shall elect: Class Mayor, Vice Mayor, Secretary, Treasurer, Business Manager and Press Relations Officer.
- d. The Local Council Consultative Assembly is the LC's highest policy-making body which is composed of Class Mayors and the LC executive officers.

ARTICLE 12 ACCREDITED ORGANIZATIONS (AOs)

Section 1 The Accredited Organizations (AOs) shall include formations organized based on the course the students want to pursue, or are established

based on the special interests, skills and potentials, and advocacies which the students want to enhance in them.

Section 2 The AOs' prime purpose is to promote and protect special interests, skills and potentials, and advocacies of the students. Further, they shall assist in the implementation of various policies formulated by the UNP – SC, SOUL and the University as a whole.

Section 3 **Membership.** Membership to AOs shall be deemed voluntary and it shall be the policy of the Student Government to prohibit mandatory membership to such organizations.

Section 4 **Composition.** The framework and composition of Accredited Organizations shall be based on their respective constitutions and by-laws or charters.

ARTICLE 13 ACCREDITED FRATERNITIES/SORORITIES (AFs)

Section 1 The Student Government shall recognize the operations of Fraternities/Sororities within the campus through accreditation and subject to limitations as may be prescribed by law, rules and regulations promulgated by duly constituted authorities.

Section 2 No Fraternity/Sorority shall be declared legitimate unless they become members of the PRO-Frat. Further, accreditation from the Office of Student Affairs of fraternities and sororities shall legitimize their membership to PRO-Frat.

Section 3 It shall be the policy of the Student Government to prohibit any form of hazing and such other prohibitions that may be declared by law and the University.

ARTICLE 14 CONFEDERATIONS

Section 1 **SPIRITS.** The SPIRITS or the Society for the Protection of Interests, Rights, Initiatives and Talents of Students is a confederation of all accredited organizations in the University.

a. All accredited organization presidents shall elect among themselves a Chief Chancellor and all other officers as may be determined by their own rules.

b. **Functions.** The SPIRITS shall:

b.1. Plan and implement meaningful activities that will enhance the talents; promote the interests and initiatives; and protect the rights of the students.

- b.2. Advocate a healthy environment among student organizations.

Section 2 **PRO-Frat.** The PRO-Frat or the Peaceful, Responsible and Organized Fraternities is a group of accredited fraternities and sororities inside the University.

a. Recognized fraternities and sororities shall elect from themselves a Chief Chancellor and all other officers as may be determined by their own rules.

b. **Functions.** The PRO-Frat shall:

- b.1. Plan and implement meaningful activities that will protect and promote the rights and welfare of fraternities and sororities.
- b.2. Move for unity among fraternities and sororities.

ARTICLE 15 STUDENT ELECTIONS

Section 1 All matters concerning student elections shall be determined by the HOPE Commission.

Section 2 The election of the UNP – SC shall take place on the first week of the last month of each Academic Year.

Section 3 Secret balloting shall be used in the elections. The application of technologies to improve the election processes may be considered by the HOPE Commission.

Section 4 Elementary, post-baccalaureate, graduate and foreign students shall not be qualified for any elective office or position of the UNP – SC.

Section 5 Post-baccalaureate students shall not be allowed to occupy a position in the Local Council, except in the cases of the College of Law and College of Medicine. Further, only foreign students enrolled in a regular program shall be allowed to occupy a position in the Local Council.

Section 6 Elementary and graduating students shall not be qualified to vote for the UNP – SC elective positions.

ARTICLE 16 ACCOUNTABILITY OF STUDENT OFFICERS

Section 1 All elected officials of the UNP – SC, Local Councils and the Constitutional Commissions may be subjected to removal from office, which shall require an affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the TRUST Adjudicators present during the trial, based from the following grounds:

- 1.1. Violation of the provision/s of this Constitution
- 1.2. Violation of school rules and regulations as stated in the Student Code of Conduct and Discipline of the University
- 1.3. Commission of a crime involving moral turpitude
- 1.4. Serious misconduct, or grossly abusive conduct
- 1.5. Serious neglect of duty
- 1.6. Abandonment of Office

Section 2 For purposes of impeachment of TRUST Adjudicators, an affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the SOUL Assembly present shall be required, based from the grounds stated in Section 1 hereof.

Section 3 Only substantial evidence shall be required to warrant the removal from office of an officer.

ARTICLE 17 STUDENT FUNDS

Section 1 The UNP – SC shall maintain the Student Fund consisting of the following:

- 1.1. Student Miscellaneous Fund (SMF)
- 1.2. UNP – SC Revolving Fund (SCRF)

Section 2 The amount of twenty pesos (Php 20.00) per student shall be collected prior to enrolment for the SCRF.

Section 3 The UNP – SCRF shall be under the strict supervision and control of the UNP – SC for their daily operations.

Section 4 The LCs may collect and maintain the following General Funds:

- 4.1. Membership Fee;
- 4.2. Intramurals Fee; and
- 4.3. Cultural Fee

Section 5 The LCs shall collect a membership fee of not more than one hundred pesos (Php 100.00) per semester for each student for those LCs having a population of three hundred (300) or more enrollees, and two hundred pesos (Php 200.00) per semester for each student for those LCs that have a population of less than three hundred (300) enrollees.

Section 6 The AOs shall collect a membership fee of not more than seventy pesos (Php 70.00) per semester for each student and the amount collected shall serve as Revolving Fund.

Section 7 The Student Miscellaneous Fund (SMF) shall be drawn from the University Trust Fund.

7.1. No amount shall be paid out of the SMF of the UNP – SC unless it is in pursuance with the appropriations approved by the UNP – SC upon concurrence of the SOUL.

7.2. No amount shall be withdrawn from the SMF without a resolution of the organization and upon the approval of the UNP – SC.

Section 8 The UNP – SC may propose increase in the amounts to be collected subject to the concurrence of the SOUL and the approval of the Board of Regents of the University.

ARTICLE 18 AMENDMENTS/REVISIONS

Section 1 Amendments or revisions of this Constitution may be proposed by:

- a. any member of the SOUL in writing during a regular session and concurred by a majority vote of 2/3 of all the members present.
- b. a verified petition of at least ten percent (10%) of all the members of the general assembly filed before the HOPE Commission.
- c. a written petition by the UNP – SC President subject to the approval of 2/3 of the SOUL members present.

Section 2 After the approval of the proposed amendment/s revision, a Constitutional Convention (ConCon) shall be called by the SOUL. The composition of the Con Con shall be decided by the SOUL. The SOUL shall notify the College Deans to recommend members of the Con Con subject to the appointment of SOUL.

Section 3 Any amendment or revision to this Constitution shall be valid through a student plebiscite, and ratified by 2/3 of votes cast in the student plebiscite which shall be held not later than one (1) month after the drafting of the Constitutional Convention.

ARTICLE 19 TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

Section 1 The First General Elections under this Constitution shall be held on the first week of March 2016.

Section 2 Academic Unit Council is referred hereto as Local Council.

Section 3 The first SOUL assembly shall promulgate its own Internal Rules and Regulations for its operations.

Section 4 The TRUST is hereby constituted as a major branch of the Student Government and not a Constitutional Commission.

Section 5 Provision/s of any student formations which run/s counter to the provision/s of this Constitution is/are repealed.

Section 6 This Constitution shall take effect immediately upon the ratification of the votes cast by the students at a university-wide plebiscite called for this purpose and after the concurrence of the Board of Regents.

The revision of the UNP-SC Constitution was conducted on May 9-10, 2015 with Atty. Noel R. Pastor, University Legal Officer, as a consultant and submitted to the Supreme Order of University Legislators (SOUL) for review and approval by the Constitutional Convention as follows: