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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 206th REGULAR BOARD MEETING (4th QUARTER REGULAR BOARD MEETING, C.Y. 2024) OF THE WESTERN MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS HELD AT THE COLLEGE OF HOME ECONOMICS FUNCTION ROOM, WESTERN MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY, NORMAL ROAD, BALIWASAN, ZAMBOANGA CITY, ON DECEMBER 16, 2024, 2:00 P.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 142

Series of 2024

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MANDATORY
RANDOMIZED DRUG TESTING FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS OF WESTERN
MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY**

WHEREAS, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) has issued Memorandum Order No. 18, Series of 2018, mandating the implementation of drug testing programs in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs);

WHEREAS, Western Mindanao State University is committed to maintaining a drug-free campus environment and promoting the well-being of its students;

WHEREAS, the University recognizes the importance of implementing preventive measures against drug abuse and providing appropriate interventions for affected students;

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents deliberated the "*Proposed Mandatory Randomized Drug Testing for College Students*" as discussed in "*Annex P*" of the Agenda Folder with Attachments as part and parcel of this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion of Regent Adrian P. Semorlan and duly seconded by Regent Ronald F. Aba-a, **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Board of Regents of Western Mindanao State University approves the following:

1. The implementation of mandatory randomized drug testing for college students of Western Mindanao State University, in compliance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 18, Series of 2018;
2. The drug testing program shall be conducted in accordance with the guidelines set forth by CHED, ensuring the protection of students' rights and privacy;

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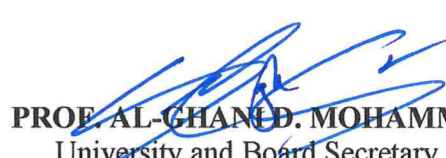
3. The University shall establish a Drug Testing Committee to oversee the implementation of the program, composed of representatives from the administration, faculty, students, and medical professionals;
4. The drug testing shall be conducted using appropriate and scientifically accepted methods, and shall be administered by qualified personnel;
5. The University shall develop and implement comprehensive policies and procedures for the conduct of drug testing, including:
 - a. Selection process for random testing
 - b. Confidentiality measures
 - c. Handling of test results
 - d. Provision of counseling and intervention programs for students who test positive
6. The University shall allocate the necessary resources for the effective implementation of the drug testing program, including funding for testing kits, personnel, and support services;
7. The University shall conduct regular information campaigns to educate the student body about the drug testing program, its objectives, and the consequences of drug use;
8. The implementation of this program shall be in line with the University's existing policies on student discipline and shall be integrated into the Student Handbook;
9. The University Administration is hereby authorized to issue implementing guidelines and procedures for the proper execution of this resolution.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 16th day of December, 2024 in Zamboanga City, Philippines.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution duly adopted by the Board of Regents of Western Mindanao State University at a meeting held on December 16, 2024 at Zamboanga City, Philippines.


PROF. AL-GHANEB D. MOHAMMAD
University and Board Secretary

Attested:


MA. CARLA A. OCHOTORENA, RN., Ph.D.
University President

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