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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 204TH REGULAR BOARD MEETING (2ND 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 JUNE 27, 2024, 10:00A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 81
Series of 2024

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MANDATORY PRE-ADMISSION DRUG TESTING FOR INCOMING FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS AND TRANSFEREES FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025, PURSUANT TO CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 18, SERIES OF 2018

WHEREAS, Dr. Felicitas Asuncion C. Elago, the University Medical Officer, presented to the Board of Regents the proposed mandatory pre-admission drug testing for the incoming first year students and transferees for first semester of the academic year 2024-2025, pursuant to CHED Memorandum Order No. 18, Series of 2018;

WHEREAS, The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) issued Memorandum Order No. 18, Series of 2018, mandating drug testing as a requirement for admission to higher education institutions;

WHEREAS, the University aims to ensure a safe, healthy, and drug-free environment for all students, faculty, and staff;

WHEREAS, the University recognizes the importance of complying with national policies and regulatory requirements to maintain its academic standing and integrity;

WHEREAS, the implementation of mandatory drug testing seeks not only compliance but also the promotion of prevention and early intervention of drug-related issues within the student population;

WHEREAS, the proposed policy intends to cover all incoming first-year students and transferees beginning in the first semester of the academic year 2024-2025;

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WHEREAS, the Board of Regents deliberated the "*Proposed Mandatory Pre-Admission Drug Testing*" as discussed in "*Other Matters*" 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 Emmylou B. Yanga, **BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Board of Regents of Western Mindanao State University hereby approves the implementation of mandatory pre-admission drug testing for all incoming first-year students and transferees for the first semester of the academic year 2024-2025;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the necessary administrative bodies within the University, particularly the University Health Services Center, are directed to formulate the guidelines and procedures for the effective implementation of this resolution in accordance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 18, Series of 2018;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the University is directed to periodically review and assess the implementation and outcomes of this policy to ensure its alignment with institutional goals and regulatory compliance.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 27th day of June, 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 June 27, 2024 at Zamboanga City, Philippines.


ASSO. PROF. AL-GHANNID D. MOHAMMAD
University and Board Secretary

Attested:


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