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CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY STATE HIGHER EDUCATION

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
School Superintendents  
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities  
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. In view of the political climate prevailing in the country today, and cognizant of the need for reforms in the higher education system, this Ministry hereby created a Task Force to study state universities and Colleges with the following functions:

- a. To review existing documents and previous studies and to obtain, organize and evaluate data and information on higher education in the Philippines that would be relevant to an examination of the system of state universities and colleges.
- b. To analyze and assess the present system of state higher education to determine problems and prospects.
- c. To submit recommendations to rationalize and improve state higher education in the Philippines.

2. The Task Force shall be composed of Dr. Raul P. de Guzman, Chancellor of the UP, Los Baños, as chairman and the following members chosen from among respected educators from the public and private sectors:

Dr. Adriano A. Arcelo  
Vice-President  
Fund for Assistance to Private  
Higher Education

Dr. Manuel L. Corpuz  
President  
Cagayan State University

Dr. Josefina R. Cortes  
Faculty Member  
College of Education  
University of the Philippines

Dr. Edilberto P. Dagot  
President  
Philippine Normal College

Bro. Andrew Gonzales, FSC  
President  
De La Salle University

Mr. Alejandro Roces  
Publisher, The Manila Times

Dr. Nilo L. Rosas  
Assistant Director  
Bureau of Higher Education  
Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports

Dr. Edita A. Tan  
School of Economics  
University of the Philippines

Dr. Benjamin G. Tayabas  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Philippine Christian University

3. The Task Force shall have the following functions:
  - a. Consider broad issues of policy respecting state higher education including system and institutional governance, financing, curriculum, admission, accreditation, faculty and student welfare, and research and extension functions;
  - b. Endeavor to gather views from the widest spectrum of institutions, organizations and interested individuals through consultative meetings and other forms of communication;
  - c. May organize technical study groups and a secretariat/administrative support staff; and
  - d. Submit its report to the undersigned on or before December 15, 1986.
4. The Chairman shall present a budget to cover the expenses of the Task Force for approval by the Minister of Education.
5. This Order shall take effect upon its issuance.

(SGD.) LOURDES R. QUISUMBING  
Minister

Reference:  
None

Allotment: 1-3-4--(D.O. 1-76)

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