



Republic of the Philippines  
**Regional Development Council XI**  
Davao Region

**DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE XI**

**DAC XI Resolution No. 01, Series of 2007**

**Recommending that RDC XI Enjoin CHED to Make Strong Representations with DBM and the Philippine Congress for the Provision of Annual Allocations to SUCs to Fund the Local Government Code Study Grant for Dependents of Barangay Officials, and for CHED to Issue Guidelines for the Uniform and Mandatory Implementation of such Study Grant by the SUCs**

*Whereas*, During the Council's FY 2008 Budget Consultation Meeting, it was reported that scholarship grants to children of barangay officials pursuant to the Local Government Code add to the financial burden of state universities and colleges (SUCs);

*Whereas*, This burden crowds out resources which could otherwise be invested in research and development programs that enhance the academic proficiency of SUCs and their faculty;

*Whereas*, This Committee was tasked to look into the concern and to recommend appropriate measures for the Regional Development Council to address it;

*Whereas*, Having collated data and information and having subjected the same to careful analysis and comprehensive discussion, this Committee has identified the following facts and propositions as pivotal to its recommendation:

- a) RA 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 (LGC) provides that children of elective barangay officials and the Kabataang Barangay shall be exempt from tuition and matriculation fees when attending SUCs located within the province or city where the barangay belongs. In the case of the Sangguniang Kabataan, the National Government shall reimburse the SUC concerned;
- b) The LGC, in relation to the study grant for children of barangay officials and the Sangguniang Kabataan, is an obligatory law that commands compliance and uniform application among all SUCs; its implementation cannot be ceded to the individual discretion of the SUCs' governing boards;
- c) On the average, LGC grantees constitute less than 10% of SUC enrollments and they impact less than 1% on total SUC expenditures; but income lost on these grantees is often substantial enough to crowd out SUC investments in research and development undertakings, thereby depriving the SUCs and their faculty opportunities for enhancing their academic proficiencies;

- d) The SUCs cannot reasonably and equitably be expected to comply with the LGC mandate of study grant for dependents of barangay officials without funding assistance from the National Government, which as a matter of public policy, continues to subsidize said SUCs so that tuition fees would remain affordable for the masses; and
- e) CHED is the authority charged with both regulating and seeing to the viability of SUCs; in the pursuit of its mandate, it must see to it that SUCs adhere to and implement all laws and governmental policies that advance public welfare; and in doing so, it must also ensure the survival of SUCs as sustainable public institutions; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved, as it is hereby resolved,** That this Committee recommend for the Regional Development Council XI to enjoin the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to make strong representations with the Department of Budget and Management and the Philippine Congress for the provision of annual allocations to state universities and colleges (SUCs) for the latter to be able to fund the Local Government Code study grant for children of barangay officials.

**Resolved, further,** That this Committee likewise recommend for the Council to enjoin CHED to issue guidelines for the uniform and mandatory implementation of the Local Government Code study grant for children of barangay officials.

**Resolved, finally,** That this Committee suggest for the Council to disseminate copies of its resolution on this subject matter to all other regional development councils for their information and possible support.

**Approved unanimously,** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, Two Thousand and Seven, in Davao City, Philippines.

Certified True and Correct:

  
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Attested/Approved:

  
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