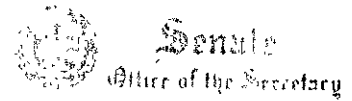



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RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID  
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED WEAK SHOWING OF PHILIPPINE  
UNIVERSITIES IN THE TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION WORLD UNIVERSITY  
RANKINGS FOR 2011 – 2012

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 13 of the same provides: “The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs”;

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 17 of the same states that: “The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development”;

WHEREAS, various news agencies reported that none of the Philippines’ universities made the top 400 of the Times Higher Education World University Rankings for 2011 – 2012;

WHEREAS, sixty (60) Asian universities made the top 400 of the same report;

WHEREAS, news reports say that the World Bank cautioned developing countries to “resist the temptation to establish world-class universities to cash in on research earnings and court global prestige before educating their own citizens to high tertiary standards;”

WHEREAS, the World Bank in a statement said that world-class research universities have three common attributes that enable modern universities to survive and excel: a high concentration of talented academics and students, significant budgets, and strategic vision and leadership;

WHEREAS, data in the reports shows that the top performers in the rankings have the highest level of annual per student funding, and that these institutions have diversified their funding sources by mobilizing additional resources beyond the government subsidies they receive;

WHEREAS, the report stressed that the top research universities have the ability to attract, recruit, and retain leading academics, and noted that the success of East Asian universities is due to their emphasis on internationalization;

WHEREAS, University of the Philippines Diliman Chancellor Caesar Saloma, recently wrote that “less than 15 percent of faculty members in our higher education system have pertinent PhD degrees that qualify them to run graduate programs”;

WHEREAS, Saloma also urged the national government “to increase its maintenance, operating and overhead expenses budget allocation for UP in 2012 by at least P200 million, to

enable UP Diliman to maintain and operate correctly the National Science Complex and the Engineering Research and Development for Technology (ERDT) program”;

WHEREAS, in view of the country’s standing in the international rankings in terms of higher education, legislation should look into improving the state universities and colleges not only through sufficient funding in government subsidy, but also formulating policies and safeguards that will help these institutions become competitive with their foreign counterparts in terms of research output, and refine their directions and goals;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate Committee on education to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the reported weak showing of Philippine universities in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings for 2011 – 2012.

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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