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SENATE
P. S. R. No. 1254

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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED UNJUSTIFIED TUITION
INCREASE OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP)

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 14, Section 1 provides: "The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all";

WHEREAS, philstar.com on 10 March 2015 reportedly said that thousands of protesting students walked out of their classes and barricaded the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) campus, claiming how their right to education has supposedly been denied because of the impending increase in tuition next school year;

WHEREAS, currently, PUP students are complaining about the collection of ₱3,646 for other school fees;

WHEREAS, Vencer Crisostomo, Anakbayan national president, allegedly said that the PUP administrators were robbing the poor students of their future and preying on the hapless parents for their dilemma;

WHEREAS, the report said that students blocked the entrance of PUP Sta. Mesa and PUP Taguig to prevent members of the board of regents (BOR) from holding a meeting to discuss the increase;

WHEREAS, PUP students reportedly said that documents from the BOR showed that PUP plans to hike the tuition of senior high school students from ₱1,000 to ₱16,000,

22 while Anakbayan claimed the administration also plans to increase the rates for other
23 campuses;

24 WHEREAS, the State should strive for an ideal educational system where State
25 universities allow everyone free access to education;

26 WHEREAS, the CHED should look into State universities' tuition regulation;

27 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE
28 to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the
29 alleged unjustified tuition increase of Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP).

30 Adopted,


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