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KAGAWARAN NG EDUKASYON AT KULTURA
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No. 23, s. 1977

COORDINATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS,
INCLUDING CHARTERED STATE COLLEGES
AND UNIVERSITIES

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Heads of Chartered State Colleges
and Universities

1. The constitutionally mandated "integrated system of education," specifically as implemented through Presidential Decree No. 6-A, under Section 4(d) thereof, calls for the "restructuring of higher education to become more responsive to national development needs through a planned system of incentives and assistance to both public and private colleges and universities and synchronization of curricular programs, staffing patterns and institutional development activities."
2. Under general supervision by the Secretary of Education and Culture, and pending the issuance of a clear-cut operational policy on the matter of governance of higher education, the Director of Higher Education is hereby delegated the authority to coordinate all programs and projects as well as actions and/or activities of the Department of Education and Culture toward the proper implementation of the expressed policy on higher education as defined through Presidential Decree No. 6-A.
3. Accordingly, in addition to the functions heretofore delegated under existing laws as well as DEC policies and rules, the Director of Higher Education is hereby designated Coordinator of the chartered state colleges and universities and other state funded or supported institutions of higher learning; provided, however, that the phrase "For the Secretary of Education and Culture" shall invariably be indicated above the typewritten name of the Director on all communications signed by him as such Coordinator.



4. The exercise by the Director of Higher Education of his delegated authority as Coordinator shall be circumscribed by the following guidelines:

a. The internal authority as well as prerogatives of the higher education institutions concerned as expressly defined and set forth in their respective enabling acts or charters shall be respected and maintained;

b. A continuing dialogue on the details of coordination as well as complementation and linkages shall be maintained by and between the Director of Higher Education, as Coordinator, and the duly elected/appointed officials of the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) as representatives of the chartered state institutions of higher learning;

c. The involvement and participation of other government or non-government agencies or entities that may have relevant concerns or interest in higher education, in aid of planning and/or decision-making thereon, shall be taken into account; and

d. Specifically, the Director of Higher Education shall act as a conduit for the transmission of official policy or action emanating from the Secretary of Education and Culture, or other concerned agencies, and vice versa.

5. For purposes of operationalizing a more systematic and purposive discharge of the function on coordination of state institutions of higher learning, or courses, there is hereby organized and constituted a unit whose personnel shall assist the Director of Higher Education toward the proper discharge of his authority delegated herein. The complement of the coordinating unit shall be drawn through detail of competent officials or employees from the state institutions or regional offices, until such time as regular positions may be provided for and the personnel shall be appointed and qualified. The personnel on detail with the unit shall be under the direct administrative supervision of the Director of Higher Education.

6. The present offices assigned to the Coordinator for chartered state colleges and universities, including all official properties and records therein, shall be loaned or administratively transferred

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to the Bureau of Higher Education and maintained for use of the coordinating unit organized herein.

7. All existing rules or instructions which are repugnant to, or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Order are deemed revoked or modified accordingly.

8. It is desired that this Order be disseminated to all institutions and personnel concerned immediately.

(SGD.) JUAN L. MANUEL
Secretary of Education and Culture

Reference:

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

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