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GUIDELINES GOVERNING STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

To: Director, Bureau of Higher Education
Regional Directors
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and
Universities

1. Since students not only constitute an essential sector of the Educational Community, but at the same time are citizens at the threshold of professional and community leadership, it is desirable and necessary to recognize, confirm, provide for, and support the right of students to form and operate, for their civic development, welfare, and other purposes not contrary to law, student organizations and student publications in colleges, universities, and other tertiary (or post-secondary) educational institutions.
2. Students in these institutions desiring to establish, join, or participate in student organizations and publications on campus shall do so as a right, subject only to such reasonable regulations as exist in the various institutions or as they may promulgate, in return for recognition by affiliation with, and/or support from the respective institutions. It is understood that organizations or publications of students that exist or operate outside of the system of school recognition shall continue to be governed by law.
3. All colleges, universities, and other tertiary educational institutions are hereby enjoined to promulgate and implement reasonable regulations to govern the establishment and operation of all student or campus organizations and publications for their students enrolled in post-secondary courses. Such regulations shall require that the student or campus organizations and publications shall be established and operated for lawful purposes; and shall, in the light of the circumstances prevailing in the various institutions, provide for:
 - a. the procedure and standards for recognition or authorization of organizations and publications, usually through the institution's approval of a constitution or charter;

- b. the mode of selection and qualifications of officers in the case of organizations, and staff in the case of publications;
 - c. the funding of organizations and their operations, or of publications, and the collection, disbursement, accounting, and auditing of funds;
 - d. the system of disciplinary proceedings governing violation of regulations, in order to ensure due process, and
 - e. such other regulations pertinent hereto.
4. A copy or set of the regulations promulgated pursuant to this Order shall be furnished to the appropriate MEC regional office and to the Bureau of Higher Education, MEC, Manila, by the institutions.
5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

(SGD.) ONOFRE D. COPPUZ
Minister

References:

- Department Orders: Nos. 33, s. 1975 and 63, s. 1976
- MEC Order: No. 39, s. 1979
- Department Memorandums: Nos. 135, s. 1977 and 37, s. 1978

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