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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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Subject: Institutional Monitoring and Evaluation for Quality Assurance of all Higher Education Institutions in the Philippines

In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994," and in view of the Commission ex officio Resolution No. 2005-117 dated May 9, 2005, the Quality Assurance System in Philippine Higher Education is hereby adopted and promulgated by the Commission.

ARTICLE I
STATEMENT OF POLICY

Section 1. Pursuant to Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, "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."

Section 2. In line with this Constitutional provision, Section 9 (e) of Republic Act No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994," the Commission shall have the power and function to "monitor and evaluate performance of programs and institutions of higher learning for appropriate incentives as well as the imposition of sanctions such as, but not limited to, diminution or withdrawal of subsidy, recommendation on the downgrading or withdrawal of accreditation, program termination or school closure."

Section 3. It is the declared policy of the Commission to support and value the significant role of higher education institutions, academic community, and other stakeholders in establishing a quality assurance system for the higher education sector. Institutional monitoring and evaluation for quality assurance is deemed complementary to accreditation. It looks at the effectiveness of an institution in its entirety, particularly, the development of institutional systems that ensure the quality and standards of programs.

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ARTICLE II
INSTITUTIONAL MONITORING AND EVALUATION FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE (QUAME)

Section 4. There is hardly established a mechanism for monitoring and evaluation of the outcomes of the programs, processes, and services of higher education institutions in the key area of quality of teaching and learning supported by governance and management, support for student relations with the community, and management of resources, which are identified in the Operations Handbook for the Monitoring and Evaluation of Higher Education Institutions.

ARTICLE III
OBJECTIVES

Section 5. The QUAME shall have the following objectives:

5.1 To enhance institutions’ capacity in designing, developing, and managing programs and services.

5.2 To identify areas for reform and improvement.

5.3 To provide accurate, up-to-date information on performance of higher education institutions to enable stakeholders to make informed choices.

5.4 To enable the institution to set up its own Institutional Quality Assurance Management System (QUAM).

ARTICLE IV
COVERAGES

Section 6. This QUAME shall apply to all higher education institutions in the country, both public and private.

ARTICLE V
KEY OFFICES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION

Section 7. The monitoring and evaluation shall be implemented by the Commission through the Office of Program and Standards (OPS) and the Key regional offices (CHEDROs), and coordinated by the Office of the Executive Director. Technical working groups and teams of assessors shall be constituted to support project implementation.
ARTICLE VI

BENEFITS

Section 8. The results of IO-CAME should enable the higher education institutional (HEIs) to put in place their own Quality assurance System and benefit from possible developmental assistance.

ARTICLE VII

REPEALING CLAUSE

Section 9. All policies and Guidelines that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Circular Memorandum Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

ARTICLE VIII

SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

Section 10. If any part or provision of this CNDO shall be held invalid, other provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

ARTICLE IX

EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE

Section 11. This CNDO shall take effect upon approval.

Paay City, Philippines, May 26, 2006

FOR THE COMMISSION:

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