

**AGENDA: ASMPH Tuition Increase Consultation**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Administration**

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| Rachelle G. de Vera           | Registrar, ASMPH                               |
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**Student Council**

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| Exodus Roxas              | President                       | Year Level 7 |
| Angelo R. Gerodias        | External Vice President         | Year Level 7 |
| Katrina C. Morales        | Secretary-General               | Year Level 6 |
| Ross Groves               | Chief Finance Officer           | Year Level 7 |
| Kris Gem Danica P. Pasia  | Executive Officer               | Year Level 6 |
| John Edison P. Ramos      | Executive Officer               | Year Level 5 |
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**Year Level 8 Students**

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Nicole Taleon

**Year Level 7 Students**

Arnel K. Dy  
Isabelle April C. Escobillo  
Margarita Reyes

**Year Level 6 Students**

Jelvin Co  
Sara Estuart  
Kevin Eric Santos  
Cecilia Tangco  
Marc Franklin Tarronas

**Year Level 5 Students**

Niccolo Alampay  
Marimyr Apeles  
Gelo Apostol  
Tahereh Habibi  
Marais Javier  
Alejandro Umali

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING:**

**A. PRESENTATION PROPER**

**1. Rationale of Consultation**

- Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Requirement
  - *In order for the motion asking for an increase in the tuition of ASMPH for the School Year (SY) 2012-2013 to be approved by CHED, the school has to present the proposed changes to the student body.*
- For information of the student body of what affects them in ASMPH.

**2. Objectives of Consultation**

- To present to the student body the ASMPH plans and programs for School Year 2012-2013
- To present the proposed tuition fee structure for School Year 2012-2013

**3. Plans and Programs for School Year 2012-2013**

- *As a school, the resources of ASMPH will always be spent on the different areas:*
  - **Continuing Curriculum and Instruction Development**
    - *This is the first time that the MD-MBA program has been offered; and the school has been continually improving the program in order to better integrate Medicine and Business Administration.*
    - *It requires a lot of fine tuning, discussions, and researches to be able to ensure that the program will achieve its desired outcomes (i.e. that*

*students will become not just authentic doctors, but effective managers as well).*

- **Faculty Development and Training**
  - *Members of the faculty, both doctors and MBA professors, need to continue to develop their craft so that they become the best deliverers of curriculum instruction and learning outcomes.*
- **Development of Research**
  - *Research is very important given that the ASMPH is a medical school.*
- **Improvement of Student Services**
  - *Since the school is growing bigger and bigger, the demand for efficient and effective student services increases as well.*
- **Establishment of Library Facilities**
  - *As a school, there is a need to update and improve the library's collection of resources.*
- **Enhancement of Co-Curricular Activities**
- **Scholarships**
  - *The school wants to provide some leeway for some students to get scholarships.*
- **Affiliations**
- **Ecological or Environmental Programs**

#### **4. Financing the Plans and Programs for SY 2012-2013**

- Tuition fees are the major sources of revenue to finance the plans and programs of ASMPH.
  - *The school does not have very huge endowments as of the moment.*
  - *If endowments do not come in, then the tuition fee becomes the primary source of funds.*
- There is a need to increase tuition fees to cover increasing costs and programs
- Tuition fee increase is based on current economic conditions (inflation, uptick)
  - *Inflation has been felt by the school in terms of finances, and there is a need to cover for that.*

#### **5. Proposed Tuition Fee for School Year 2012-2013**

- Important Notes:
  - **THE TUITION INCREASE IS 5%.**
    - *The tuition increase has been minimal at 5% from the year 2009 to 2012. For school year 2012-2013, the increase will still be 5%.*
    - *The increase will cover the costs of inflation. It is just to recover the lost purchasing power.*
  - Includes refundable laboratory breakage fee of Php. 1, 228.40 for Year Levels 5 & 6.

|                                 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011  | 2011-2012  | 2012-2013         |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| Tuition fee                     | 53,370.71 | 56,039.24  | 58,841.15  | <b>61,783.21</b>  |
| Basic fee                       | 9,402.28  | 9,872.39   | 10,365.70  | <b>10,884.00</b>  |
| Miscellaneous                   | 5,204.32  | 5,462.44   | 5,737.67   | <b>6,013.76</b>   |
| Laboratory fee                  | 27,825.00 | 29,216.25  | 30,677.05  | <b>32,210.90</b>  |
| Laboratory deposit              | 1,000.00  | 1,113.00   | 1,227.05   | <b>1,288.40</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    |           |            |            |                   |
| <b>Total for Year 5</b>         | 96,915.31 | 101,760.91 | 106,848.62 | <b>112,180.27</b> |
| <b>Total for Year 6</b>         |           | 101,555.32 | 106,632.75 | <b>111,964.40</b> |
| <b>Total for Year 7 &amp; 8</b> |           | 101,555.32 | 103,944.90 | <b>109,142.17</b> |
| <b>Total for Year 9</b>         |           |            | 83,032.70  | <b>87,234.36</b>  |

| Details of Basic Fees   |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Registration            | 1,111.90 |
| Library                 | 5,136.13 |
| Library energy          | 1,563.24 |
| Medical                 | 580.39   |
| Student Activity        | 567.37   |
| Publication             | 444.73   |
| Guidance and Counseling | 1,480.24 |

| Details of Miscellaneous and Other Fees |           |
|---|-----------|
| Internet Fee                            | 1,288.40  |
| Development Fee                         | 4,509.49  |
| ID Fee (one time only)                  | 215.87    |
| Laboratory Fee (Years 5 & 6)*           | 32,210.90 |
| Laboratory Deposit (refundable)         | 1,288.40  |
| Graduation Fee                          | 1,100.00  |

*\*Other Notes:*

- For Year 7 & 8: Affiliation fee to the hospitals is Php. 30,677.07.
- For Year 9, Php. 7,669.26.
- This will take the place of the laboratory fees.

▪ **Basis of Increase**

- In Metro Manila, inflation rate eased from last year's 7-10% to 5-6% this year. This proposed increase is just commensurate to the inflation rate.
  - *Despite this, the school will only charge a marginal increase of 5%.*
- CHED has lifted the caps on tuition fee increase but ASMPH opted to charge only the marginal effect of inflation on our operating cost.

▪ **Tuition Fees in Comparison to other Medical Schools (based on 2011-2012 Data)**

| ASMPH (w/ 5%) | Php 112,000           |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| UST FMS       | Php 116,000           |
| UERM CM       | Php 103,000           |
| ST LUKE'S CM  | Php 125,000           |
| SAN BEDA CM   | Php 85,000 + lab fees |
| DLS HSI       | Php 108,000           |

- The variances are not immense considering the brand equity and the differentiation of the ASMPH program from their programs, i.e. dual degree for ASMPH.
  - The school's fees are actually lower than that of UST and St. Luke's despite the fact that ASMPH is offering a dual degree program.

#### **B. ADDITIONAL REMARKS FROM DRA. YAP**

- The school is about to produce graduates this year.
  - What has been very much talked about over the past months and years is the recognition that the school is under no obligation to follow-up or shepherd its students to their desired career path after they have graduated.
  - However, over the past year, the question that has always been raised is this: "Is the school certain that because of the five-year program, ASMPH can in fact help reshape the way health is understood, acted upon, and felt about in the Philippines?"
  - With this, the school has already committed itself to shepherd its graduates into the identification of where they want to position themselves to actually be able to create an impact as early as possible.
  - Students will not be forced, but there will be efforts to have a focused determination of career paths, which students may not be aware of at present.
  - However, the school cannot charge the students for such efforts.
  - The school needs to provide the correct coaching staff to guide and to prepare the students for their careers after graduation.
  - Additionally, the school has it on good evidence and source that \*\*\* and \*\*\* \*\*\*\* are waiting for the results of our students in the upcoming licensure examinations to determine if they are going to push through with an MD/MBA program as well.
  - For the reason that the school wants to invest on the faculty.
  - The school will lose teachers if they are not well taken care of because they are the only ones who know how to teach in the MD-MBA program.
- The new President of the university, Fr. Jett Villarin, is very clear about the three strategic thrusts that he asks all of the units to be part of.
  - One of which is mission and identity. However, there is very little opportunity for traditional formation programs like those offered in the Loyola Schools because of ASMPH's hectic academic schedule.
  - This is the reason why the school makes good investments in subjects like leadership and ethics, as well as in the mentoring program.
- On research:
  - Because ASMPH is ending its first cycle – its first five years – the school needs to publish and talk about what it has done.
  - The school has to consolidate its lead before competitors come.

#### **C. OPEN FORUM**

- Question from Ms. Tahereh Habibi (Year Level 5):
  - **Has there been any thoughts regarding scholarships for foreign students?**
    - There is such a thing as conversion rate, which is determined by knowing how many of the students who were accepted actually enrolled.
      - ◆ The school's conversion rates in the first two years were very high.
      - ◆ From the third year up to the present, the numbers have decreased.
      - ◆ There are cases when students, even after paying the confirmation fee, still opt to go to another school.

- ♦ *If the school offers outright scholarships, which the school cannot because of its limited funds, then there would be better chances of convincing most of the incoming or potential students to go to ASMPH instead of other schools.*
- *There are instances that we are able to obtain funds from sponsors or donors.*
  - ♦ *As in the case of a unique donor who only supports second year students by merit (i.e. if the students' grades are good) for one semester.*
- *In the case of foreign students, it would be difficult to call it as scholarship, but at least some kind of assistance or adjustment can be provided given the current situation of the school in terms of finances.*
- *A lot of doors may open when the school finally earns it legitimacy through the board exams.*
- **Will any of the tuition increase go into the provision of certain privileges for students in ASMPH-affiliated hospitals such as The Medical City?**
  - *Privileges for students are given on a case to case basis for now.*
  - *The school provides its students with an accidental life insurance, from which students may get reimbursements from the school when something happens.*
  - *There have been discussions about making the Medical City's Out-Patient services (in the Out-Patient Department or OPD) more present and available.*
    - ♦ *The Medical City has already agreed, but formalities and compliance of students ought to be worked upon.*
  - *Year levels 8 and 9 do get vaccination and PPD testing support prior to their going to their respective rotation areas.*
    - ♦ *This covers the mandatory vaccination list that needs to be followed prior to clinical rotations to the hospitals.*
  - *Even doctors affiliated with ASMPH are charged for the services that they avail of in The Medical City. There may often be discounted rates for some of the services that are availed, but still, an amount has to be paid.*
    - ♦ *It is possible that the same discount privilege be given to the students.*
- **What is the graduation fee for?**
  - *It is only charged to graduating students (Year Level 9)*
  - *It is used to pay for the venue, food, diplomas, togas, etc.*
  - *The amount charged is actually less than what is actually spent.*
- Question from Ms. Cecilia Tangco (representing Year Level 6):
  - **It was mentioned that one of the reasons for the increase is inflation. How was it estimated?**
    - *The 4.6 % inflation increase is according to the Philippine Central Bank.*
  - **What are more concrete examples of the school's plans and programs for next school year?**
    - On "Continuing Curriculum and Instruction Development"
      - ♦ *The administration and faculty are quite concerned that students are studying transcription of lectures more instead of reading books.*
        - ❖ *At the same time, they recognize the need to revisit how heavy the students' load is.*
      - ♦ *As such, they are seriously reviewing and creating self-instructional modules – moving more and more towards letting the students handle their own time; and writing up really detailed study guides.*
        - ❖ *Students will study these at home and come to class for application and discussion.*

- ◆ The school is also trying to move towards exams taken electronically.
- On “Faculty Development and Training”
  - ◆ There is a period within a year when the professors in medicine are studying management, usually during Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.
  - ◆ The MBA faculty is trying to tweak the curriculum and make the load easier for the students.
  - ◆ More than half of the faculty does not come from the Ateneo and they are not familiar with the values of the school. This is why there is a need to orient them.
- On “Student Services”
  - ◆ Parking is not an issue and is non-negotiable because there is no more land.
    - ❖ The only thing that can be done is to give discounted rates in the neighboring parking spaces (The Medical City Parking and The Strip).
    - ❖ The other thing that the administration does is that they make sure that the school's security watches over cars of ASMPH students, even those parked outside their jurisdiction.
  - ◆ Regarding the cafeteria food, if there are more choices or more concessionaires, then it would be unfair for all of them.
    - ❖ Having more concessionaires wouldn't stop the students from buying food from other establishments outside the school
    - ❖ The school charges them a fixed rate for rent, electricity and water.
    - ❖ The feedback of the students is always important and accounted for. It's a good thing that the current sole concessionaire is open to feedback.
  - ◆ The administration is discussing a more proactive health service for the students. They have engaged The Medical City Out-Patient Department (OPD) as the students' primary care provider.
    - ❖ Annual checkups and annual vaccination are being looked into.
    - ❖ However, the success of this effort is dependent on the student's willingness and mobility. Student cooperation is needed.
- **What is the library fee for?**
  - Mainly, the expenses go to the fee for the databases that cost the school millions per year.
- **Everyone is paying more than a thousand pesos (Php 1,288.40) for the internet, but the whole school is not covered and most of the time, it is slow. Students can get faster internet with their own 'sticks' (portable internet sticks) for a cheaper price.**
  - It is under the orders of Dra. Yap, to limit the coverage of the school's internet.
  - However, students use their internet sticks anyway.
  - Soon, the school internet will be fully accessible in the whole school building.
    - ◆ However, this would mean that it can get a lot slower due to the number of people using it; unless the bandwidth is increased, which would mean increasing the cost.
- **Why is the lab fee so expensive? For Year Levels 5 and 6, it amounts to Php. 32,210.90; but there are still not enough reagents, lighters and manuals in a group (i.e. in**



**microbiology laboratory, there are only two lighters for burners for the whole class, and extra payment is needed for lab manuals and handouts).**

- The increase in the tuition is a measly 5%, but the increase in the cost of laboratory supplies is 50% because reagents are bought in bulk. Other sources would have to cover for this deficit.
- Some students are not careful with using the reagents (i.e. Gram stain dries up), meaning that the use of which are not maximized or wasted.
- There is a move to individualize the laboratory work for efficiency and effectiveness sake; thus the increase of laboratory costs of 50%.
- o **Where does the janitorial and maintenance fee go? The chairs are broken, the bathrooms are not so clean, there is no soap, and there are back-leaking toilets.**
  - The janitorial services and maintenance (c/o an agency) are at Php. 4.88 M per year.
  - The administration is calling for a re-evaluation of the current janitorial service.
  - It is more on the quality of the service that they give, not about the amount that the school pays them.
- Question from Mr. Gelo Apostol (representing Year Level 5 Scholars):
  - o **How will the tuition fee increase affect the number of scholarships and the amount that they are receiving now?**
    - Those with commitments with donors are not affected. It is part of the deal; and they know about the 5% increase.
    - It is not the amount of increase, but it is the amount of money available that can affect the support for scholars.
      - ◆ For now there are 75 scholars; and there has not been any instance where support for a scholar was withdrawn.
    - We have a 10 M debt to the university because the donors have not been able to give as quickly and as regularly.
- Question from Ms. Katrina Morales (Year Level 6):
  - o **Is the proposed tuition fee pending the approval of students?**
    - No. Students have no vetoing power regarding this matter.
    - This assembly is for the purpose of presenting the proposal for a tuition increase to the students.
    - There is a process of consultation being followed in the course of the tuition increase.
    - Should there be any concerns, objections, or complaints, these should be directed to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).
  - o **Will there still be enough time for the student body to raise any questions and concerns regarding this?**
    - The Student Council might want to disseminate this meeting to the student body.
    - Concerns will be responded to.
- Question from Mr. Arnel Dy (Year Level 7):
  - o **Why the price in clerkship?**
    - In clerkship, the clerks are not servants; they are students.
      - ◆ They have what is called a consultant-clerks monitor, and their job is to ensure that the syllabus or the curriculum includes what they should learn with regards to the department they are rotating in.
      - ◆ These monitors are paid.
    - Interns however only have rotations in The Medical City and Ospital ng Makati, but their teachers also get paid.

- One advantage of ASMPH is that we are not in an exclusive relationship or partnership with The Medical City.
    - ◆ The school can choose other hospitals, which would better suit its needs.
    - ◆ The determination of the hospitals is based on the medical cases available.
  - Question from Ms. Danica Pasia (Year Level 6):
    - **How do we account for the student activity fees? How will it be distributed?**
      - Multiply the amount for Student Activity Fee (SAF) by the total number of students.
      - Deduct about 10% for administration fee (that goes to the Loyola Schools) and another 10% for the Scholars.
      - The remaining amount (80%) is used for the student activities. However, the Student Council determines how this will be distributed among their activities and that of the organizations.
      - Whatever is not spent in a particular year in the SAF is carried over to the next year.
  - Question from Mr. Jason Ramos (Year Level 5):
    - **In relation to the student activities, are ASMPH student allowed to train, play, or use the facilities in the Loyola Schools for free? What happens is that ASMPH students still need to pay for the use of LS facilities even if they are representing the school in competitions.**
      - Everybody has to pay.
      - What can be done about this is to negotiate it through ASMPH administration for any requests for discounts.
      - In order for the administration to help, students must plan early because the LS facilities are always fully-booked.
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