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BSU submits six programs for Level IV validation

The Benguet State University (BSU) submitted six degree programs for validation by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP) during the hybrid accreditation survey visit on July 16-18, 2024.



A closing meeting for the hybrid accreditation survey visit was held on July 18, 2024 at the Rogelio Dulay Colting (RDC) Hall. This was attended by two AACUP Accreditors, who came on-site, and the BSU Local Task Force.//OQAA

The programs validated were the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Elementary Education, Bachelor of Early Childhood Education, Bachelor of Secondary Education, Bachelor of Technology and Livelihood Education, and Master of Science in Animal Science. The survey visit aimed to validate whether these programs sustained their current Level IV accreditation and to assess their compliance with the recommendations made during the last survey visit. They were assessed in the areas of research, performance of graduates, community service, international linkages and consortia, and the planning process.

During the opening program on July 16, 2024, Andres Arnold W. Lampacan, representing BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila, highlighted the significance of accreditation and the vital role of accreditors in improving and sustaining academic programs. He added that accreditation ensures that degree offerings remain relevant and responsive to the community's needs.

"You, our accreditors, are the gatekeepers of quality and ensure that our course offerings meet the highest standards and relevance. Your meticulous evaluation and constructive feedback

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Benguet State University

VISION

BSU as an International Smart University engendering graduates to walk the intergenerational highways.

MISSION

BSU CARES to: **C**hallenge innovation, **A**dvance technology and facility, **R**evitalize administration, **E**ngender partnership, and **S**erve intergenerational role.

DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Goal I. Challenge Innovation in the four fold functions of the University

Objectives:

1. **(Instruction)** To provide quality education responsive to the needs of time;
2. **(Research)** To enhance research productivity contributing to sustainable development;
3. **(Extension)** To disseminate relevant research outputs and other scholarly activities consistent with BSU's mandated programs;
4. **(Production)** To promote sustainable and appropriate resource generation strategies for the implementation of development plans; and
5. **(Administration)** To advocate for resource management and effective energy efficiency in addressing the demands of climate change.

Goal II. Advance Technology and Facility by shaping the University become responsive to modern needs.

Objectives:

1. **(Instruction)** To use information and communication technology learning resources to sustain and enhance quality of alternative teaching - learning continuity endeavors;
2. **(Research and Extension)** To upgrade facilities and enable researchers/extensionists to conduct activities using specialized facilities;
3. **(Production)** To acquire and upgrade state-of-the-art facilities in the projects innovation; and
4. **(Administration)** To upgrade facilities and establish modern physical infrastructures.

Goal III. Revitalize Administration by harmonizing performance monitoring, information, and reporting systems.

Objectives:

1. To elevate the BSU PRIME-HRM to a level of excellence for good governance and efficient public service;
2. To reinforce transparency, integrity, and objectivity in the delivery of service;
3. To regenerate instruction, research, extension, production, linkages, governance, management, and policies; and
4. To streamline operations to be efficient, effective, and responsive to challenges and changes.

Goal IV. Engender Partnership by proactively strengthening linkages

Objectives:

1. **(Instruction)** To establish academic partnerships with local, regional, national, and international institutions providing educational opportunities for faculty, staff, and students;
2. **(Research)** To increase and sustain university relations with academe, industries, GOs, NGOs, and LGUs for research funding;
3. **(Extension)** To increase and sustain partnership with academe, LGUs, NGOs, Industries, and others; and
4. **(Production)** To comply with existing laws, policies and other requirements.

Goal V. Serve Intergenerational Role by revitalizing the Spiritual, Physical, Economical, Cultural, Intellectual, Emotional, and Social (S.P.E.C.I.E.S.) state.

Objectives:

1. To offer programs that embody social, cultural, economic and developmental needs both for local and global markets;
2. To champion local culture and languages in the University context through research, extension, and academic programs;
3. To document best practices of the University.

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Quality Policy

Benguet State University is continuously committed to improve its Quality Management System, satisfy requirements of relevant interested parties and provide excellent service for quality education and innovative research aligned with sustainable development and client satisfaction.

Board Resolution # 2847 S.2016

College Education Behind Bars Program, to begin first semester of SY 2024-2025

The College Education Behind Bars (CEBB) Program implemented in Benguet State University (BSU) through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the University and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology – Cordillera Administrative Region (BJMP-CAR) will take effect on the first semester of School Year 2024-2025.

This is after BJMP-CAR and BSU officials gathered at the RSDC Hall on July 26, 2024 to conclude the agreement initially signed on June 4, 2024.

BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila alongside BSU officials welcomed BJMP-CAR Jail Senior Superintendent Regional Director Kenneth Bid-ing; Provincial Jail Administrator–Benguet Bernard Marcos; Welfare and Development Section Chief Erlinda Las-egan; Baguio City Jail Male Dorm Warden April Rose Wandag-Ayangwa; Baguio City Jail Acting Female Dorm Warden Joan Bacayan; La Trinidad District Jail Acting Male Dorm Warden Pablo Las-egan; La Trinidad District Jail Acting Female Dorm Warden Euglenna Loquico,

La Trinidad Municipal Jail Acting Warden Norman Palangyos, Buguias District Jail Acting Warden Noel Marcelo and their officers.

BSU VP for Academic Affairs, Samuel S. Poliden explained that the CEBB program will allow Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) to acquire tertiary education through BSU where they will be recipients of the government’s free higher education. The Office of Student Services (OSS) has already administered the BSU-College Admission Test for the potential students. Official discussions with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) regarding the program

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Bureau of Jail Management and Penology – Cordillera Administrative Region (BJMP-CAR) and Benguet State University (BSU) officials pose after the MOA signing for the College Education Behind Bars Program on July 26, 2024 at the RSDC Hall.//EBawang

BSU employees watches SONA 2024. Benguet State University employees gathered at the administration building on July 22, 2024 to listen to the State of the Nation Address (SONA) by President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Romualdez Marcos Jr.//EBawang



A total of 86 Food Engineering students and faculty members from Batangas State University explored the BSU Income-Generating Projects and the Food Science Research and Innovation Center during their benchmarking exercise on July 26, 2024.//PIGadang



NPRCRTC holds training on root and tuber crops production and utilization. The Northern Philippines Root Crops Research and Training Center (NPRCRTC) trained 57 student interns on root and tuber crops production and utilization on July 17-18, 2024. Forty-one students came from the different colleges in BSU, 12 BS Biology students of SLU, and 4 students from the Philippine Science High School. The training aimed to provide and enhance the student's knowledge and skills on root and tuber crops production and utilization as well as gain actual learning experiences in the field setting. Empowering students through capability building help achieve productive employment that promotes decent work and economic growth.//NPRCRTC



University welcomes 252 visitors in July 2024

Benguet State University (BSU) hosted a total of 252 visitors who engaged in benchmarking activities and site visits in various university colleges and offices in July 2024. The visitors came from a range of institutions including Cavite State University, Batangas State University, Catanduanes State University, Kolehiyo ng Lungsod ng Dasmariñas, Northern Iloilo State University, Isabela State University, and Our Farmers' Haven Federation Inc.

During their visit, the guests explored and learned from the best practices of the university. They visited the offices under the Research and Extension sector and the Income-Generating Projects (IGPs) managed by the University

Business Affairs office. They were also accommodated by the various colleges such as the College of Teacher Education, College of Information Sciences, College of Nursing, College of Engineering, College of Arts and Humanities, College of Social Sciences, and

the College of Natural Sciences. Additionally, they also explored the University Library and Information Services.

This event underscores Benguet State University's commitment to fostering collaborative relationships and sharing best practices across educational institutions.

Isabela State University officials and faculty members observed the BSU best practices in agriculture and research on July 5, 2024. They visited the College of Agriculture and the Research and Extension sector.//EBawang



Staff and farmers of Northern Iloilo State University conducted a benchmarking activity at the University Business Affairs Office on July 26, 2024.//BTayaban



Cavite State University personnel visited BSU to learn about the restructuring of their College of Arts and Sciences on July 11, 2024.//BTayaban



Batangas State University personnel benchmarked BSU's Income Generating Projects on July 5, 2024.//BTayaban



IRO strengthens collaboration with Kapangan LGU through International Extension Program Proposal

The International Relations Office (IRO) participated in the Sangguniang Bayan Meeting of the Kapangan Local Government Unit (LGU) on July 23, 2024 to present a proposal for their International Extension Program. The IRO team, led by Director Rex John Bawang and Deputy Director Doreen I. Allasiw, met with Kapangan Mayor Manny E. Fermin to discuss the proposal's details and potential impact on the local community.



The meeting was a significant step towards forging a collaborative partnership between IRO and the Kapangan LGU. Mayor Fermin expressed his support for the initiative by endorsing the proposal to the Sangguniang Bayan for further review and approval.

During the meeting, Allasiw delivered a presentation outlining the objectives, strategies, and expected outcomes of the International Extension Program. Her presentation highlighted the program's focus on fostering cross-cultural exchange and enhancing educational opportunities. On the other hand, Bawang addressed various inquiries from the council members. He provided detailed explanations about the program's framework, implementation timeline, and the specific benefits it would bring to the Kapangan community and emphasized the importance of collaboration and

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Our Farmers' Haven Federation, Inc. personnel visited Benguet State University's Bakery, Food Processing Center, Food Science Research and Innovation Center, and Agri-based Technology Business Incubator/ Innovation Center on July 31, 2024. //BTayaban,DPaydownan



Faculty and staff from Kolehiyo ng Lungsod ng Dasmariñas visited Benguet State University to learn from the best practices of College of Nursing on July 19, 2024. //BTayaban



Ten faculty members from the Catanduanes State University visited the College of Information Sciences on July 11, 2024. //EBawayan



would drive us to strive for excellence, innovate our teaching methods, and align our curricula with the evolving demands of our global landscape,” Lampacan said.

This was followed by the introduction of BSU officials by Office for Quality Assurance and Accreditation (OQAA) Director Beverly C. Sa-ao and the introduction of the BSU Local Task Force by College of Nursing (CN) Dean Vicente G. Panagan Jr., College of Teacher Education (CTE) Dean Divina M. Yango, and College of Agriculture (CA) Dean Constantino T. Sudaypan, Sr. The AACUP Team’s Coordinator Divinagracia M. De Guzman of the Nueva Vizcaya State University also introduced the AACUP accreditors and gave an orientation. De Guzman explained the reasons for accreditation endeavors and appreciated the University’s interest in quality assurance, which demonstrates

BSU’s strong desire to provide students the quality programs they need.

Along De Guzman, other accreditors were Sarah S. Taupan of Western Mindanao State University; Loida O. Crespo of Bulacan State University; Helen F. Delos Santos of Philippine Normal University; Pinky B. Carig of Mindoro State University; Alvin R. De Mesa of Leyte Normal University (LNU); Fe S. Soriano of Pangasinan State University; Marietta B. Arinto of LNU; Erlinda S. Jiz De Ortega of Camarines Norte State College; Felicitas A. Quilondrino of Tarlac State University; Amelia E. Silva of University of the Assumption; Amparo B. Lacandula of University of Southeastern University; and Marietta S. Romera of the President Ramon Magsaysay State University. De Guzman and Delos Santos attended on-site. The accreditors evaluated the program documents and validated submitted documents through interviews.

A closing meeting was held on July 18, 2024 where the accreditors gave their impressions on the validated programs.

De Guzman commended the support, collective efforts, and teamwork displayed by the BSU officials and the Local Task Force throughout the survey visit.

“Quality therefore is everyone’s responsibility. Our best advice is for you to continue doing what is best for BSU. Never stop getting better to be successful. You all have to have the quantity of quality,” she emphasized.

Finally, President Comila expressed his commitment and words of gratitude. He thanked the accreditors for serving as an inspiration to the University in realizing its vision as an international smart university engendering graduates to walk the intergenerational highways.//EBawayan

CHET students get entrepreneurship boost

College of Home Economics and Technology (CHET) students are getting a head start on their business dreams through a three-day entrepreneurship workshop held on July 16-19, 2024 at the RSDC Hall.

The YEP! You Can Be Your Own Boss Training Workshop is part of the Commission on Higher Education-Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) Project Marites in partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry and CAR state colleges and universities. The project aims to help student-grantees develop their business ideas by providing entrepreneurship trainings.

The workshop covered topics such as business planning, operations, finances and pitching. It will culminate in a business pitching competition.// MBugtong&CWaclin



Cavite State University faculty and staff visited BSU on July 5, 2024 to exchange information on research practices and innovative approaches with the Research and Extension sector.//BTayaban, MBugtong



College of Teacher Education Joins Rollout for the MATATAG Curriculum

Faculty from the College of Teacher Education, including teachers from the Elementary and Secondary Laboratory Schools (ELS and SLS), participated in the School-based Training of Teachers on the MATATAG Curriculum for the La Trinidad District from July 15-19, 2024.



CTE faculty members: Praise Lyn Cangat, Cheryl Anton, Meriza Palsaan, Annaliza Dagwasi, Johna Belardo, Judith Sacley, and Jericris Desumala joins the MATATAG training for the Secondary Laboratory School at Benguet National High School.//JBelardo

Bivian B. Cuh-ing, Principal of Benguet National High School and one of the training facilitators, highlighted the importance of this initiative. “This training is an opportunity for basic education teachers to deepen their understanding of the MATATAG curriculum to properly implement it,” she said.

The five-day training program covered a comprehensive range of topics, including the General Shape of the MATATAG Curriculum and subject-specific content. Teachers also explored the integration of 21st-century skills into classroom-based assessments, the curriculum’s Instructional Design Framework, effective pedagogies, and classroom observation techniques. Additionally, the program addressed collaborative expertise, the promotion of special

needs education, and the management of school-based professional development programs.

Benguet Schools Division Superintendent, Sally B. Ullalim, emphasized the importance of ongoing collaboration among educators. “You must maintain this collaboration as teachers to discuss any concerns as you navigate the new curriculum. Let us strengthen this collaboration,” she encouraged.

The training sessions were designed to be interactive, with numerous activities, Q&A sessions, and reflection sharing to ensure that participants were actively engaged and could fully grasp the new

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BSU Buguias and Bokod Campuses to Join ISO 9001:2015 QMS Recertification Audit in October

The BSU Buguias and Bokod campuses are currently preparing for their ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System (QMS) documents as they will be joining the BSU La Trinidad Campus in the upcoming ISO Re-certification Audit this October 2024.



BSU QMS Team visits BSU Buguias campus to monitor and check on their QMS documents in preparation for the ISO 9001:2015 QMS Recertification Audit in October 2024.//Steve Pinas

On July 10-11, 2024, the BSU Quality Management Team, led by BSU Quality Management Representative Beverly Sa-ao, visited the BSU Buguias campus to check on their QMS documents. These documents are their outputs during their ISO 9001:2015 QMS workshop held on March 25-27, 2024 in Ilocos Sur. As a result of the visit, the Buguias campus personnel are advised to complete and finalize their documents.

After BSU Buguias, some members of the BSU QMS team will also be visiting the BSU Bokod campus to check on their QMS documents.

The QMS documents and processes of both campuses will be subjected to internal audit and they will also be conducting their own campus sectoral management meetings.//ASantiago

BSU and DOST-PCAARRD join forces to boost Benguet native pig production

An inception meeting between Benguet State University (BSU) and Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD) for the project, "Enhancing the Productivity and Sustainability of Benguet Native Pig Production" was held at the Rogelio Dulay Colting (RDC) Hall on July 30, 2024. This was attended by BSU Project Leaders and personnel of the Livestock Research Division (LRD) of the DOST-PCAARRD. Possible issues and concerns were discussed to establish a solid foundation for the project implementation.



BSU President Felipe Salaing Comila expressed his gratitude to DOST-PCAARRD for partnering with the university and for their unwavering support. Constantino T. Sudaypan, Dean of the College of Agriculture, emphasized the college commitment to support researches that benefit the community. Likewise, Imelda B. Galinato of the BSU Accounting Office expressed her support for the project.

"We should go beyond publication, receiving awards out of research but extend the benefits of research to building sustainable livelihood, and for making significant contribution to the supply," said Synan S. Baguio, Director of the LRD-PCAARRD to encourage the researchers.

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were also made. Students under the CEBB program will be included in the list of regular students but they will be given, special classes and modules.

"Thank you very much for this opportunity because you know... the reason for incarceration is poverty, and the contributory factor for poverty is lack of education. That is why the BJMP come up with this program...to help the PDLs who are also our kababayan, they are still part of the community," Bid-ing of BJMP-CAR said. He also assured that all these efforts will not go to waste.

VP for Administration and Finance, Allan C. Sacpa added that the program will cater to those who are still waiting for their verdict and those who are already convicted but not with hideous crimes. "Our PDLs deserve to be transformed," he said,

Roscinto Ian C. Lumbres, BSU VP for Research and Extension, acknowledged the challenges faced by researchers but commended their dedication for finding solutions that address the community needs. He challenged the researchers to develop commercializable technology that would benefit the university. Lumbres also urged the administration to expedite the project's financial processes.

Josette San Luis from PCAARRD presented the DOST-Grants-In-Aid (GIA) guidelines, outlining the necessary data submissions, implementation procedures, monitoring, and other requirements for the project. Then, Mary Arnel D. Garcia, the project leader, also presented the project's goals, expected outputs, and budgetary requirements.

adding that the program is one of the most meaningful ways in which the PDLs could be transformed.

BSU President Comila encouraged the VPs to see to the continuation of the program even after his term ends.

Benguet State University is the third state university in CAR to be providing educational growth to PDLs alongside Kalinga State University and Mountain Province State Polytechnic College. The CEBB program is pursuant to the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #4 which is to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong opportunities for all. Poliden shared that Davao del Norte State University was the first to implement the program and they recently held their second commencement exercises.//EBawang&JSTabangcura

A learning session followed, where the participants discussed various aspects of the project, including budget allocation, pig selection, funding sources, facility requirements, procurement procedures, biosecurity measures, sample collection, and deliverables.

The meeting concluded with a message of gratitude from Ana B. Mendoza, the study leader, thanking PCAARRD for the funding and the administration for their support.

With the collaboration between DOST-PCAARRD and BSU, this project is set to contribute for the growth and development of the Benguet native pig industry.//BTayaban

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active participation from local stakeholders to ensure the program's success.

The collaboration between IRO and the Kapangan LGU is an initiative to build strong partnerships with local governments in Benguet province.//IRO

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curriculum's principles and strategies. This proactive approach aims to equip teachers with the tools and confidence needed to successfully implement the MATATAG curriculum in their classrooms.

By participating in this intensive training, BSU ELS and SLS teachers are now better prepared to deliver the MATATAG curriculum, fostering a more effective and innovative learning environment for their students.//JBelarado