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**FEBRUARY 12, 2021 IS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY
in view of the celebration of the Chinese New Year.**

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FEBRUARY 11 IS THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

UNOR HOLDS MIDTERM EVALUATION

The university held its Midterm Strategy Formulation and Presentation of Accomplishments, Concerns, and Opportunities for Academic year 2020-2021 last February 5 at the University President's Hall from 9 am to 5 pm.

The activity opened with the Prayer led by Fray Cristituto Palomar, OAR, and was followed by the singing of the National Anthem. University President Fray Don H. Besana, OAR gave the welcome message. PQA Director Dr. Elmer Haro gave the rationale for the activity.

The first part of the program proper was the presentation of the Institutional Thrusts and Strategies by the Director for External Affairs, Dr. Carlos Eduardo Legaspi, Jr. which was followed by the talk of Dr. Haro on the University's Accreditation Readiness. Before Lunch two departments presented their accomplishment reports: The Office of the University Registrar represented by Eng. Christopher Taclobos for Admission, Retention, and Attrition. And the Academic Deans on Instruction Delivery for Tertiary, represented by Dr. Annabee C. Magbanua of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The afternoon session was opened by the report from the Integrated School (IS) Department on Instruction Delivery. Accomplishment and challenges for IS (N-10) was reported by Mrs. Marlene Gelotin while Dr. Marisa Petalla or the IS (11-12) and were assisted by Fray Persiuz Decena, OAR, Basic Education Director. Mr. Alvin Mananquil, IS Specialist updated the group about LMS accounts creation and followed by SDPC Director Ms. Chris Tajonera and DSA Dr. Dexter Paul Dioso gave the reports on the Student Services area. Dr. Mona Freda Secondes, Director of Research and Development Office and Dr. Ivy Aboy gave the accomplishment of the office. Library services and operations and other initiatives were presented by Ms. Sheila De la Cruz, Director of Fray Luis De Leon Library.

Mrs. Luisa Catague, CPA, University Controller, and Dr. Carmenda Leonoras, Associate HRMDO presented their reports respectively. Health and Safety Protocols during MGCQ were presented by the University Physician, Dr. Christer Marie Taclobos. Fray Ronel P. Gealon, OAR, VP- Administration, gave the Closing Remarks. Fray Jose Alden Alipin, VP Academics led the Closing Prayer and gave the blessing to the assembly.

FR. PRESIDENT: CHARITY IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR BEING

Fr. President Fray Don Besana opened the Midterm Strategy Formulation gathering last February 5, 2021, with the reminder that Charity is the foundation of our being. It is because of charity that we are all here. We have to remind everyone that we love them. We need to let them feel our love.

The celebrations before the assembly were meaningful. We all started with Holy Eucharist the honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the heart overflowing with charity. Secondly, we paid tribute and last respects to our former University President Fray Jose Antonio Rodrigalvarez, OAR who passed away last January 16, 2021. The Fr. President was touched by how the faculty members loved Fr. Rodrig. He told everyone that when one is given an authority, one should understand that the authority is from God and we have to do our best, especially in "loving" those entrusted to us. And the awarding of our 2020 Loyalty awardees was a manifestation of how "loyal" is these awardees to the ideals of the university. Caritas et Scientia will forever be printed in their hearts and being.

Fr. Besana invited everyone to be thankful to God for a good enrollment figure despite the on-going pandemic, the 100% salary, and all the blessings that God has given and continues to give us. He added that this Midterm Strategy Formulation will provide us with a Road map for effective governance which is part of a bigger master plan of Go for us. The Fr. President also gave his report on what the administration had done in the past three years. He closed his message with "We are doing something," – communitarian.

VP -ACADEMICS ISSUES MEMO FOR 2ND SEMESTER SCHEDULES

UNO-R Vice President for Academics Rev. Fr. Jose Alden Alpin, OAR issued Memo no. 010 s. AY 2020-2021 last February 1, 2021, on Rescheduling of Classes and Exams for the second semester of Academic Year 2020-2021. The memo was issued upon the recommendation of the Committee on Online Education. The new schedule of classes and examinations are:

PHASE 1 - January 18 - February 27, 2021

Examinations:

Midterm: February 5 - 6, 2021

Finals: February 26 - 27, 2021

Student Affairs and Services (SAS) days: March 1-2, 2021

PHASE 2 - March 3 - March 26, 2021 and April 5 -April 17, 2021

Examinations:

Midterm: March 19 -20, 2021

Finals: April 16- 17, 2021

PHASE BREAK: March 29 - April 2, 2021 (Holy Week)

SAS days: April 19 - 20, 2021

PHASE 3 - April 21 - May 29, 2021

Examinations:

Midterm: May 7 - 8, 2021

Finals: May 28 - 29, 2021

PHASE BREAK: May 31 - June 4, 2021

SAS Days: June 1- 2, 2021

DEAN VILLASOR TO SPEAK BEFORE AN INTERNATIONAL LAW WEBINAR

Dean John Paolo Villasor, Dean of the UNO-R School of Law will be among the speakers in the Teaching International Law Webinar Series of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law via zoom on February 19, 2021. The Webinar will focus on The Promises and Perils of the Pedagogy of International Law in the Philippine State Exception. Dean Villasor will be joining Irene Antonopoulos (chairman), Royal Holloway, University of London; Melissa Loja (Discussant), consultant on International Law and International Energy Law; Romel Regalado Bagares, Lyceum Philippines, University College of Law; Jose Duke S. Bagulaya of the University of Hongkong; Alizedney M. Ditucalan, Mindanao State University College of Law; and Rodel Taton, Graduate School of Law, San Sebastian College -Recoletos.

UNO-R GIVES LOYALTY AWARDS

The university honored 15 Loyalty Awardees for school year 2020 last February 5, 2021, after the 7:30 am First Friday Mass at the Oratory of St. Nicholas of Tolentino. VP-Administration Fray Ronel Gealon, OAR and VP-Student Welfare Fray Amadeo Lucero, OAR gave the awards while Dr. Dexter Paul Dioso, Director of Student Affairs, presented the awardees. These are students who had started their education at UNO-R from Integrated School to College. The 2020 Loyalty Awardees are Thea Isabelle Alvarez (BSChE); Roland Emil H. Chavez (BSEE); Lyka A. de la Torre (BSCE); Kevin Paul A. Dumala-os (BSME); Melge love Fandida (BSCE); Charlene Grace Gelotin (BSCE); Aldwin John Hablo (BSME); Rudy Lesaguis III (BSME); John Alfred Lucenes (BSME); Maria Crisnil Orbecido (BSChE); Adrienne Christopher Salugsugan (BSCE); Lourdes Angeline Sendico (BSCE); Gabrielle Seruelo (BSIT); Winsli Lour Sumbillo (BSCE); and Mellisa Angela Terry (BSCE). *(data from the Office of Student Affairs)*

NEW STAFF AT THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

A new staff on project-basis has been added to the office of the External Affairs. Mr. Jessan Cabunsol, a BS Agriculture - Crop Science graduate and former editor-in-chief of the Tolentine Star is now part of the External Affairs group. Mr. Cabunsol is assigned to re-face the university social media portals (Facebook, Wikipedia and website). He will work hand-in-hand with Mr. Avelino Kalalang III to materialize the suggestions of Dr. Genaro Japus, Jr, University Management Audit consultant, for university's visibility on the digital world. Mr. Cabunsol is also the social media administrator of the School of Agriculture.



MASSES FOR FR. RODRIG

Two Masses were celebrated in memory of Fray Jose Antonio Rodrigalvarez, OAR. Joined by the former and present faculty members of the UNO-R High School was Fr. President, Fray Don Besana, OAR who celebrated the memorial Mass for Fr. Rodrigalvarez last January 23, 2021. The other Mass in memory of Fr. Rodrig, as we fondly called him, was last February 5 with the university community. The Concelebrated Mass was led by Fray Cristituto Palomar, OAR. Fr. Jose Antonio Rodrigalvarez, served the university served UNO-R from 1965 -1994 in different capacities. He was UNO-R High School Principal from 1968 to 1994 and for three consecutive terms (1985-1988; 1988-1991; 1991-1994) as University President.

UNORIANS ATTEND REAP MEETINGS

UNORIans attended the different meetings organized by the Recoletos Educational Apostolate in the Philippines (REAP) for Recoletos Branding. Dr. Genaro Japus, Jr, chairperson of the REAP Technical Team led the different committee meetings to redefine, reinvent and manage our recoletos brand especially in this time of pandemic and beyond. Fray Jose Alden Alipin, OAR, and Dr. Mona Freda Secondes joined the meeting of the VPAA and Research Directors last February 1 for synchronizing policies leading to the making of a Research Manual for the Recoletos system. Fray Alipin and Dr. Dennis Madrigal joined the meeting last Feb. 1 for the synchronized research policies leading to a unified Thesis and Dissertation Manual. Last February 2, 2021, Fray Don Besana, OAR; Fray Alipin; Mr. Alvin Mananquil; Mr. Mariano Antenor; Mr. Avelino Kalalang III; and Dr. Carlos Eduardo Legaspi, Jr attended the virtual meeting of School Heads, School System Programmers, and Website-in-charge for audit of website for the adequacy of information and other social media platforms. Fray Ronel Gealon, OAR; Dr. Carmenda Leonoras; and Mr. Mananquil attended the meeting in the afternoon of February 2 for the synchronization of HR policies and technologies. On February 8, Fray Palomar with Ms. Maribel Gonzales attended the meeting of VP's for Religious Affairs and Community Development and Extension heads in the morning and Frays Gealon, Alipin, and Palomar attended the meeting to calibrate the direction of Recoletos Education in the next 10 years. February 10, Fr. President attended the meeting with all the School Heads.

PSSJ IS NOW AN INTERNATIONALLY INDEXED JOURNAL BY DOAJ

The Philippine Social Science Journal (PSSJ) of the Recoletos de Bacolod Graduate School is now an internationally indexed journal by the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and joins the caliber journals in the world. It will increase its visibility, impact, distribution, and usage. The DOAJ was launched in 2003 with 300 open access journals. Today, this independent database contains over 15 000 peer-reviewed open access journals covering all areas of science, technology, medicine, social sciences, arts, and humanities. Open access journals from all countries and in all languages are welcome to apply for inclusion. DAJ is financially supported by many libraries, publishers, and other like-minded organizations. Supporting DOAJ demonstrates a firm commitment to open access and the infrastructure that supports it. (www.philssi.org)

CONGRATULATIONS!

UNO-RIAN IS LONE FILIPINO EXCELLENCE AWARDEE



EXCELLENCE IN THE CRAFT. Second-year Mass Communication student Crisha Arroyo was given recognition as an "Excellent Trainee" of the KDB Global Leadership Program from October to December 2020 via a YouTube live stream from the Konju National University.

"I had to let go of some things just for this. I learned that when we really want something, as long as we set our hearts into it, the universe will conspire to make it happen," she said. Among forty students from Central and Southeast Asia, Arroyo was the only Filipino participant that received the recognition.

The "Excellent Trainee" award of the KDB Global Leadership Program is given to participants who showed outstanding performance during the program. KDB Global Leadership Program by the KDB Bank and KDB Foundation gathers students worldwide to hone them in becoming potential global leaders wherein selected students may receive scholarships and jobs.

(News by Cristian Jay Plaza <https://www.facebook.com/tolentinar/posts/382741677325228>).

CONGRATULATIONS!



*We continue to pray for the health of our dear
Fr. Walthrode Conde, OAR
and Fr. William Villaflor, OAR.*

Nuestra Señora de la Salud, pray for us.

