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CHED told to restore Filipino, Panitikan subjects

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The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is being asked to completely implement the order of the Supreme Court (SC) to restore Filipino and Panitikan courses in the tertiary level with the full implementation of the new General Education Curriculum (GEC) by Academic Year 2018-2019.

The Alyansa ng mga Tagapagtanggol ng Wikang Filipino (Alliance of Defenders of the National Language) or Tanggol Wika, an alliance of schools, colleges, universities, linguistic and cultural organizations, and concerned citizens, filed a case and secured a Temporary Restrain-

ing Order (TRO) against the abolition of Filipino and Panitikan (Literature) as mandatory core courses in the new General Education Curriculum in Philippine colleges and universities in 2015.

Tanggol Wika Convenor David Michael San Juan, however, said that despite the SC's ruling, CHED never implemented the order.

In 2013, CHED issued the CMO No. 20, series of 2013 or the General Education Curriculum: Holistic Understandings, Intellectual and Civic Competencies,

which is the policy cover for the revised General Education Curriculum (GEC).

The new GEC was crafted for the implementation of the K to 12 Education Program – particularly for those who have completed Senior High School (SHS).

Compared to the old one, the new GEC has been reduced from 63 units (for Humanities and Social Science majors) or 51 units (for Science, Engineering and Math majors) to a total of 36 units for all students – regardless of discipline.

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