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RESOLUTION NO. SP-10030, S-2025

A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED) TO REVIEW AND AMEND THEIR GUIDELINES ON OFF-CAMPUS CURRICULAR AND NON-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, ENSURING STRICTER REGULATIONS TO PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED EVENTS, CONSIDERING THE BURDENS IMPOSED ON ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS AND TO IMPLEMENT SAFETY MEASURES TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS AND ENSURE PROPER PLANNING FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Introduced by Councilors ALY MEDALLA, DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D., AIKO S. MELENDEZ, ALBERT ALVIN "CHUCKIE" L. ANTONIO III, ATTY. ANTON L. REYES, CHARM M. FERRER, ERIC Z. MEDINA, GODOFREDO T. LIBAN II, IRENE R. BELMONTE, KRISTINE ALEXIA R. MATIAS, RN, MARIA ELEANOR "DOC ELLIE" R. JUAN, O.D., TATAY RANNIE Z. LUDOVICA, TANY JOE "TJ" L. CALALAY, VICTOR "VIC" BERNARDO and WENCEROM BENEDICT C. LAGUMBAY

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Dave C. Valmocina, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Don S. De Leon, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Imee A. Rillo, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Jose Maria M. Rodriguez and Jhon Angelli "Sami" C. Neri

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all;

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WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of students participating in off-campus curricular and non-curricular activities is paramount, requiring the implementation of appropriate safety protocols and planning to avoid accidents and ensure a secure environment for all involved;

WHEREAS, students engaging in off-campus activities, whether for academic or extracurricular purposes, face risks that must be addressed through well-established guidelines and safety measures;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Department of Education (DepEd) are responsible for establishing and enforcing policies governing the conduct of off-campus curricular and non-curricular activities in both higher and basic education institutions;

WHEREAS, incidents in various educational institutions have highlighted concerns regarding the safety, planning, and financial impact of non-curricular activities, with issues such as overcrowding, inadequate transportation arrangements, and lack of proper documentation for such events, all of which pose risks to student welfare;

WHEREAS, the failure of certain educational institutions to comply with required documentary submissions, as outlined in CHED Memorandum Order No. 63, S-2017, has led to concerns regarding the legality and safety of off-campus non-curricular activities, particularly in terms of planning and authorization;

WHEREAS, due to the failure of an institution to submit the necessary documentary requirements for an event, a Show Cause Order was issued by CHED, prompting the need for further action and review of non-curricular activity guidelines;

WHEREAS, the burden of such activities disproportionately affects economically disadvantaged students, raising concerns about accessibility, financial equity, and student participation in essential educational activities without undue financial strain;

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WHEREAS, it is imperative for CHED and DepEd to review and amend their existing guidelines on off-campus curricular and non-curricular activities to ensure stricter regulatory oversight, considering both the safety of students and the potential economic impact on underprivileged students, and to establish effective measures that prevent accidents and guarantee proper planning for all future activities.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Department of Education (DepED) to review and amend their guidelines on off-campus curricular and non-curricular activities, ensuring stricter regulations to prevent unauthorized events, considering the burdens imposed on economically disadvantaged students, and to implement safety measures to prevent accidents and ensure proper planning for future activities.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the City Council of Quezon City recommends that:

- 1. a comprehensive review of the existing policies and regulations on off-campus curricular and non-curricular activities to ensure alignment with the principles of safety, accessibility, equity, and accountability be conducted;*
- 2. CHED and DepEd implement stricter guidelines, requiring educational institutions to submit all necessary documentation and obtain explicit approval for all off-campus curricular and non-curricular activities, with clear justifications regarding their educational value, inclusivity and safety;*
- 3. measures be developed to ensure that participation in off-campus curricular and non-curricular activities do not place undue financial burdens on students, particularly those from low-income backgrounds, and that no student is excluded from educational activities due to financial constraints; and*
- 4. enforcement mechanisms be strengthened to hold educational institutions accountable for any failure to comply with regulations governing non-curricular activities, ensuring that unauthorized, unsafe or exploitative events do not take place.*

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RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the CHED, DepED and all relevant agencies for their information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED: February 24, 2025.



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City Councilor
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(City Council Secretary)

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on February 24, 2025 and was CONFIRMED on March 3, 2025.


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