


OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR
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TO : ALL DEANS, DIRECTORS, HEADS OF ACADEMIC UNITS
ALL FACULTY MEMBERS



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SUBJECT : BALANGKAS: Symposium on Straight PhD Programs and Diploma Programs

DATE : 9 March 2016

As announced at the University Council meeting on 15 February 2016, the Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs (OVCAA), with the Office of the University Registrar (OUR), will be holding several symposia in the BALANGKAS series to tackle alternative modes of delivery of graduate programs. The first Symposium will be held on **14 March 2016, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon at the National Engineering Center (NEC) Audiovisual Room, Junio Hall.**

Titled **BALANGKAS: Symposium on Straight PhD Programs and Diploma Programs**, this event will feature Colleges and Units that recommend Doctoral and Master's degrees in combinations that are variously described as "Direct PhD," "Straight PhD," "Pick-up Master's," "Diploma to PhD," "Diploma to Master's," and the like. The first Symposium focuses on straight PhD and diploma programs because a) they are the most common of the alternative modes of graduate program design in the University; and b) they both modify the conventional or regular division of graduate education into master's and doctoral programs. Like other events in the Balangkas Symposium Series, the Symposium will be open to all faculty members of the University.

Enclosed is a copy of the tentative program, for your reference.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with Ms. Cecille Estrada, at VOIP 4554 or 4558 or email pucss_our.diliman@up.edu.ph.

We hope you can join us in the Symposium. Thank you very much.

BALANGKAS: Symposium on Straight PhD Programs and Diploma Programs

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

8:30 am – 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Opening Remarks <i>Chancellor Michael L. Tan</i>
9:15 am – 9:30 am	Overview of the Design of Regular PhDs, Regular Master's, and Diploma Programs <i>UR Marilyn R. Canta</i>
9:30 am – 10:20 am	Part I - Straight PhD Programs and Pick-up Master's Degrees: Implementation and Challenges
	9:30 am – 9:40 am Dean Balmaceda or Rep (CS)
	9:40 am – 9:50 am Dean Gutierrez or Rep (VSB)
	9:50 am – 10:00 am Dean Solon or Rep (SE)
	10:00 am – 10:10 am Dean Delos Reyes or Rep (SURP)
	10:10 am – 10:20 am Dean Aguilin-Dalisay or Rep (CSSP)
10:20 am – 10:50 am	Open Forum 1
10:50 am – 11:20 am	10:50 am – 11:00 am Dean Sale or Rep (SOLAIR)
	11:00 am – 11:10 am Director Mijares or Rep (ASP)
	11:10 am – 11:20 am Dean Caragay or Rep (CSWCD)
11:20 am – 11:40 am	Open Forum 2
11:40 am – 11:50 am	Summary <i>AUR Tessa Maria T. Guazon</i>
11:50 am – 12:00 am	Closing Remarks <i>VC Benito M. Pacheco</i>