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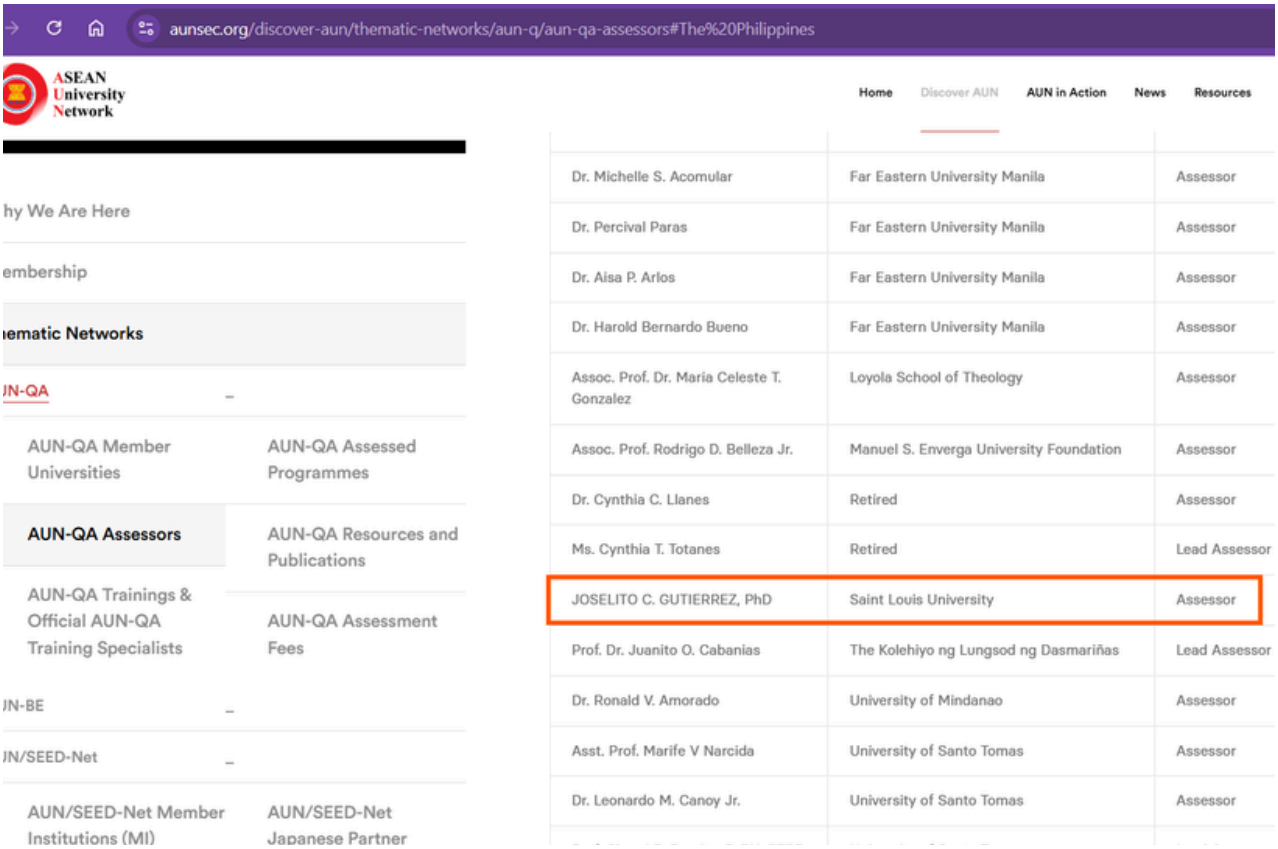
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SLU academic appointed as AUN-QA Quality Assessor

Saint Louis University (SLU) through the Executive Assistant to the SLU President, Joselito C. Gutierrez, PhD, was selected as a part of the assessment panel of the ASEAN University Network-Quality Assurance (AUN-QA). After his attendance at the December 2024 AUN-QA International Conference in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Dr. Gutierrez's appointment was publicly announced.

AUN-QA Assessors analyze higher education programs by using an exhaustive framework that evaluates curriculum, teaching, research, and governance to strengthen academic standards across ASEAN.

SLU launched into its quality assurance journey after becoming an AUN-QA Associate Member in June 2023. SLU, under the leadership of OIDQA Director Dr. Hector L. Martin and Dr. Gutierrez, has actively engaged in AUN-QA training and conferences to prepare for international program assessment.





Championed by SLU President Rev. Fr. Gilbert B. Sales, CICM, PhD, this effort aims to expand the university's international academic footprint through active participation with the AUN-QA framework which allows for more effective identification of challenges, crafting of policies, evaluation of potential future scenarios, tracking and reporting progress, and applying adaptive management to propel continuous academic development.

This undertaking reinforces Sustainable Development Goals 4 (Quality Education) and 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) while incorporating CICM values of Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation which fortifies SLU's commitment to transformative education and social responsibility.

SLU drives national Teacher Education reform under RA 11713

Saint Louis University (SLU) through the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Felina P. Espique, PhD, actively contributed to the development of national education policy through the ceremonial signing of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Republic Act No. 11713 on May 26, 2023, at Pasig City. Serving as a Regular Member and Luzon Representative on the Teacher Education Council (TEC), Dr. Espique's involvement highlights SLU's critical role in shaping policy, elevating academic standards, and advocating for quality, future-ready teacher education across the nation.

RA No. 11713, known as the Excellence in Teacher Education Act was signed to address the plummeting quality of education in the Philippines and bridge the gaps in the implementation of the previous Teacher Education Act (RA No. 7784) of 1994.

This crucial involvement fortifies the university's commitment to identifying educational problems and challenges, and developing policies and strategies to attend to them which aligns with Sustainable Development Goals 4 (Quality Education) and 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Congress of the Philippines
Metro Manila

[IRR OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11713, May 26, 2023]

IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11713 "AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING TEACHER EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES BY ENHANCING THE TEACHER EDUCATION COUNCIL, ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM, INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONAL EDUCATORS ACADEMY OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7784, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN TEACHER EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES BY ESTABLISHING CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE, CREATING A TEACHER EDUCATION COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES'"

Done this 26th day of May, 2023.

CONFORME:

(SGD.) **HON. SARA Z. DUTERTE**
Secretary, Department of Education
TEC Ex-officio Chairman

(SGD.) **HON. J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III**
Chairperson, Commission on Higher Education
TEC Ex-officio Vice-Chairman

(SGD.) **HON. DANILO P. CRUZ**
Director General, TESDA
TEC Ex-officio Member

(SGD.) **HON. CHARITO A. ZAMORA**
Chairperson, PRC
TEC Ex-officio Member

(SGD.) **HON. OSCAR G. CASAYSAY**
Executive Director, NCCA
TEC Ex-officio Member

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, both parties have hereunto set their hands this 26th day of May, 2023, at Pasig City, Philippines.

Signed in the presence of:

(SGD.) **DR. FELINA P. ESPIQUE**
Luzon Representativ
TEC Regular Membere

(SGD.) **DR. JESTONI P. SABIA**
Visayas Representative
TEC Regula Member

(SGD.) **DR. ANNABEL J. CASUMPA**
Mindanao Representatives
TEC Regular Member

(SGD.) **DR. THOMAS EDISON E. DELA CRUZ**
Science Representative
TEC Regular Member

(SGD.) **DR. GARRY C. CACHUELA**
Mathematics Representative
TEC Regular Member

(SGD.) **DR. ARCHIE B. RESOS**
Social Studies Representative
TEC Regular Member

(SGD.) **DR. JENNIE V. JOCSON**
Language Representative
TEC Regular Member

SLU, UC, UB join forces with Baguio City for Free Youth Meals initiative

Saint Louis University (SLU), University of the Cordilleras (UC), and University of Baguio (UB) with the leadership of Mayor Benjamin Magalong, joined by Vice Mayor Faustino Olowan, and the members of the City Council signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on the Free Meals for Youth Program on November 3, 2025 at the Baguio City Hall.

Enacted under City Ordinance No. 96, Series of 2023, the joint project provides interventions that address involuntary hunger of staff and students in Baguio City where meals are prepared and provided by the universities' accredited canteen concessionaires funded by the Baguio City Government.

As defined in the agreement, the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) administers program funds, supervises program operations and ensures both dietary compliance for meals and proper allocation of financial resources.

The Free Meals for Youth Program is available to college and university students, as well as student assistants, in Baguio City, who must:

- be residents of Baguio City belonging to low-income families,
- have passed the screening overseen by the CSWDO,
- maintain passing academic grades, and
- not be recipients of any other government subsidy of financial assistance.





The qualified students are supported with monthly food vouchers worth ₱ 2,500.00, redeemable at accredited food establishments citywide.

SLU, through this agreement, stands as an institution that combats food scarcity, advances student well-being, and broadens supply and access to food banks/pantries. This undertaking complements SDG 2: Zero Hunger, SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being, and SDG 17: Partnership for the goals.

SLU co-develops breakthrough IRO Management Guide for PH HEIs





University / IRO	SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY *MARY GRACE P. CARRIDO, PHD*
Topic of the Case Study	WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK ACCOUNT FOR INTERNATIONALIZATION
Background	The international partner universities need to be informed about the internationalization programs of the university. International students would have an online platform for highlighting activities and programs.
Implementation	Setting up of a website and other social media sites (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
Success factors	Internationalization programs and projects are disseminated, not only to the SLU community but also to international partner universities, providing a global window for SLU.
Impact / Results / Outcomes	Engagement of international students and local students in terms of support and participation in the activities. Information about internationalization is known by the other universities.

Saint Louis University (SLU), in 2021, was a key developer in the ANTENA Project, a European Union-funded Erasmus+ capacity-building initiative tailored for national internationalization. With its direct contribution to the project, the university functions at a foundational role in the institutional management of International Relations Offices (IROs) across the country.

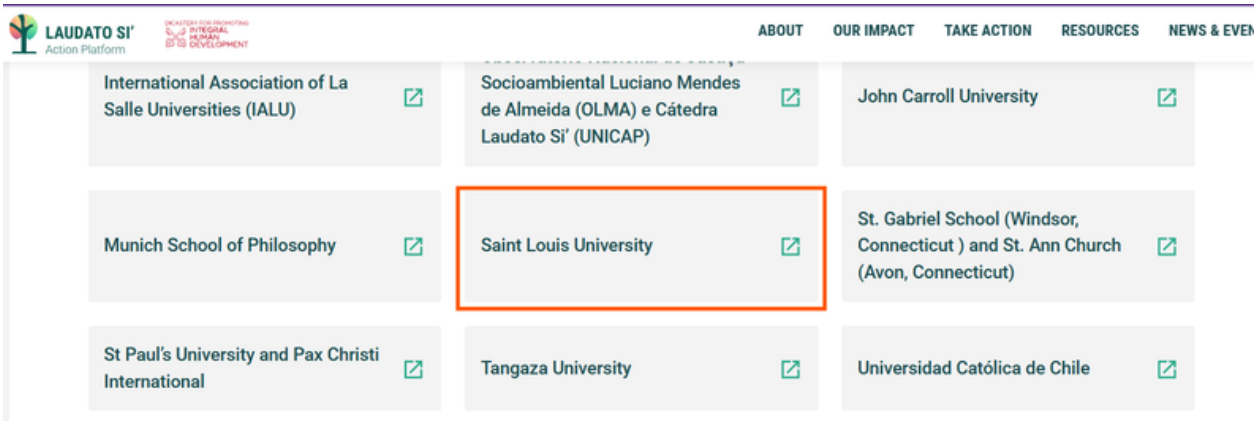
The IRO Management Guide contains the following parts: Introduction and Rationale, The International Office: Structure and Operations, Relationships with CHED and the Home Organization, Developing the International Strategy for faculty and staff, students and the institution, Implementing the Strategy at the Institutional Level and Sectorial Level, Marketing and Communications, Sustainability and Fund Raising, Best Practices, and Issues and Challenges.

Through this involvement, SLU cements its role in the equal access and expansion of higher education and scholarship opportunities, youth employment and global strategy, knowledge sharing and technology transfer, and capacity building which aligns with SDG 4: Quality Education, SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, and SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals.

SLU anchors sustainability mission in Laudato Si' partnership

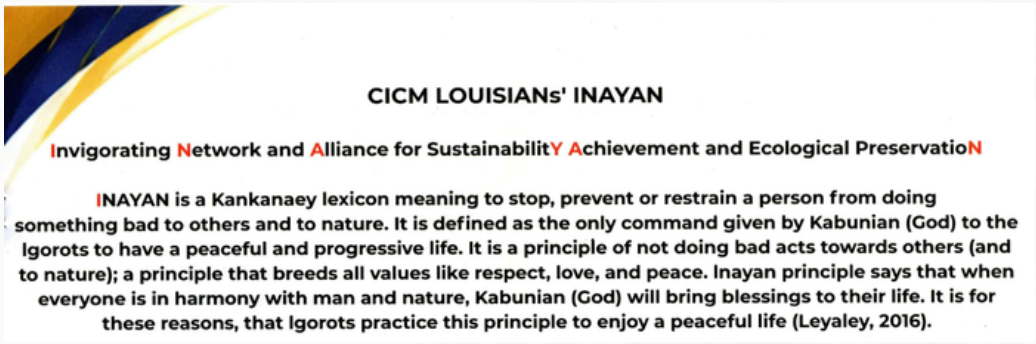
Saint Louis University (SLU), a sector partner of the Laudato Si' Action Platform, formally obtained its certification as an Active Participant on October 24, 2025. Sponsored by the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, this confirms the university's genuine and active commitment to the ecological conversion and care for creation inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'.

SLU further formalizes its accountability and active engagement through the University leadership, faculty, staff, and partners by aligning its academic and research, operational, and community practices through the SLU SDG & Laudato Si' Pledge and Three-Year Sustainable Development Goals and Laudato Si' Goals Action Plan and Activities. Through this, under the supervision of the Office of the University President, CICM Louisians' INAYAN, a flagship collective activities of the SLU SDG Binnadang program was collaboratively created by SLU faculty, staff, and students.









This noble endeavor fortifies the University's commitment to respond to the cry of the poor and earth, adopt sustainable lifestyle, integrate ecological education, engineer environmental monitoring systems, advocate for indigenous peoples' rights, and serve as a critical bridge combining local and international networks and religious bodies which caters to SDG 1: No Poverty, SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being, SDG 4: Quality Education, SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, SDG 13: Climate Action, SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions, and SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals.

SLU 2025 SDG Accord Case Study published on the EAUC Sustainability Exchange official website



Saint Louis University (SLU) has taken a significant step in its commitment to sustainability by becoming one of the signatories of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Accord in May 2025.

On 24 September 2025, the University's SDG Accord Case Study titled, "Suppliers Summit 2025: Saint Louis University strengthens partnerships for sustainability" was published on the official website of Sustainability Exchange delivered by the Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges Sustainability Exchange (EAUC).

Sustainability Exchange is a leading platform for sustainability in tertiary education, sharing knowledge from top sustainable development and education organizations. Publishing on this platform shows SLU's active role in a global community advancing sustainability in higher education, aligning it with top institutions and enhancing its credibility and visibility in sustainability efforts. SLU's case study on the 2025 Suppliers Summit held on 6 August 2025 affirms such efforts.

Themed “Strengthening Corporate Social Responsibility through Sustainable Development Goals,” the Suppliers Summit was one of the initiatives under the Sustainable Advocacies through the Vendor-Supplier Engagement (SAVE) Program. The event gathered suppliers, local schools, faculty and student leaders, raising awareness of the SDGs and promoting the use of sustainable practices.

Beyond publishing the report, SLU is preparing to launch its 2025-2028 three-year SDG plan, a key milestone in its sustainability journey. The plan targets five focus areas—People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, and Partnership—aligned with seven core SDGs: No Poverty (SDG 1), Good Health and Well-being (SDG 3), Quality Education (SDG 4), Sustainable Cities and Communities (SDG 11), Climate Action (SDG 13), Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions (SDG 16), and Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17).

Through meaningful partnerships and purposeful initiatives, SLU continues to advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals rooted in its commitment to nurturing responsible and transformative education that serves both the local community and the global society.

Published on the SLU Website:

https://www.slu.edu.ph/2025/09/25/slu-2025-sdg-accord-case-study-published-on-the-eauc-sustainability-exchange-official-website/

SLU President redesignated as CEAP-CAR Regional Trustee

Regional Trustees



Fr. Gilbert B. Sales, CICM

Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)

President, Saint Louis University

Saint Louis University's (SLU) pursuit for quality education was heightened through the reappointment of SLU President Rev. Fr. Gilbert B. Sales, CICM, PhD as the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines–Cordillera Administrative Region's (CEAP-CAR) Regional Trustee in January 2024. Fr. Sales affirms his longstanding service since his first appointment on January 11, 2023.

Fr. Sales represents CAR through its ongoing journey for transformation of education through CEAP's strategic direction for the next three years namely: Educational Leadership and Policy Influence, Organizational Development and Governance, Advocacy and Formation, Systemic Support and Capacity Building, and Community Engagement and Impact Assessment. Though this established goals, Fr. Sales as the Regional Trustee bridges the strengthened collaboration of the 48 Catholic schools across the Cordillera Administrative Region under the mission to enrich Catholic practices and positively influence the transformative education and society in the Philippines.

CEAP is a non-stock, non-profit organization that is commissioned to advance higher education with the objective "the total development of the human person," by way of norm of the Catholic Church. It aims to consistently align with national development goals. The CEAP is represented in the Coordinating



Council of Private Educational Associations (COCOPEA), Private Education Assistance Committee–Fund for Assistance to Private Education (PEAC-FAPE) and strives to be a beacon of commitment and collaboration of regional nongovernment organisations in identifying problems and challenges in social, political, moral, and other critical issues based on consultations with different regions to execute collective action.

SLU, as a catalyst for enhanced higher education, facilitates closing gaps between developing strategies and maintaining quality education. Alongside the initiative of the Fr. Sales being the focal person for innovation and transformative education, SLU banks on its achievements as the premier Catholic educational institution in the northern Philippines in tune with its motto, "*Sapientia Aedificat*" — Wisdom builds.

This steady involvement reinforces SLU's mission in abiding by the CICM Advocacies namely: Peace, Justice, and Dialogue in connection with targeted Sustainable Development Goals: SDG 4: Quality Education, and SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17).

Original article published on the SLU Website:

https://www.slu.edu.ph/2024/01/27/ceap-reappoints-slu-president-as-car-regional-trustee/

SLU faculty selected as 2025 PAASCU Accreditors

Saint Louis University (SLU) professors were appointed as college accreditors by the Philippine Accrediting Association of School, Colleges, and Universities (PAASCU) effective June 2025.

In a significant milestone affirming its commitment to quality education and leadership, the distinguished faculty serving as PAASCU accreditors in respective programs are:

Arts & Sciences, Education, & Business Administration:

- Roberto M. Arguelles
- Reynaldo S. Bautista
- Joey G. Gapasin
- Teresita D. Ignacio
- April L. Macasieb-Gumnad
- Hector L. Martin
- Faridah Kristi C. Wetherick
-

Computer Science & Information Technology

- Gerry Paul C. Genove
- Cecilia A. Mercado



Engineering
- Jeffrey Des Binwag
- Cynthia L. Posadas

Medical Technology
- Allan Jay Espritu

Nursing
- Ann P. Opina

Radiologic Technology
- Mariflor V. Valbuena

Medical Education
- Leo Emmanuel Bunag
- John Anthony A. Domantay
- Rosemarie J. Dominguez

Graduate School
- Roberto M. Arguelles
- Reynaldo Bautista
- Felina P. Espique

Being appointed as a PAASCU accreditor entails a critical role in the national framework for educational quality assurance.

Accreditors are entrusted with evaluating academic programs and institutions against established PAASCU quality standards, policy development, strategic leadership, and institutional responsiveness. This role demands a rigorous process of identifying problems and challenges within educational programs, developing actionable policies and strategies, and applying scenario modelling to forecast the potential impacts of various interventions on institutional quality and sustainability.

Furthermore, accreditors participate actively in ongoing monitoring and reporting functions, essential for adaptive management that ensures interventions remain effective and aligned with evolving educational demands and national development priorities. Emphasizing the university's direct involvement and contribution. The university's representatives contribute to national and regional nongovernment organizations by providing expert input that shapes policy development related to higher education's role in sustainable development. Their work facilitates identifying systematic challenges, developing comprehensive strategies, and enabling adaptive ma-

nagement frameworks that respond to the changing landscape of education.

The selection of SLU professors as PAASCU college accreditors not only honors their expertise and dedication but also signifies SLU's role as a recognized leader in higher education quality assurance. It reflects the university's active involvement in shaping national education policies and strategies aligned with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Quality education (SDG 4) and Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17). Moreover, this engagement exemplifies SLU's commitment to the CICM advocacy of Peace, Justice, and Dialogue.

This distinction underscores the university's commitment to continuous improvement, accountability, and collaborative governance, serving as a beacon for academic excellence and sustainable development in the Philippines.

Published on the SLU Website:

https://www.slu.edu.ph/2024/01/27/ceap-reappoints-slu-president-as-car-regional-trustee/

SLU President elected as ASSEACCU Executive Board

Saint Louis University President, Rev. Fr. Gilbert Sales, CICM, was elected as an Executive Board of the Association of Southeast and East Asian Catholic Colleges and Universities covering 1 September 2023 - 31 August 2026.

As an executive board, he took part in shaping the organization's strategic directions, shaping policies and programs, and guiding collaborative initiatives among member institutions. Further, the role gave the Univeristy an avenue to share its best practices with peer institutions.

This engagement strengthened the University's collaboration with international and regional institutions (SDG 17) and supported SDG 4 through collective action to improve collaboration.



SLU contributes to the Reframed Pre-service Teacher Education Curriculum

Saint Louis University participated in the series of engagements for the crafting of the reframed pre-service curriculum of the Teacher Education. This curriculum aims to make teacher preparation more relevant to the realities of Philippine schools and strengthen opportunites for practice teaching.

The University's involvement in this endeavor underscores its commitment to Quality Education (SDG 4) and Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17).

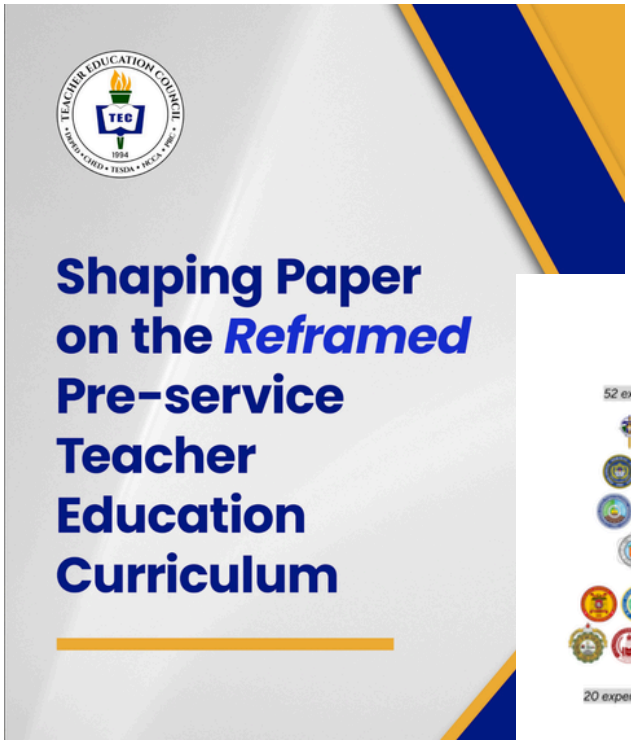




Figure 3. Representation of Curriculum Development Teams

Lists of engaged stakeholders across the curriculum reframing process are reflected in the attachments in Annex A.

Reflected in the *Development Phases* are the iterative emphasis of the drivers for *reframing* through sessions on problematizing the initial outputs, revisiting existing literature and policies, synthesizing final outputs for critiquing and refinement, and developing and refining course syllabi guides. Aiding these processes were research-driven discussions and templates to facilitate the development and validation processes, as well as presentations on student workload, authentic assessment, deeper look on the PQF Level 6 indicators and the PPST-BTIs, and context- and direction-setting in teacher education.

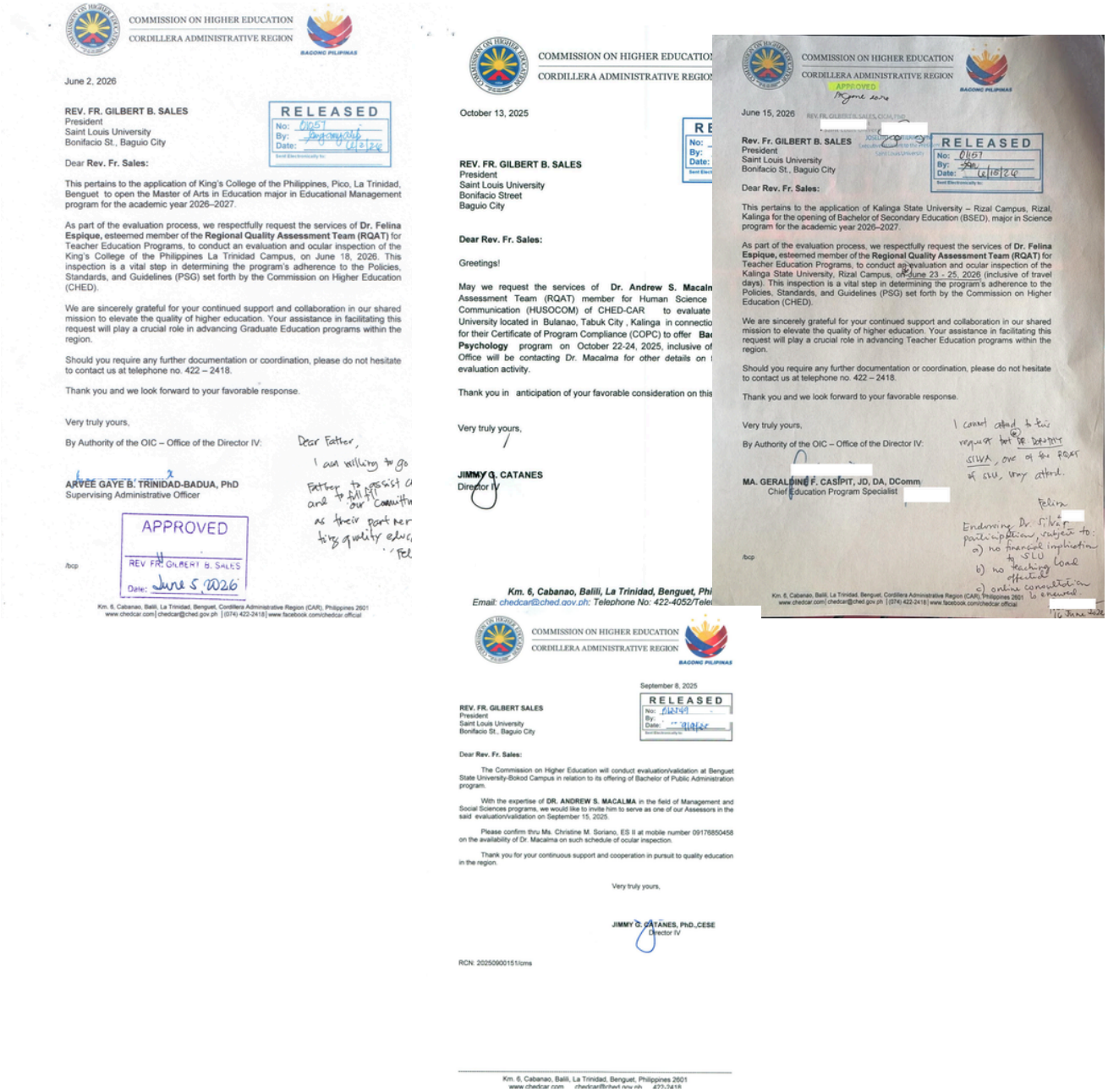
Zonal public hearings, focus group discussions, and alignment meetings and consultations were also pursued to guide the refinement and finalization of the *reframed* curriculum outputs.

Covering the *Diffusion Phase*, **stakeholder validation in Phase 1 (April and May 2025) involved 900+ individuals** across 240 TEIs, professional organizations, and the general public, **while stakeholder validation in Phase 2 (October and November 2025) involved 800+ individuals** across 150 TEIs, agencies, and professional organizations.

SLU Heads serve as Assessors in RQAT Visits

Saint Louis University heads served as assessors in the Regional Quality Assessment Team visits in various institutions in the Cordillera Administrative Region, Philippines. The RQAT visits are conducted under the Commission on Higher Education and these aim to review or monitor institutions' compliance to national standards.

This engagement shows the University's direct involvement in processes that shape educational practices and policies. It highlights the University's commitment to Quality Education (SDG 4) and Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17).



COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

June 2, 2026

RELEASED

REV. FR. GILBERT B. SALES
President
Saint Louis University
Bonifacio St., Baguio City

Dear Rev. Fr. Sales:

This pertains to the application of King's College of the Philippines, Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet to open the Master of Arts in Education major in Educational Management program for the academic year 2026–2027.

As part of the evaluation process, we respectfully request the services of **Dr. Felina Espique,** esteemed member of the **Regional Quality Assessment Team (RQAT)** for Teacher Education Programs, to conduct an evaluation and ocular inspection of the King's College of the Philippines La Trinidad Campus, on June 18, 2026. This inspection is a vital step in determining the program's adherence to the Policies, Standards, and Guidelines (PSG) set forth by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

We are sincerely grateful for your continued support and collaboration in our shared mission to elevate the quality of higher education. Your assistance in facilitating this request will play a crucial role in advancing Graduate Education programs within the region.

Should you require any further documentation or coordination, please do not hesitate to contact us at telephone no. 422 – 2418.

Thank you and we look forward to your favorable response.

Very truly yours,

By Authority of the OIC – Office of the Director IV:

ARVEE GAYE B. TRINIDAD-BADUA, PhD
Supervising Administrative Officer

APPROVED
REV FR. GILBERT B. SALES
Date: June 5, 2026

Dear Father,
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October 13, 2025

REV. FR. GILBERT B. SALES
President
Saint Louis University
Bonifacio Street
Baguio City

Dear Rev. Fr. Sales:

Greetings!

May we request the services of Dr. Andrew S. Macaln
Assessment Team (RQAT) member for Human Science
Communication (HUSOCOM) of CHED-CAR to evaluate
University located in Bulanao, Tabuk City , Kalinga in connectio
for their Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) to offer Ba
Psychology program on October 22-24, 2025, inclusive of
Office will be contacting Dr. Macalma for other details on
evaluation activity.

Thank you in anticipation of your favorable consideration on this

Very truly yours,

JIMMY G. CATANES
Director IV

Km. 6, Cabanao, Balili, La Trinidad, Benguet, Phi
Email: chedcar@ched.gov.ph; Telephone No: 422-4052/Tele

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APPROVED

June 15, 2026

Rev. Fr. GILBERT B. SALES
President
Saint Louis University
Bonifacio St., Baguio City

RELEASED

Dear Rev. Fr. Sales:

This pertains to the application of Kalinga State University – Rizal Campus, Rizal, Kalinga for the opening of Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSED), major in Science program for the academic year 2026–2027.

As part of the evaluation process, we respectfully request the services of **Dr. Felina Espique,** esteemed member of the **Regional Quality Assessment Team (RQAT)** for Teacher Education Programs, to conduct an evaluation and ocular inspection of the Kalinga State University, Rizal Campus, on June 23 - 25, 2026 (inclusive of travel days). This inspection is a vital step in determining the program's adherence to the Policies, Standards, and Guidelines (PSG) set forth by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

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Thank you and we look forward to your favorable response.

Very truly yours,

By Authority of the OIC – Office of the Director IV:

MA. GERALDINE F. CASIPIT, JD, DA, DComm
Chief Education Program Specialist

I cannot attend to this request but Dr. Rosalyn Silva, one of the RQAT of SLU, may attend.

Felina

Endorsing Dr. Silva's participation, subject to:
a) no financial implication to SLU
b) no teaching load affected
c) online consultation is preferred

17 June 2026

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September 8, 2025

RELEASED

REV. FR. GILBERT SALES
President
Saint Louis University
Bonifacio St., Baguio City

Dear Rev. Fr. Sales:

The Commission on Higher Education will conduct evaluation/validation at Benguet State University-Bokod Campus in relation to its offering of Bachelor of Public Administration program.

With the expertise of **DR. ANDREW S. MACALMA** in the field of Management and Social Sciences programs, we would like to invite him to serve as one of our Assessors in the said evaluation/validation on September 15, 2025.

Please confirm thru Ms. Christine M. Soriano, ES II at mobile number 09176850458 on the availability of Dr. Macalma on such schedule of ocular inspection.

Thank you for your continuous support and cooperation in pursuit to quality education in the region.

Very truly yours,

JIMMY G. CATANES, PhD.,CESE
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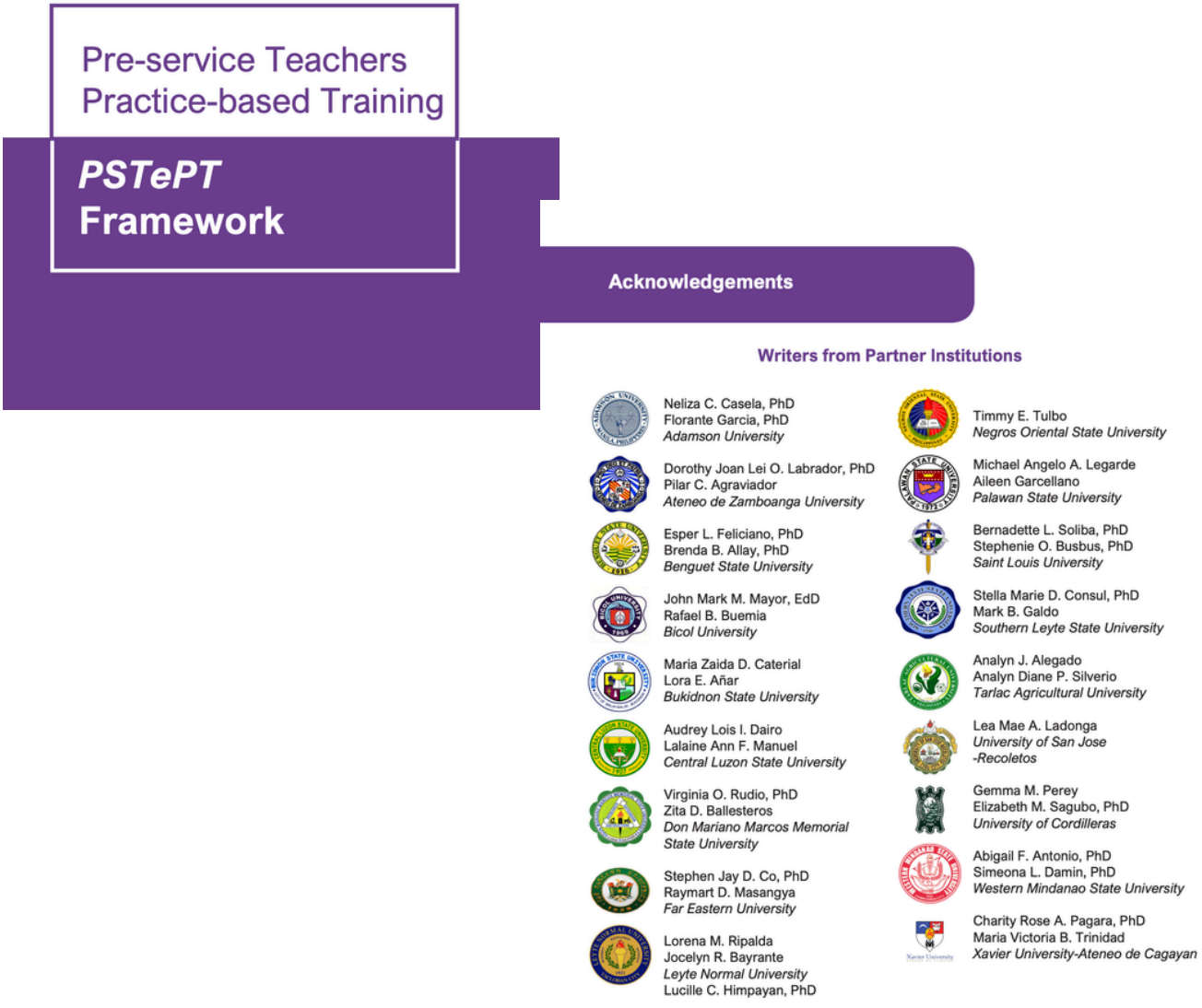
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POSAS joins assessment for Baguio City People's Council institutionalization

Saint Louis University's Dr. Bernadette L. Soliba and Dr. Stephenie O. Busbus contributed as writers while Dr. Felina P. Espique and Dr. Sheila Marie Magat served as reviewers and validators in the development of the Pre-service Teachers' Practice-based Training (PSTePT) Framework. The said framework, which is anchored on the Philippine Professional Standards for Teachers (PPST), is being utilized by Teacher Education Institutions in the whole country.

By participating in this project, SLU accentuates its commitment to Quality Education (SDG 4) in Higher Education.



Moving forward with its commitment to active civic engagement and governance monitoring, the Political Science Academic Society (POSAS) actively participated in the ***End-of-Commitment Assessment for Commitment No. 4: Institutionalization of the Baguio City People's Council*** (***BCPC***).

During the assessment, POSAS served as part of the ***monitoring team***, closely evaluating the BCPC's organizational capacity and progress toward sustainable institutionalization. The society listened to comprehensive presentations delivered by various Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) under the BCPC umbrella, mapping out their accomplishments, challenges, and governance contributions.
Stepping into an analytical role, POSAS representatives raised questions regarding the data and data-driven narratives presented by the CSOs. To ensure a more robust evaluation, the academic society provided key recommendations focused on tightening the empirical development of the review. POSAS supported the emphasis on the necessity of submitting verifiable evidence of progress and concrete governance contributions to strongly substantiate and secure the BCPC's formal institutionalization.

This activity strongly aligns with SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, particularly on promoting inclusive decision-making and participatory governance. It also has links to SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals, as it involves collaboration among civil society organizations, local government stakeholders, and academic institutions in strengthening governance.

Through activities like this, POSAS continues to bridge political science theory with actual democratic practice, promoting transparency, accountability, and stronger citizen-led governance platforms.

Article from the SLU POSAS Official FB Page:

https://www.facebook.com/sluposasstela/posts/pfbid0VdjVoKtnmcM5NCib8NXqnD5844MGyBnHEe7vD48gXrb2pGbK7Djbou7Rp8mjjs4Nl?rdid=KvL8XF5pqHUG70wk#

SLU contributes to the Refinement of Proposed City Ordinances

Saint Louis University's School of Law Dean, Atty. Yasmine Lee Tadeo joined the discussions and gave her legal views during the Baguio City Government's consultations on several proposed ordinances.

This exemplifies SLU's commitment to SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).



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DEAN YASMINE LEE R. TADEO
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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Greetings!

The Committee on Public Protection and Safety, Peace and Order, chaired by Councilor Jose M. Molintas, cordially invites you to a series of Public Consultations regarding several proposed local ordinances. Your expertise and insights are vital to the refinement of these legislative measures.

The consultations will be held at the Multi-Purpose Hall, Baguio City Hall, on the following dates:

Session 1: May 12, 2026 | 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Agenda:

- Ord 78, s 2024: An ordinance protecting the rights and fundamental freedoms of human rights defenders operating in the city of Baguio, establishing protective mechanisms, and appropriating funds for the purpose.
- 0176-25: An ordinance mandating road safety protocols, vehicle roadworthiness checks, and escort cost reimbursement for heavy vehicles on steep terrain roads in Baguio City.
- 0125-25: An ordinance implementing the minimum standard for the safe transport of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) within the city of Baguio and providing penalties for violation thereof.

Session 2: May 13, 2026 | 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Agenda:

- Budget Appropriation: Appropriating an annual budget of ₱300,000.00 for the implementation of Republic Act No. 7438 (Rights of persons arrested, detained or under custodial investigation) in Baguio City.
- Ord 36, s 2024: An ordinance creating an administrative board for the abatement of public nuisance in the City of Baguio.
- Consumer Security Ordinance: An ordinance requiring all Food Establishments within the City of Baguio to provide bag hooks, brackets, or designated storage devices for the convenience and security of customers' belongings.

We look forward to your presence and valuable contribution to these discussions. For any inquiries, please contact the Committee Secretariat.

Very truly yours,

Jose M. Molintas

SLU engages in Round Table Discussion for Baguio City Human Rights Defenders Protection Ordinance IRR

Saint Louis University School of Law (SLU-SOL) took part in the round table discussion on the drafting of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the City's ordinance on Human Rights Defenders Protection, held on 26 March 2026 at the SP Session Hall, Baguio City.

SLU-SOL's participation underscores its commitment to SDG 16 - Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions and SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals.



March 16, 2026

School of Law
Saint Luis University

Greetings of justice and peace.

As you may know, Baguio City has declared itself as an inclusive human rights city, and the Baguio City Council passed the Human Rights Defenders Protection Ordinance in December 2024. The ordinance-mandated Task Force Human Rights met in September 2025. Moving forward, it is now imperative to draft and finalize the Implementing Rules and Regulations for said protective ordinance.

At present, there is the existence of various human rights stakeholders in the City implementing various programs for the promotion and advancement of human rights. It would be good if we could coordinate and synergize all of these initiatives, for mutual support and cooperation, and the greater benefit of all.

Towards this goal, **I respectfully invite you / your institution to a roundtable discussion to collectively understand the state of human rights work in the city set on March 26 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at SP Session Hall, Baguio City Hall**, and to collaborate on drafting the Implementing Rules and Regulations for the Human Rights Defenders Protection Ordinance, attached herein.

I understand that some of you have already done some work related to this, which I am sure will greatly help in this endeavor. Furthermore, we can also agree on possible areas of coordination and cooperation. The proposed program for the activity and the Human Rights Defenders Protection Ordinance is attached herein. I look forward to meeting with you and your active participation in our roundtable discussion. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Councilor Jose M. Molintas
Chair, Committee on Human Rights

SLU VP Acad appointed as Chairperson of Technical Panel for Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Needs Education

Saint Louis University Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Felina P. Espique was appointed by the Commission on Higher Education as the Chairperson of the Technical Panel for Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Needs Education from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2028.

Dr. Espique will lead the panel in crafting, reviewing, and proposing national policies in education along these areas. This national recognition is a testament to the Unviersity's commitment to SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals and SDG 4 - Quality Education.



Certificate of Appointment

Pursuant to Commission En Banc Resolution No. 748-2024, ***DR. FELINA P. ESPIQUE*** *is hereby appointed as the* ***Chairperson*** *of the* ***Technical Panel for Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Needs Education*** *effective* ***January 1, 2025*** *to* ***December 31, 2028.***

By virtue hereof, the appointee may qualify and enter upon the performance of the duties and responsibilities of the position and be entitled to the benefits and emoluments pursuant to existing laws, rules and regulations.

This appointment shall remain valid until revoked or terminated for cause.

Given this ***9th*** *day of* ***December 2024*** *at Quezon City, Philippines.*

For the Commission:

J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III, DPA
Chairman

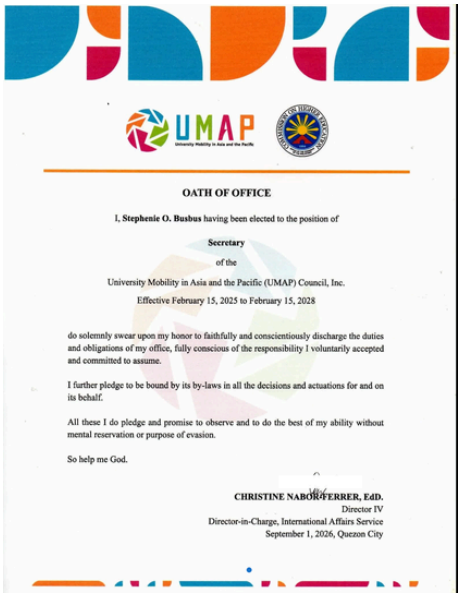
SLU OGRAA Director Elected as UMAP Council of the Philippines Secretary

Saint Louis University (SLU) Director of the Office of Global Relations and Alumni Affairs (OGRAA), Stephenie O. Busbus, PhD, was elected as the new Secretary of the University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (UMAP) Council of the Philippines during the 2025 General Assembly and Election of New Board of Officers of the UMAP Council of the Philippines on 26 February 2025 . The event was held at the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Auditorium, Higher Education Development Center (HEDC) Building, CP Garcia Ave., UP Diliman, Quezon City.

UMAP is recognized by CHED as a “key player in promoting mobility programs among Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) across Asia Pacific.” UMAP facilitates exchanges, joint programs, and research collaborations among its member HEIs and other participating institutions. It fosters a strong sense of belonging across diverse cultures through cross-cultural exchange.

The general assembly brought together representatives from various UMAP partner universities across the country, serving as a platform for sharing academic innovations, creative program initiatives, and enriching curricular offerings through student mobility. Participants also exchanged insights and experiences to further enhance the quality of higher education in the Philippines.




UMAP

OATH OF OFFICE

I, **Stephenie O. Busbus** having been elected to the position of

Secretary

of the

University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (UMAP) Council, Inc.

Effective February 15, 2025 to February 15, 2028

do solemnly swear upon my honor to faithfully and conscientiously discharge the duties and obligations of my office, fully conscious of the responsibility I voluntarily accepted and committed to assume.

I further pledge to be bound by its by-laws in all the decisions and actuations for and on its behalf.

All these I do pledge and promise to observe and to do the best of my ability without mental reservation or purpose of evasion.

So help me God.

CHRISTINE NABOR FERRER, EdD.
Director IV
Director-in-Charge, International Affairs Service
September 1, 2026, Quezon City

The election of Dr. Busbus to the UMAP Council of the Philippines highlights SLU's unwavering commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), particularly SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). By actively participating in initiatives that promote international academic collaboration and student mobility, SLU continues to advance inclusive and equitable education while fostering global partnerships that drive sustainable development.

Published on the SLU Website:

https://www.slu.edu.ph/2025/02/27/slu-ograa-director-elected-as-new-umap-council-of-the-philippines-secretary/

SLU Professors facilitate Reproductive Health Education training

Saint Louis University's Dr. Joselito C. Gutierrez, Dr. Felina P. Espique, Mr. Roy C. Asignacion, and Mr. Bren Justin Fajardo facilitated sessions during the Reproductive Health Education online training of the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines on 14 May 2026. The training aimed to equip the participants with knowledge and pedagogical approaches in integrating reproductive health education in their field of specialization.

This activity highlights the Unviersity's commitment to SDG 4 - Quality Education and SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals.



https://ceap.org.ph/reproductive-health-education-in-catholic-educational-association-of-the-philippines-schools-is-grounded-in-human-dignity-moral-responsibility-and-holistic-formation/

SLU shapes Policy Engagement, Ethical AI, and Quality Standards

Saint Louis University President Fr. Gilbert B. Sales, CICM, together with Dr. Joselito C. Gutierrez and Dr. Hector L. Martin, attended the meeting of the National Higher Education Commission (NHEC) of the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP) on 16 March 2026.

The gathering centered on how Catholic higher education can respond strategically to national reforms and emerging technologies. Highlighted in the meeting were the findings of the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM 2).

Attendees also addressed ethical AI use in higher education underscoring the need for clear institutional guidelines to safeguard academic integrity and foster responsible innovation.

The University's participation in this meeting accentuates its commitment to SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals and SDG 4 - Quality Education.



https://ceap.org.ph/catholic-higher-education-commission-leaders-convene-to-shape-policy-engagement-ethical-ai-and-quality-standards/

SLU EAP appointed as PCSS-HE mentor

Saint Louis University's Executive Assistant to the President Dr. Joselito C. Gutierrez was appointed as a mentor for the Philippine Catholic Schools Standards for Higher Education (PCSS-HE). As a mentor, he is part of the team preparing for the training rollout of the PCSS-HE in Catholic higher education institutions in the Philippines.

This engagement of the university affirms its commitment to SDG 4 - Quality Education and SDG 17 - Paternerships for the Goals.

PCSS-HE Mentors Gather for Orientation and Training Rollout Planning

May 21, 2026



https://ceap.org.ph/pcss-he-mentors-gather-for-orientation-and-training-rollout-planning/

OGRAASP Director serves as PALT Board of Trustee

Saint Louis University's Dr. Stephenie O. Busbus, Director of the Office of Global Relations, Alumni, and Scholarship Programs, serves as a board of trustee of the Philippine Association of Language Teachers, Inc. Being a board of trustee, Dr. Busbus brings her expertise to national discussions of language education as PALT devotes itself to the promotion of excellence in language teaching, language education research, and professional development.

This engagement supports SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals and shows the University's commitment to work with non-government organizations. It further strengthens SDG 4 - Quality Education by helping improve how languages are taught and learned.



PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION FOR LANGUAGE TEACHING, INC. (PALT)
Affiliate of the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and the Pan-Asian Consortium of Language Teaching Societies (PAC)

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that **DR. STEPHENIE O. BUSBUS** is a Lifetime Member of the Philippine Association for Language Teaching, Inc.

This further certifies that she was elected to the Board of Trustees of PALT, Inc., serving from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2026.

This certification is being issued upon the request of Dr. Busbus for whatever legal purpose it may serve.

Issued this 8th day of February 2026.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. EDITHA M. ATENDIDO, CESO V
President

SLU joins 2026 Teacher Education-Centers of Excellence Onboarding Sessions

Demonstrating its commitment to elevating national academic standards, Saint Louis University (SLU) actively participated in the Teacher Education-Centers of Excellence (TEd-COEs) Onboarding Sessions facilitated by TEC Executive Director Jennie V. Jocson, held from 1 to 2 July 2026 at the Golden Phoenix Hotel, Manila.

Representing the university were Executive Assistant to the SLU President Joselito C. Gutierrez, PhD and SLU School of Advanced Studies (SAS) Graduate Program Coordinator for Teacher Education and former School of Teacher Education and Liberal Arts (STELA) Professional Education Department Head Dorothy Silva, PhD. They joined delegates from across the country for the two-day high-level gathering.

The session heavily focused on strengthening institutional alignment with the Teacher Education Roadmap 2035 and identifying strategic high-priority intervention areas where the university can actively contribute to resolving the country's ongoing learning crisis.



The intensive onboarding program empowered the TEd-COEs to step forward as vanguard leaders in reshaping the Philippine educational landscape. Through a series of collaborative discussions, participants dissected contemporary teacher education challenges, explored national priority programs, and aligned with Teacher Education Council (TEC) support mechanisms. By fostering synergistic partnerships and driving pedagogical innovation, the session sought to equip SLU and its fellow designated centers with the tools necessary to champion institutional excellence.

Ultimately, the engagement solidifies SLU's mission to spearhead quality teacher education, ensuring future educators are highly capable of raising the benchmark of scholastic achievement across the Philippines. This objective coincides with SLU's strategic directions and mandate of the University President, Rev. Fr. Gilbert B. Sales, to even strengthen promotion of excellence and quality education. As it can be recalled, SLU's School of Teacher Education stands proud as being one of only 13 newly designated Regional COE in Teacher Education.

This active involvement of SLU is directly aligned with the University's Core Value of Social involvement, CICM Advocacy of Justice, and SDG 4 Quality Education.

Published on the SLU Website:

https://www.slu.edu.ph/2026/07/02/slu-joins-2026-teacher-education-centers-of-excellence-onboarding-sessions/

SLU commended by Baguio City Government for partnership in civic education, environmental stewardship

The City Government of Baguio formally commended Saint Louis University (SLU), under the leadership of University President Rev. Fr. Gilbert B. Sales, CICM, PhD, on 20 July 2026 during the Flag Raising Ceremony at the Baguio City Hall, for its steadfast partnership in advancing civic education, local governance, and environmental stewardship across the City and the Cordillera Administrative Region. The official recognition highlights the University's enduring commitment as a primary academic ally of the local government unit in driving transformative community development initiatives.



Among the key honors conferred was the Gratitude to Saint Louis University award, recognizing the institution's generous support for the Baguio City Council's ordinance awareness trainings. By providing university venue facilities and logistical assistance, SLU enabled local officials and legislative teams to conduct vital educational workshops, effectively deepening public understanding of municipal laws and strengthening civic participation among residents.

Additionally, the city government recognized the academic writers and technical working groups from SLU for their pioneering work on the Pansa-nopen Tayo Circular Economy Resource Book for Basic Education conducted in partnership with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and EU-PH Green Economy Partnership (GEP). This landmark handbook integrates sustainable waste practices, resource conservation, and local indigenous wisdom into school curricula.

Through these commendations, Baguio City officials, headed by the Honorable Congressman Mauricio G. Domogan, Honorable Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong, and Honorable Vice Mayor Faustino A. Olowan, lauded the SLU community and Fr. Sales for answering the call of environmental responsibility and serving as a beacon of sustainable governance.

Further solidifying Missio et Excellentia, this commendation demonstrates how university–local government collaboration drives equitable education, resilient communities, and shared action for sustainable development, aligning with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 4 (Quality Education), 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).



Published on the SLU Website: https://www.slu.edu.ph/2026/07/21/city-government-of-baguio-commends-slu-for-partnership-in-civic-education-and-environmental-stewardship/

SLU joins ASEAN Teacher Education Conference 2026, reaffirms commitment to Teacher Education Quality



The Saint Louis University School of Teacher Education and Liberal Arts (SLU-STELA) participated in the 2026 ASEAN Teacher Education Conference (AsTEC), held on 02-03 July 2026 at Golden Prince Hotel and Suites in Cebu City, Philippines.

With the theme "The ASEAN Teacher Identity: Ensuring Quality Teacher Education in the Digital Era," the Conference aimed to bring together educators, researchers, and higher education leaders from across the Southeast Asian region to engage in meaningful dialogue on advancing quality teacher education, strengthening institutional collaboration, and fostering innovation in the digital era.

Supported by SLU and the Commission on Higher Education – Higher Education Upskilling and Study Advancement of Staff and Faculty (CHED-HUSAY), SLU-STELA's Benny Kristoffer B. Duriano, PhD and Geraldine S. Wakat, PhD joined the two-day gathering of deans, policymakers, researchers, and teacher educators from across the region. This participation reaffirms the University's commitment to strengthening its engagement with regional and international partners aligned with SDG 17 (Partnership for the Goals).

Further, this latest engagement builds on SLU's continuing, deliberate efforts to align its Teacher Education programs with global standards of quality — most notably its recent Center of Excellence (COE) re-evaluation by the Teacher Education Council (TEC), and its participation in the AUN-QA Programme Assessment earlier this year. Together, these milestones demonstrate that SLU-STELA's presence at AsTEC 2026 is not an isolated event, but part of a sustained institutional commitment to producing well-prepared and globally competitive educators aligned with SDG 4 (Quality Education).

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https://www.slu.edu.ph/2026/07/03/slu-joins-asean-teacher-education-conference-2026-reaffirms-commitment-to-teacher-education-quality/



The SLU SDG Report 2026