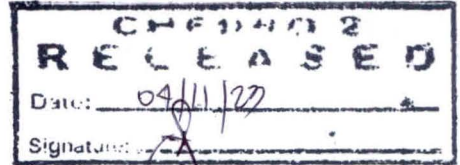




Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Region 02



REGIONAL MEMORANDUM ORDER
No. 079, series of 2023

FOR : ALL PRESIDENTS/OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE/HEADS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) IN REGION 02

SUBJECT : ACTIVITIES OF UNREGISTERED OR UNRECOGNIZED FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

DATE : APRIL 4, 2023

Attached for the information and guidance of all concerned is the memorandum from **DR. J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III**, Chairman, Commission on Higher Education relative to the "Activities of Unregistered and Unrecognized Fraternities, Sororities and Organizations of Higher Education Institutions.

Wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.


ATTY. MARCO CICERO F. DOMINGO
OIC-Director IV

Encl.: as stated

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MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON

For : ALL HEI GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS AND PRESIDENTS
ALL CHED REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTORS

Subject : ACTIVITIES OF UNREGISTERED OR UNRECOGNIZED FRATERNITIES,
SORORITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION
INSTITUTIONS

Date : 13 March 2023

It has been brought to the attention of the Commission that fraternities, sororities, and other organizations not registered with nor recognized by Proper School Authorities are either allowed or tolerated to conduct activities within the premises and areas of responsibility of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

Please be reminded that section 6 (par.1) of Republic Act No. 11053 (the Revised Anti-Hazing Act) legally mandates all HEIs to require all fraternities, sororities, and organizations not registered nor recognized by the school but has members therein to register themselves with the proper school authorities prior to conducting any activities on or off-campus, including but not limited to recruitment of members. A necessary implication of section 6 (par.1) is the obligation upon HEIs to prohibit any unregistered or unrecognized fraternity, sorority, or organization from conducting any activity within the HEI's premises. Therefore, all HEIs are enjoined to take concrete and formal steps to require unregistered or unrecognized organizations intending to or undertaking any activity within HEI premises to register or have themselves recognized by the proper school authorities. The existence of social media accounts, groups, or sites pertaining to a chapter of the unregistered or unrecognized fraternity, sorority, or organization shall be prima facie evidence of the presence and operation of such unregistered or unrecognized fraternity, sorority, or organization in the school and shall be the basis for the proper school authorities to take the necessary appropriate legal action.

In the event, such unregistered or unrecognized fraternity, sorority, or organization refuses or fails to register or has itself recognized, the same may constitute a violation of RA 11053, and HEIs should institute the necessary administrative action against erring students. HEIs should be wary of the existence of social media accounts, groups, or sites pertaining to a chapter of the unregistered or unrecognized fraternities, sororities, or organizations recruiting new members in the HEI premises.

For strict compliance.


J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III, DPA
Chairman