One of my strategic options towards the achievement of our vision of becoming a world-class institution is that of promoting a responsive and efficient academic governance. Part of this is the maintenance of a quality management system, which I acknowledge to have been put in place by the previous administration in adherence to Executive Order No. 605: Institutionalizing the Structure, Mechanisms, and Standards to Implement the Government Quality Management Program (GQMP).

We have recently carried out the 6th Internal Audit, which starts a new cycle of assessments that will prepare us for the next surveillance visit of external quality auditors come October. We shall continue to improve our services to our clients in accordance with our quality policy, building on the gains of the past and moving forward and upward.

The best is yet to come!

As the head of the top management of Bicol University, President Mascariñas answers questions from the auditors during the ISO Internal Audit last July 14 at the Office of the President. Earl Epson L. Recamunda/OP

Bicol University carries out its sixth internal audit on July to 14 in preparation for the ISO 9001:2008 external audit tentatively scheduled in October this year.

Twenty-nine internal quality auditors were fielded to the different units to review documents, interview auditees, and do ocular inspections of the area, to assess adherence to standards set and achievement of the unit’s Key Result Areas.

During the closing meeting, the internal auditors, headed by the lead auditor, Dr. Lorna M. Miña, presented their findings to the deans, directors, and heads of units in order to apprise them on the particular areas they have to improve on.

A consolidation of findings produced a total of 29 non-conformities (NCs) and 55 improvement potentials (IPs) all throughout the university.

Each unit is expected to present their progress in addressing the audit findings during the Management Review scheduled next month. (Ma. Celina G. Meneses/OP)

BUCN continues alumni Balik Turo

“Balik Turo by an Alumnus” continues as two more alumni of the Bicol University College of Nursing (BUCN) come home to share their experiences to their alma mater.

Following the advanced nursing practices lecture of Dr. Jasper L. Tolarba last June 23 (see The BUzzette June 2015 issue), Mrs. Liezl Amaranto-Tupaz and Dr. Jessie Casida visited BUCN to similarly impart knowledge and expertise in their field of specialization.

Mrs. Liezl Amaranto-Tupaz, a BUCN class 1996 alumna who is now working as a nurse in Alexan Brothers...

Economic Conference held in BU

Philippine Economic Society (PES) in partnership with the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) and Bicol University (BU) organized a Regional Economic Conference on July 31 at the BU College of Arts and Letters Amphitheatre where Albay Governor Joey S. Salceda was the guest speaker.

PES Conference Chair and Board member, Dr. Jose V. Camacho Jr, PES conference chair, welcomes the participants of the Regional Economic Conference held last July 31 at the BU Amphitheatre. Earl Epson L. Recamunda/OP
RDC holds R&D technology evaluation training

The Research and Development Center (RDC) of Bicol University conducted a three-day enhancement training on technology evaluation at the Higher Education Regional Research Center (HERRC) Amphitheater last July 21 to 23.

To enhance the knowledge of the participants in undertaking technology evaluation, the following topics were discussed by BURDC personnel: “BU Generated Technologies” by Prof. Ida Francisca H. Revale; “Commercializing Technologies” by Engr. Christopher O. Pacardo; and “Techniques in Technology Evaluation” and “Tools in Technology Evaluation in Cost-effectiveness/Cost-benefit Analysis” by Mr. Erwin Torres. “Tools in Technology Evaluation in Market Research” was also discussed by Prof. Crestia C. Bañares, a faculty of the Department of Entrepreneurship at the BU College of Business, Economics, and Management.

Workshops were done on the second day of training, and outputs were presented on the third day. (Earl Epson L. Recamunda/OP)

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Apart from the advocacy campaign, the group likewise conducted an inspection of two main cinema theaters in Legazpi City and on bus lines plying the province of Albay where they put up posters relative to the implementing rules and regulations in the showing of movies in TV monitors.

Jay Revestir, the coordinator of the event also emphasized that students must be aware of the films being viewed through public screens.

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BU president Arnulfo M. Mascariñas thanked the MTRCB for choosing the school as one of the venues for the said event.

In his speech he reiterated that this is a good avenue for the students to be well-informed about the content of the media they are exposed to. (Maria April Mier/BUCAL)

Kontra-Gapi conducts dance, music, mime workshop

The members of the Kontemporaryong Gamelan Pilipino (Kontra-Gapi) headed by Prof. Pedro “Edru” Abraham of the University of the Philippines College of Arts and Letters conducted a music, dance, and mime workshop together with the Bicol University College of Arts and Letters on July 27, 2015.

Students and teachers from different parts of the province gathered at the BU Amphitheater to watch and learn from the Kontra-Gapi stage ensemble. After an introduction and some performances, the members of the stage ensemble broke out into groups to conduct the workshop proper. The head of the group, Prof. Abraham, taught mime to a group.

Prior to this workshop, on July 26, the Kontra-Gapi dance ensemble performed at the Albay Astrodome for a fundraising event for the Simon of Cyrene Foundation. (Earl Epson L. Recamunda/OP)

Jose Romero, MTRCB board member, promotes awareness on classification ratings of TV programs. (Earl Epson L. Recamunda)

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V. Camacho Jr, Professor of Economics and Dean of University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) Graduate School, welcomed the participants to the event.

BU President Arnulfo M. Mascariñas presented his study, “Value Chain Analysis of Blue Swimming Crab (Portunus pelagicus) in Bicol”.

Dr. Ronald U. Mendoza, Associate Professor of Economics at the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) and Executive Director of AIM Policy Center, presented his study on Reform Legacy of the Aquino Administration and the Challenges for the Next President.

Ms. Agnes M. Espinas, the OIC Regional Director of NEDA Region V, discussed the Regional Development Initiatives and Updates.

All the plenary presentations revolved on the theme “Economic Welfare in the Midst of Climate Change: The Challenge for Governance” (Jona V. Castañeda OP)

Dr. Majah Leah Ravago, Assistant Professor and Program Director of Energy Policy and Development Program (EPDP) School of Economics University of the Philippines Diliman, presented “Coping with Adverse Events: Farm, Country, and Climate Change”.

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BUTC grabs best papers at BIFIRDEN forum

Three Bicol University Tabaco Campus (BUTC) faculty researchers bagged best paper awards during the 4th Bicol Fisheries Development and Extension Symposium and Forum sponsored by BIFIRDEN held on July 15 to 16, 2015 at BUTC.

Dr. Plutomeo M. Nieves won the 1st Best Paper award for his research, “Christian Crabs (Charybdis feriatus) fisheries in San Miguel Bay: Stock Assessment Component”; Prof. Skorzemy C. De Jesus won 2nd Best Paper for the paper, “The Biology and Management of Tabagwang (Jagora asperata) in the Bicol River; Basic Biology and Fishery”; and Prof. Antonino B. Mendoza, Jr. won 3rd Best Paper for “Prospects of Coral Reef Restoration using Nursery Reared Coral Fragments in Bicol Region”.

A total of 20 research papers from the different state universities and colleges in the Bicol Region and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) Regional Research Institute were presented, seven of which were from BUTC and presented by five faculty-researchers. (A. Mendoza and F. Montealegre)

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Hospital in Chicago, USA, met with the nursing students on July 21 where she shared her experiences abroad and encouraged them to follow their desires and become committed nurses someday.

A week earlier, on July 14, Dr. Jessie Casida of batch 1988 shared moments with the students, faculty and administrators and spoke on “Creating a Professional Nursing Legacy.” Casida is an assistant professor at the Department of Health Behavior and Biological Sciences of the University of Michigan School of Nursing, and a lead faculty in an undergraduate honors program in the same university.

In appreciation of these Balik Turo alumni, Dr. Emerlinda E. Alcala, dean of BUCN, expressed her gratitude for the efforts they exerted in coming back to the college. She also emphasized that the Buenos were happy to see them once again as nurse practitioners sharing their experiences and expertise to soon-to-be nurses. (Charina J. Cipcon/ BUCN)

CAL faculty present more papers abroad

Five more faculty members of the Bicol University College of Arts and Letters (BUCAL) presented their research papers abroad.

Dr. Agnes J. Nepomuceno recently came home from her paper presentation titled “Broadcasting a Live Art: The Utilization of Broadcast Technology as Teaching and Learning Pedagogy” which she shared at The Arts and Society 10th International Conference held in London, United Kingdom from July 22 to 24.

Prof. Richard D. Madrijejos, author of the paper, “Chant then Act: Stage Acting through Mantra Meditation”, likewise imparted his research at the International Conference of Asia Scholars held on July 5 to 9 in Adelaide, Australia.

Dr. Jocelyn I. Bartolata, Dr. Ma. Celina G. Meneses, and Prof. Gemma B. Bellena, authors of the papers, “The Language Practicum Learning Experience of AB English 2013”, “Job Performance of the Language Practicum Trainees 2013”, and “Industry Profile of Sponsoring Organizations of AB English Language Practicum Trainees”, respectively, also presented their research at the European Conference on Education (ECE) 2015 organized by the International Academic Forum (IAFOR) in Brighton, United Kingdom from July 1 to 5.

Four other researchers from the same college had similarly presented papers in various countries last summer (see The BUzzette Summer 2015 issue).

BUCAL was awarded as Best College for 2014 under the Performance-Based Bonus scheme of the government, reportedly due to a remarkable output in both research and extension. (Jona V. Castañeda/OP)
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This concert was an avenue for local artists to share and showcase their talent as well as promote original Filipino music. More than twenty local artists performed in the said event, some of whom made covers of well-known songs and others played their own compositions.

This event was organized by the Bicol University College of Arts and Letters (CAL) Humanities Department and Pinagkaisang Mag-aaaralang Filipino (PIMAFIL) through the efforts of the lead proponent, Mr. Earl Epson L. Recamunda, in coordination with Mr. Ramiel Chavenia and Dr. Grace L. Mayor. (Jona V. Castañeda/ OP)

A Bicol University student performs her original composition during the Idaan Natin sa Canta, open mic session, last July 29, at the BU Student Lounge. Earl Epson L. Recamunda/OP

BU hosts German Volunteer

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