Bicol University (BU) held its sixth management review together with its 2016 Work and Financial Planning on August 24 to 26 at Patio de San Jose in Malilipot, Albay.

This year’s planning workshop for the succeeding year was deemed best held alongside the management review of the university’s performance along its Key Result Areas (KRAs), in order to have a better perspective of what to plan for in the next year.

The management review, conducted on the first day, consisted of a reporting of the results of the recently completed internal quality audit, presentation of KRAs, and review of completed researches held at the BU-HERRC on Aug. 4, 2015. Earl Epson L. Recamunda/OP

BU Sentro ng Wika at Kultura launched

Bicol University (BU) launched the Sentro ng Wika at Kultura (SWAK) during the opening ceremony for the celebration of the Buwan ng Wika held at the Albay Astrodome last August 3.

Students, faculty members, and BU officials gathered at the Albay astrodome to witness Filipino culture and tradition presented by selected students taking the BU harvests in-house researches anew.

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The PRESIDENT’S OUTBOX

Ang buwan ng Agosto, ang itinakdang pambansang Buwan ng Wika, ay isang pagpapalaala sa ating pagkakakilanlan bilang isang lahi—ang ating pagka-Pilipino.

Sa mga salita ng ating Presidente Benigno S. Aquino III, “Matuto ng Ingles at makiugnay sa mundo. Matuto ng wikang Filipino at makiugnay sa ating bansa. Panatilihin ang unang wika at makipag-ugnay sa ating kalinangan.”

Ito ang panahon kung saan natin binibigyang halaga at pagpupugay ang ating sariling wika. Habang tayo ay nagpapahala sa pag-aaral at paghahasa ng kaalaman sa salitang Ingles, tungo sa kagalingang pandaigdig, hindi natin dapat talikdan ang ating sariling wika dahil ito ang magbibigay sa ating kaibahan sa lahat ng labi sa mundo. Mabuhay ang Wikang Pilipino!!
Humanities department celebrates 10th anniversary

The humanities department of the Bicol University College of Arts and Letters (BUCAL) organized a week-long celebration of Bikolano art, music, and culture for their 10th year anniversary last August 17-21, 2015.

Dubbed “Sampung Taon sa Lisang Bangka,” the celebration aimed to showcase talents from students and local artists through various activities lined up. The students listened to renditions of songs by students and local artists during the open mic sessions held at the CAL lobby. On August 18, they presented music videos of Bikol songs made by students taking up subjects in Humanities. During the celebration they organized an exhibit which featured works from local artists.

B U R A B U D, performed a stage presentation together with students from the STA department, at the BU Amphitheater on August 19, 2015. The humanities department also organized a choral concert together with the BU New Generation of Cultural (BUNG Cul) singers in celebration of the rich heritage of Filipino music at the footsteps of Our Lady of the Gate Parish church in Daraga, Albay. (Earl Epson L. Recamunda/OP)

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Sr. Director of the BU Research and Development Center (RDC), stated, “The university invests 10 to 15 million for research per year.” He added that 15 out of the 62 researches presented this year were externally funded. This, according to him, is an indication that BU has started getting recognized in the community for its research undertakings.

“Recognition of donors from national, international agencies, NGOs, LGUs shows the other agencies trust in the integrity of Bicol University in making researches that improve the life of every Bicolano,” Dioneda said. The RDC Director also challenged the researchers to improve on their craft and further strengthen their research activities in order to alleviate people’s day to day struggles especially in the area of agriculture.

He also announced the mass promotion of faculty members, which also implies that there will be more teachers who will be required to do research as a mandated function. He likewise said that the university will be hiring researchers who can teach. (Jona V. Castañeda/OP)

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Engr. Abdon Baldo was the keynote speaker during the opening ceremony of the celebration of the Buwan ng Wika held at the Albay Astrodome, last August 3, 2015. (Earl Epson L. Recamunda/OP)

up Filipino courses.

During the event, BU officially launched the Sentro ng Wika at Kultura, together with the oath-taking of its newly elected officers consisting of the faculty members from different units, and administered by Dr. Arnulfo M. Mascariñas, BU President.

The center aims to provide activities and partnerships that would enhance the promotion of the Filipino Language.

The officers of the center are Dr. Leticia M. Lopez, Pangulo; Prof. Benita B. Hugo, Pangalawang Pangulo; Dr. Grace B. Mayor and Dr. Melanie L. Golosinda, Kalihim; Prof. Vanessa C. Zabal, Ingat-Yaman; Prof. Irwin B. Perea, Tagasuri; Prof. Theresa M. Rañeses and Dr. Alicia A. Asaytuno, Tagapagbalita; Dr. Evelyn C. Oliquino and Prof. Stephanie N. Despabiladeras, Tagapangasiwa; and Prof. Alwin Napocao, Tagapamayapa. (Earl Epson L. Recamunda/OP)
To improve the university’s human resource management, Bicol University took part in the Civil Service Commission’s Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM).

Unit heads and HRM personnel attended the orientation and action planning session conducted by Dir. Arpon U. Lucero last August 7, 2015 at the HERRC Building, Bicol University, East Campus.

Participating agencies are to undergo a process of assessment, assistance, and recognition of their HRM systems, competencies and practices using HRM maturity level indicators that are at par with global HR standards. (Jona V. Castañeda/OP)

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The participants and on uploading their outputs on the university website.

Highlights of the event were the lecture-workshop on news-writing and headline-writing by Prof. Anaclito E. Dematera, Chair of the Print and Broadcast Media Department of BU College of Arts and Letters, a lecture on photography by Mr. Earl Epson L. Recamunda, Photographer-Journalist of the BU-Office of the President, and the workshop on uploading and updating web content by Mr. Adrian A. Rodriguez, Web Administrator of the BU Website lodged at the IMO.

As stated by BU President Arnulfo M. Mascariñas through Office Memorandum 91 s. 2015, this move is intended “to enhance and deliver efficient public information services, not only to the BU community but to other stakeholders.” (Ma. Celina G. Meneses/OP)

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The next two days were spent on the planning of programs and activities of the university’s various units, along budget allocation. In order to give a better perspective to the planning, BU President Arnulfo M. Mascariñas discussed his priorities for 2015 onwards. The Financial Management Office also discussed the budget per National Expenditure Program (NEP) CY 2016, budget utilization, and updates on procurement law, all of which helped in the preparation of the KRAs and Work and Financial Plans (WFPs) for each unit.

A panel of evaluators consisting of the president, vice presidents, the planning officer, budget officer, and administrative officer critiqued the outputs of the different colleges/units for finalization and approval.

All outputs are expected to directly or indirectly contribute to the vision of the new administration for BU to become a world-class university. (Ma. Celina G. Meneses/OP)

BU welcomes Erasmus Mundus scholars

Five students from Leyte Normal University, together with some faculty members, arrived in Bicol University on August 18 as exchange scholars under the Erasmus Mundus program of the National Network of Normal Schools (3NS).

BU set for PRIME-HRM

Dir. Arpon U. Lucero introduces the Civil Service Commission’s PRIME-HRM to the officials of the university during its orientation last August 7, 2015, at the HERRC Building, Bicol University, East Campus. 

Dr. Arnulfo M. Mascariñas presents his priorities for 2016 during the Management Review. 

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They will also be the first batch of students to be trained by STEP in Asia.

Until October 2, Theil and Hoellger will be recruiting students from the different colleges of BU to apply for the training course. Actual trainees will be chosen from the applicants by lottery.

This project is supported by Leuphana University of Lüneberg and Bicol University (BU) and will be delivered by the BU College of Business, Economics, and Management (CBEM).

STEP “Train the Trainers” was held and given to selected faculty members of BU last January 20 to 22 (see The BUZZette January 2015). (Jona V. Castañeda/OP)
Bicol University Office of the President (BU-OP), through the Information Management Office (IMO), held a two-day training of Information Officers for each college and academic-related center/office in the university, aimed at intensifying news and information dissemination in and outside the university.

A total of 30 participants made up of Associate Deans or Directors of the different colleges/campuses and academic-related centers/offices, gathered at the IMO training room on August 3 and 4 for the training-workshop on “Content Writing and Updating of the BU Website”. The activity focused on improving the news-writing skills of Information Officers.

Dr. Mascariñas welcomes the German volunteers under the STEP program during their courtesy visit to the Office of the President. (Earl Epson L. Recamunda/OP)

The Bicol University Intellectual Property and Rights Unit (BU-IPRU) conducted seminar-workshops on Prior Art Searching for Students from July-August at the BURDC Amphitheater, HERRC Bldg, Bicol University East Campus.

The participants of the seminar-workshops were students taking up research courses, and the college research coordinators. The workshop aimed to inform students about and prevent them from duplicating existing studies and patented technology, in preparation for their research studies.

The seminar-workshop was conducted by the staff of the BU-IPRU headed by Engr. Christopher Pacardo, the unit director.

The event was held last July 15-16, August 12-13, and on August 19-20, 2015. (Earl Epson L. Recamunda/OP)

Congratulations to all the passers of the July 2015 Social Worker Licensure Examination, especially to:

**Fauzia Gerine Segubiense Rey**

3rd Placer, 85.50%

BU Passing Rate: 97.06%

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