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For: Vice-Chancellors for Academic Affairs
GE Coordinators
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From: Maria Cynthia Rose Banzon Bautista
Vice-President for Academic Affairs
Chair, UP System GE Council

Re: POSTPONEMENT OF THE GE CONFERENCE 2020

Ideally, a GE Conference, as mandated by the GE Framework, should be held annually to ensure that the GE program and courses remain relevant and effective. As a venue for the GE faculty to come together, a GE Conference provides opportunities for conversations regarding the implementation of the Program and for sharing best practices.

OVPAA Memorandum No. 2020-74 dated 3 July 2020 announced the conduct of a virtual System-wide GE Conference on 20 July 2020. However, after due deliberation in its 9 July 2020 meeting, the UP System GE Council decided that holding the GE Conference at a later date this year is more prudent in light of the COVID-14 pandemic and the ongoing preparation of course packs for remote mode of teaching and learning in the First Semester of AY 2020-2021.

The GE Council is of the belief that the conduct of the Conference later this year will enable a rich sharing of experiences in delivering GE remotely in the First Semester AY 2020-2021. It hopes that such sharing will eventually redound to the enhancement of GE courses, which will increasingly entail a mix of face-to-face, virtual and experiential learning when we return to the "normalcy" of campus life.

Thank you for your understanding. Stay well.