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**MEMORANDUM NO. GEC-OVCAA-AMSS 26-019**

**TO** : ALL DEANS, DIRECTORS, AND ACADEMIC UNIT HEADS  
ALL GE COORDINATORS  
ALL GE FACULTY

**THROUGH** :   
**MARIA VANESSA P. LUSUNG-OYZON, Ph.D.**  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
and Chair, UPD GE Committee

**FROM** :   
**ANNA SIBAYAN-SARMIENTO, Ph.D.**  
Director  
and Member-Secretary, UPD GE Committee

**SUBJECT** : Panel Discussion on General Education in Higher Education

**DATE** : 18 May 2026

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This is to respectfully forward the invitation from the UP Center for Education and Development, Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, to the *Panel Discussion on General Education in Higher Education* to be held on Friday, 22 May 2026, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Institute of Biology Auditorium, UP Diliman.

Attached are the pubmats featuring the registration QR code and the speakers' information.

The event is open to all. For wide dissemination, please.

Thank you.



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# Panel Discussion on **GENERAL EDUCATION** **IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

22 May 2026, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Institute of Biology Auditorium

University of the Philippines Diliman

(Coordinates: 14°39'03.4"N 121°04'16.1"E)

Register here!



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# ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



## **EDIZON A. FERMIN**

Edizon Fermin is the Vice President for Academic Affairs of the National Teachers College, Philippines. He is the Chairperson of the CHED Technical Panels for General Education, Teacher Education, and Graduate Teacher Education.



## **MARTIN HAYDEN**

Martin Hayden is Emeritus Professor of Higher Education in the School of Education at Southern Cross University, Australia. He has worked as a higher education consultant in agencies such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, ASEAN, and UNESCO.



## **LEE YEW JIN**

Lee Yew Jin is an Associate Professor at the National Institute of Education of Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Research interests include curriculum studies, dialogic teaching, and sociocultural concepts of learning.



## **RUTH R. LUSTERIO-RICO**

Ruth Lusterio-Rico is a Professor of Political Science and Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, University of the Philippines Diliman. She teaches Social Sciences 2 under the UP System GE framework.



## **GIOVANNI A. TAPANG**

Giovanni Tapang is a Professor at the National Institute of Physics, University of the Philippines Diliman. He previously served as Dean of the College of Science. He teaches Physics 10 and Science, Technology, and Society 1 under the UP System GE framework.



## **MODERATOR**

## **LORRAINE PE SYMACO**

Lorraine Symaco is the Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University of the Philippines System. Prior to joining UP, she was a Professor at Zhejiang University, China and UNESCO Chair in International and Comparative Education at the University of Malaya, Malaysia.