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RESOLUTION NO. SP-**2324** S-2003

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING STRONG AND UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR THE CONSOLIDATED VERSION OF SENATE BILL NO. 2587, ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AS A NATIONAL UNIVERSITY".

Introduced by Councilors BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY, WILMA AMORANTO-SARINO, RAMON P. MEDALLA, ERIC Z. MEDINA, MARY ANN L. SUSANO, JORGE L. BANAL, JULIAN M.L. COSETENG, DANTE M. DE GUZMAN, ANTONIO E. INTON, JR., RICARDO R. DEL ROSARIO, RESTITUTO B. MALANGEN and XYRUS L. LANOT.

WHEREAS, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution was devoted entirely for education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports, and Section 5(2) of Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, guaranteed the right of academic freedom of institutions of higher learning, to wit: "Academic freedom shall be enjoyed in all institutions of higher learning";

WHEREAS, the said bill is a consolidation of Senate Bills Nos. 437, 1783, 1868, 1886, 1955, 2299 and House Bill No. 455, which seeks to revise the 96-year old charter of the University of the Philippines (U.P.), which was created during the American Colonial Government in 1908, hence, U.P. remains the country's oldest, largest, and best public university, serving some 55,000 students all over the archipelago in seven constituent universities spread out over a dozen campuses, but as it approaches its centennial, U.P. is facing harder times than ever;

WHEREAS, many of its top Ph.D's have left for better-paying jobs in the private sector here and abroad, its laboratories and libraries badly need to be modernized which share of the educational budget is barely enough to make ends meet;

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WHEREAS, the proposed revised Charter of U.P. seeks formal recognition by the government of U.P. as the national university of the Philippines, to set it apart from the hundred-plus other state universities and colleges, in a way that the University of Tokyo, the University of Malaya, Chulalongkorn University, the National University of Singapore, the Australian National University, Seoul National University, and Peking University as seen in their respective countries, in a category of their own;

WHEREAS, with its recognition as the national university, U.P. wants to be freed from the shackles of the Salary Standardization Law, which has kept U.P. Faculty salaries pitifully low, so as to be able to set its own salary scale;

WHEREAS, the new Charter further democratizes the composition of the Board of Regents which already includes a Faculty Regent and a Student Regent among its members, with the inclusion of a Staff Regent to represent non-teaching staff, who account for about 9,500 of the university's 14,000 strong work force;

WHEREAS, U.P. wants the authority to develop and use some of its own resources to augment what it gets from the national government which include about 25,000 hectares of land, much of which is lying idle, and is actually costing U.P. money to maintain them and to enable U.P. to generate income from their best resource, brains through a progressive and equitable intellectual property rights policy;

WHEREAS, for the above considerations there is an urgent need to revise the U.P. Charter to make it more responsive to the needs and realities of our times, and allow U.P. to compete successfully with the region's best.

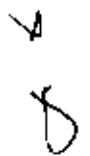
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to express, as it does hereby express, strong and unqualified support for the consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 2587, entitled: "An Act to Strengthen the University of the Philippines as a National University".



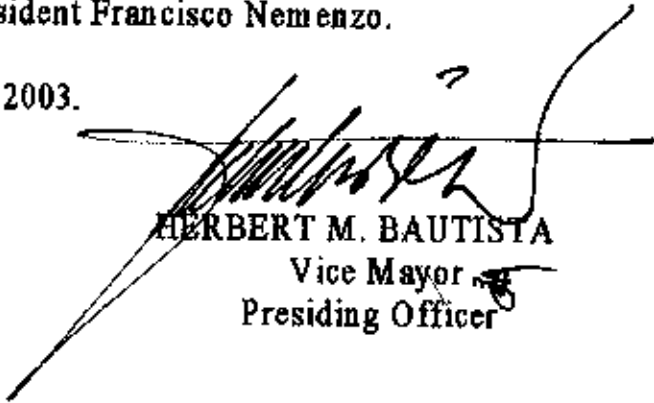







RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this resolution to Senators Francis N. Pangilinan, Sergio R. Osmeña III, Edgardo J. Angara, Manuel B. Villar, Jr., the Senate President, the Senate Majority Floor Leader, the Senate Minority Floor Leader, and U.P. President Francisco Nemenzo.

ADOPTED: November 18, 2003.



HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer


ATTESTED:



GREGORIO J. ALIDO *12/10*
City Govt. Asst Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution which was APPROVED on Second Reading on November 18, 2003, was CONFIRMED by the City Council on November 25, 2003.



GREGORIO J. ALIDO *12/10*
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