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**QUEZON CITY COUNCIL**

Quezon City  
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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 9992, S-2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE QUEZON CITY UNIVERSITY (QCU), AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) AND THE UNIFIED STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION (UniFAST) FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FREE HIGHER EDUCATION (FHE), TERTIARY EDUCATION SUBSIDY (TES) AND STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM (SLP) IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs) AND CHED-RECOGNIZED LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (LUCs), AS IT INVOLVES THE EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

*Introduced by Councilor ALY MEDALLA*

*Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Don S. De Leon, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Imee A. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, RN, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Jose Maria M. Rodriguez and Jhon Angelli "Sami" C. Neri*

WHEREAS, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is a national government agency created by virtue of Republic Act No. 7722 and is mandated to ensure that quality higher education is accessible to all, particularly those who may not be able to afford it;

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WHEREAS, the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) was created under Republic Act No. 10687, with the goal of increasing the participation rate in tertiary education, especially for the academically-able but financially-disadvantaged students;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10931, otherwise known as the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act (UAQTEA), provides for financial assistance programs, including Free Higher Education (FHE), Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES), and Student Loan Program (SLP) to ensure equitable access to quality tertiary education for Filipino students;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City University (QCU) is a local university mandated to provide quality education and to contribute to nation-building through various academic and non-academic programs, including community service, research and faculty development;

WHEREAS, the implementation of the FHE, TES, and SLP requires the formalization of roles and responsibilities between the QCU, and CHED and UniFAST through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA);

WHEREAS, the expenditure of public funds for these programs necessitates a clear and transparent agreement that governs the disbursement, accountability, and use of such funds in line with national laws and regulations;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the QCU to comply with the policies, guidelines, and directives of the UniFAST Board or its Secretariat and be accountable for the funds received from CHED pursuant to the MOA;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the QCU to maintain an account for the proper management of the FHE, TES and SLP funds;

WHEREAS, in compliance with its duties, the QCU maintains an account and issues official receipts for every amount received from CHED in relation to the implementation of FHE, TES and SLP;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 455(b)(1)(vi) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the City Mayor shall represent the City in all its business transactions and sign in its behalf all bonds, contracts, and obligations, and such other documents upon authority of the Sangguniang Panlungsod or pursuant to law or ordinance.

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NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to authorize, as it does hereby authorize, the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, to enter into and sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the Quezon City University (QCU), and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) for the implementation of the Free Higher Education (FHE), Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) and Student Loan Program (SLP) in State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and CHED-recognized Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs), as it involves the expenditure of public funds.


RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement between the QCU, and the CHED and the UniFAST shall form an integral part of this Resolution.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the QCU, the CHED, the UniFAST and the City Treasurer's Office for their information and guidance.

ADOPTED: February 10, 2025.


  
GIAN G. SOTTO  
City Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

  
ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III  
City Government Department Head III  
(City Council Secretary)

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on February 10, 2025 and was CONFIRMED on February 17, 2025.

  
ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III  
City Government Department Head III  
(City Council Secretary)

