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TO: ALL DEPUTY OMBUDSMEN, THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR, ASSISTANT OMBUDSMEN, DEPUTY SPECIAL PROSECUTORS, BUREAU DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND STAFF OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND CORRUPTION PREVENTION OFFICE AND COUNTERPART OFFICES/BUREAUS IN AREA/SECTORAL OFFICES

RE: GUIDELINES ON CAMPUS INTEGRITY CRUSADERS (CIC) ACCREDITATION

SECTION 1. *Rationale.* Pursuant to the state policy to take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption and in line with the Ombudsman's thrust to improve policy and program coordination among sectors, there is a need to enhance the capacity of, partnership with, and participation by the youth sector in promoting a culture of integrity in society.

SEC. 2. *Purpose.* The strategy of accrediting Campus Integrity Crusaders aims to empower the youth in their involvement in corruption prevention initiatives by developing their leadership skills and instilling the values of integrity and social responsibility.

SEC. 3. *Definition of Campus Integrity Crusaders.* "Campus Integrity Crusaders" (CIC) refers to any non-partisan school-based youth organization recognized by a secondary or tertiary educational institution and duly accredited by the Office of the Ombudsman.

SEC. 4. *Scope of Activities.* The Office of the Ombudsman and a CIC may jointly undertake activities that aim to:

- a. Cultivate the virtues of uprightness, responsibility, honesty, respect for authority, and love of country;
- b. Instill a sense of good citizenship and responsible leadership;
- c. Inculcate the basic principles of human rights and civic duties; and
- d. Promote the integration of corruption prevention education (CPE) teaching modules in the school curricula.

SEC. 5. *Procedure.* The following rules shall govern the process of accreditation, and the renewal thereof:

A. Who may apply:

Any non-partisan school-based student organization duly recognized by a private or public secondary or tertiary educational institution may apply for accreditation as a CIC.

B. Where to apply:

The application shall be filed with the:

1. Central Office, through the Public Assistance and Corruption Prevention Office (PACPO), for educational institutions in Metro Manila;
2. Office of the Deputy Ombudsman for Luzon, through its PACPO unit, for educational institutions in Luzon area;
3. Office of the Deputy Ombudsman for Visayas, through its PACPO unit, for educational institutions in Visayas area;
4. Office of the Deputy Ombudsman for Mindanao, through its PACPO unit, for educational institutions in Mindanao area; or
5. Office of the Deputy Ombudsman for the Military and Other Law Enforcement Offices, through its PACPO unit, for military and police academies.

C. Documentary Requirements:

1. Application for Accreditation
2. Certificate of Recognition issued by the high school principal or the college dean of student affairs
3. List of organization's officers and members
4. The name of the designated adviser to the organization with a letter of indorsement and commitment to act as such for the entire period of the accreditation signed by both the principal/dean and the adviser
5. Proposed activities for the applicable school year

D. Evaluation and Approval:

The PACPO or its counterpart units in area/sectoral offices shall evaluate the application and supporting documents, and prepare a report with recommendation.

In the Central Office, the PACPO report shall be submitted to the Ombudsman or any duly authorized official for final decision. In the area/sectoral offices, the PACPO unit's report shall be forwarded to the Deputy Ombudsman who shall endorse the same to the Ombudsman or any duly authorized official for final decision.

Upon approval of the application, a certificate of accreditation shall be immediately issued. The certificate shall state the name of the accredited CIC and the designated CIC Adviser.

E. Period of Accreditation:

An accreditation shall be valid for the school year applied for, and may be renewed for the succeeding school year subject to compliance with the same requirements under Section 5[C] and the submission of a report on undertaken activities duly noted by the CIC adviser.

An accreditation shall be automatically revoked upon written notice of the cancellation by the school authorities of the CIC's recognition as a student organization. Complaints against individual officers and members of the CIC shall be referred to the school authorities.

SEC. 6. *CIC Secretariat.* The Community Coordination Bureau (CCB) of the PACPO in the Central office shall serve as the CIC secretariat with oversight and monitoring functions. It shall coordinate with the PACPO units in the area/sectoral offices, and establish linkages with the Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education, and various educational associations. It shall maintain the official master list, updated profile and database of activities of all CICs.

SEC. 7. *Transitory Provision.* Upon effectivity of this Memorandum Circular, all existing Junior Graftwatch Unit (JGU) accreditations shall remain in force for the remaining period of the accreditation. Thereafter, this Office shall no longer officially sanction the continued use of or reference to the terms "Junior Graftwatch Unit" or "JGU." All pending and future applications by former JGUs shall be considered as new applications for accreditation as CIC.

SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* Existing rules and regulations on JGU and other previous issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. *Effectivity Clause.* This Memorandum Circular shall take effect on October 31, 2012 after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon filing of three (3) certified copies thereof with the University of the Philippines Law Center.

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