Saloma takes oath shortly after BOR meeting

Dr. Caesar Salaoma, Professor 12 at the National Institute of Physics (NIP) at the College of Science (CS), has been elected Chancellor of UP Diliman at the 126th Meeting of the Board of Regents held at noon on March 2.

Following his selection, he was sworn into office by UP Diliman Chancellor Dr. Caesar Saloma, Professor 12 at the National Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (NIMBB) on March 2. Saloma said after the oath-taking ceremony that he would do his best to serve the popular will in carrying out his duties.

Saloma indicated that he would perform the oath-taking ceremony in coordination with UP President Alfredo E. Pascual, a measure that could be an experienced administrator who must also be an established researcher as well as a successful mentor of graduate students since the UP Chancellor must act as chief operating officer as well as chief academic officer of the flagship campus of UP.

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New UPD VCs take their oath

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Dr. Ronald S. Banzon
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Vice Chancellor for Administratives

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I envision a University of the Philippines that is recognized and respected internationally as a great university in the Asia-Pacific Rim. Our nation deserves a national university that is able to harness, embody, and project the considerable, artistic, creative and scientific talent of our people.

At the new Vice Chancellor for Research and Development, Dr. Benito M. Pacheco commits to build upon the successes of the past administrations and learn from the challenges they faced. He intends to operationalize OVC-RD’s main functions and responsibilities using a 3-pronged approach.

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As Dr. Pacheco explained, his research is focused on the development of efficient and sustainable solutions that are best found through scientific thinking as well as constructive engagement with decision makers, end users, researchers, scholars, engineers and other technical and non-technical stakeholders. He believes that UP Diliman has the potential to be an international research leader and an agent for change.

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Tan obtained her BA Communication from the Ateneo de Manila University (1986-1988) and a master's in education at the College of Education, University of the Philippines (1991-1993). She joined the University in June 1993 and was appointed as the UPDGO coordinator in 2000. She was also a Program Manager of Services, Inc. from 1989 to 1993. From 1993 to 1996, she taught at the College of Social Work and Community Development at UP Diliman. She was also a Program Manager of the Filipino Language Discipline, she is a contributor/author of the International Edition of the Filipino Language Discipline. Abad is a contributor/author of VivaManila.com. She obtained her master's in education at the College of Education, University of the Philippines, and her PhD in Management from the Ateneo de Manila University (1991-1993). She was part of the Management Committee at Grassroots-Philippines, Inc. from 1989 to 1993. She was also a Program Manager of the University of the Philippines for the National Council on Women's Education and Development for two academic years. She was also a member of the Management Committee of the University of the Philippines for the National Council on Women's Education and Development for two academic years.

Vice Chancellor for Community Affairs Melania L. Abad plans to strengthen the capability and integrity of the OVCCA offices, and create an enabling physical and psychological environment for all students, employees and residents of UPD.

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Dr. Evangelina C. Aser, College Secretary of the College of Science (CS) for the past five years, was appointed by Chancellor Caesar A. Saloma as University Registrar on May 3.

On governance, the Chancellor stated that as chief executive as well as chief academic officer of the UPD, he oversees the UPD Executive Committee which is the highest executive body of the UPD. The Committee is composed of the college deans, other duly appointed representatives of the faculty, and the Vice Chancellors and other office members.

As Chancellor, he told Cabinet meetings on a monthly basis and support on different issues affecting the administration and operation of the UPD. He also touched on the relationship with the peripheral local government units (e.g., Marikina City) and the resources that exist within the campus in order to be effective in delivering social services involving public health and sanitation as well as the presence of informal sector particularly those who are UP employees not earning a regular income.

To advance in our difficult task of maintaining a safe and enabling nurturing campus, a multi-sectoral endeavor is essential. We are setting the agenda and chaired by the Chancellor himself.

A message in an Associate Professor, Adolfo Instituto of Chemistry, Cellular and Molecular Biology (ICCB), MS Chemistry (1990) and Ph.D. in Chemistry (1995) from the University of the Philippines

She joined the University in 1988 as a Chemistry Research Associate at the National Institute of Science and Health (NISH). In June, 1992, she was appointed as an Associate IC, where she worked from the new decade to become Associate Professor.

She served as CS College Secretary from October 2000 to April 2011.

She serves as the Research Search Committee of the College of Science in the University of the Philippines, University of Karachi, Karachi, Pakistan from October 2003 to March 2011, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

As Professor, she was a fellow at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Baltimore, Maryland, USA, in 1984.

She was a Sensory Technology of the Agricultural and Food Engineering Department of the University of the Philippines, 2006, funded by the Organizing Committee of the Chemical Week. She has published a number of conference papers.

She received three Conterzo Grant Awards (December 2008, 2009 and 2010) and the 2008 National Science and Technology (NST) publication Award from the DOST for her work on the “Role of a Rana vermiculata and Rana cascadae in the formulation of a scientific and technological curricula for the Department of Science and Technology in the Philippines. She is also a recipient of the 2007 Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Teacher Award and the 2007 “Save the Carillon Project,” a move launched in 2005 to restore the Carillon in time for the University of the Philippines Centennial. “Save the Carillon Project,” a move launched in 2005 to restore the Carillon in time for the University of the Philippines Centennial.

October 30, 2010, he was elected President of the UP Board of Regents. He will serve for a period of three years.

On May 15, he was sworn in as the 15th Asian Scientist to Win the EU Marie Curie Research Fellowship. He is a recipient of the 2010 Asian Scientist to Win the EU Marie Curie Research Fellowship. He is a recipient of the 2010 Asian Scientist to Win the EU Marie Curie Research Fellowship. He is a recipient of the 2010 Asian Scientist to Win the EU Marie Curie Research Fellowship. He is a recipient of the 2010 Asian Scientist to Win the EU Marie Curie Research Fellowship.