

Ateneo de Manila University
Office of International Programs

PACLAS meeting for Election and Other Activities

Date: February 15, 2007

Time: 3:30PM to 5:00PM

Venue: Natividad Galang Fajardo Conference Room
Ateneo de Manila University

Attendees: Dr. Efren Abueg, De La Salle University-Dasmariñas

Mr. Emanuel F. Calairo, De La Salle University-Dasmariñas

Dr. Yvette Camacho, University of Asia and the Pacific

Mr. Glenn de Leon, Ateneo de Manila University

Mr. Mario Feranil, Philippine Institute of Development Studies

Ms. Jera Beah Lego, Foreign Service Institute

Dr. Ferdinand Llanes, University of the Philippines

Mr. Renan Prado, Ateneo de Manila University

Dr. Belen Tangco, University of Santo Tomas

Dr. Fernando Zialcita, Ateneo de Manila University

Agenda:

1. Planned lecture activities to some Latin American embassies, notably Cuba and Panama
2. The 2007 Conference in Seoul of Latin American specialists from Asia and the Pacific
3. Ongoing inventory of Latin American specialists in the Philippines
4. Elections for the next Chair of PACLAS
5. Other matters arising

Points Discussed:

1. Lecture Activities
 - The Ambassador of Panama, Juan Felipe Pitty, was promised that the University of the East would sponsor a conference on the Filipino presence in the Panamanian merchant marine. However, the UE has not made plans for this conference. They could not do so last November-December because of the schedule of exams. It is obviously too late now because the semester is ending.
 - Ambassador Jorge Rey Jimenez of Cuba mentioned giving a talk on the film "Suite Habana." However, he has not returned to the country since September last year.
2. Inventory on Latin American Specialists
 - The inventory is needed. To the members: please turn in your own curriculum vitae which include your interests and plans. Do the same for colleagues that you know to be interested in Latin America.
 - Instead of Latin American Specialists, some prefer that these be called "Scholars interested in Latin America."

3. Seoul Conference on Latin American Studies in Asia and the Pacific

- Dr. Camacho will be going to the conference, depending on the school's approval while Dr. Zialcita signed up too. His only concern is that he is also supposed to go to London in May. It will be difficult to write two scholarly papers simultaneously this summer.
- Themes of paper for this conference are varied: from economics to politics to history to culture, etc.

4. Election for the next Chairperson

- For 2007-2009, Chairperson: Dr. Ferdinand Llanes, University of the Philippines
Deputy Chair: Dr. Efren Abueg, De La Salle university-Dasmariñas
- Procedure as per Dr. Tangco: There should be a Chairperson and a Deputy Chair each term. The Deputy Chair will be the next chairperson.

5. Activities for this year

- Dr. Llanes opened the floor to a discussion on a possible Philippine-Latin American Conference – past, present and future.
- This can be done in December, 2008, in time for the lantern parade. The parade can be the culminating event of the conference.

6. Suggestions

- There should be a detailed calendar of activities for lectures and other events for the year.
- Regular meetings should be set – at least once a month. In connection with this, there should be a rotation of hosting meetings and sharing of facilities.
- PACLAS should have a permanent archivist. The Philippine Institute of Development Studies (PIDS) can do a digital archive of all PACLAS files. Please turn over all minutes and other documents to PIDS.
- The secretariat is a voluntary position. There should be a member to check the minutes of the past meetings and to oversee if everything is in order.

7. Other matters

- Website Update – PIDS maintains the website of PACLAS. They are requesting for materials to upload in the website. Furthermore, the member school should pay a small amount for the domain of the website.

8. Agenda for the next meeting

The next meeting will be on April 14, 2007, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

- Definite details for next year's activities.
- Latin American courses that can be offered
- Perhaps a workshop for the members