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# Round Table 1

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# Minutes

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## **Discussion Minutes on the 1<sup>st</sup> Webinar, “Campus Diversity and Intercultural Engagement”**

Last July 24, 2019, a webinar was held in the University of Cebu – Banilad, President’s Office – Conference Room. It was attended by academic deans, chairpersons, and department heads. After the webinar, Dean Ofelia G. Maña presided the wrap-up discussions on the matter.

Dean Ofelia G. Maña shared to the body the need to revisit the practices of the university. She said that the opportunity to live and study abroad (international students in the Philippines) is a great avenue for students to expand their views of the global society. International students living in a foreign setting presents students with an opportunity to form a deep understanding and appreciation of other cultures and places. Thus, she told the Student Affairs Office to study the best practices shared during the webinar if it can be improved in the University of Cebu’s context. The representatives from Student Affairs Office responded that they will create opportunities to further engagement between cultural groups for students, faculty, and staff.

The discussions ended in agreeing together to have a separate meeting for the presentation of programs for campus diversity and intercultural engagement.

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# Minutes

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## **Discussion Minutes on the 2nd Webinar, “Global Skills Development in Local Contexts”**

Last August 07, 2019, a webinar was held in the University of Cebu – Banilad, President’s Office – Conference Room. It was attended by academic deans, chairpersons, and department heads. After the webinar, Dean Ofelia G. Maña presided the wrap-up discussions on the matter.

The whole body had an intensive discussion for they were interested on the kinds of programs needed to implement that combines knowledge, skills, attitudes and values that students need in order to understand and comprehend global events in the local scale. In fact, the Guidance Director shared to everyone how students experience cultural shock – a common and normal reaction to any transition to a new environment. As such, with the webinar, it would be suggested to have an intercultural training programme that offers useful framework for navigating intercultural interactions. As such, it will develop the students’ global skills in local contexts. Everyone present agreed to it.

The Research Director also added that to develop global skills of the staff and students, a research will be conducted. Dean Maña as the Campus Director and VC for Business Development and Innovation agreed to these suggestions. She also announced the body to be present in the 3rd webinar.

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## **Discussion Minutes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Webinar, “Global Skills Development in Local Contexts”**

Last August 07, 2019, a webinar was held in the University of Cebu – Banilad, President’s Office – Conference Room. It was attended by academic deans, chairpersons, and department heads. After the webinar, Dean Ofelia G. Maña presided the wrap-up discussions on the matter.

Dean Mana started the discussion by asking the question, “internalization and digitalization – how do these two higher education trends go together’?

The Student Affairs Office which the Dean of the Computer Studies agreed in the notion that University of Cebu shall create programs and activities to step up the efforts to internalization on-campus classroom, as well as distance education, with the help of information and communications technology (ICT).

Everyone agreed on the matter. Dean Maña told the body that a communication will be sent to the respective offices for the making of an action plan – integrating the lessons learned from the webinars.

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## **Discussion Minutes on the 4th Webinar, “Internationalization of the Formal Curriculum”**

Last August 14, 2019, a webinar was held in the University of Cebu – Banilad, President’s Office – Conference Room. It was attended by academic deans, chairpersons, and department heads. After the webinar, Dean Ofelia G. Maña presided the wrap-up discussions on the matter.

Dean Maña started the discussion by telling the body that University of Cebu have a responsibility to prepare the students to be global citizens and practitioners. This means they should imbibe the UC values and be sensitive to the varied cultural responses in international, regional and local contexts. As such, everyone agreed and even recognized the need to improve the academic and curricula in internationalization, including those related to curriculum design, community engagement and student learning. Then, the last webinar ended with a group photo.

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# Summary



## Internationalization Strategies Anchored in Outcomes Based Education Framework

Aimed to leverage the demographic diversity in the student body, University of Cebu participated the 4 Erasmus+ FRIENDS Webinar with the topics: (a) Campus Diversity and Intercultural Engagement; (b) Global Skills Development in Local Contexts; (c) Virtual Mobility; and (d) Internationalization of the Formal Curriculum.

The framework presented shows the wrap up discussions of the Department Heads, Academic Deans, and Chairpersons presided by the Vice Chancellor for Business Development and Innovation, Dean Ofelia G. Maña. This is to achieve a comprehensive internationalization outlook. It is also based in an outcome based education philosophy to encapsulate the university's commitment, confirmed through action, to infuse international and comparative perspectives throughout the teaching, research, and services missions of higher education. This is aimed to shape the institutional ethos and values and touches the university's graduate attributes based on its Vision, Mission, Goals, and Objectives.

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