Bulacan Agricultural State College

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PURPOSE

Bulacan Agroicultural State College generally aims to reduce pollution and its material wastes produced by its day-to-day operations and to manage its waste to lessen harm to the environment. The program is geared towards making its endeavors environment friendly.

SCOPE

These policies apply to all faculty, staff, students, visitors, temporary workers in BASC (e.g., construction workers), and concessionaires. Deans and Directors shall be mainly responsible for ensuring compliance with these policies on their respective campuses.

GENERAL POLICIES

- No smoking in any part of the BASC is allowed, except in identified designated areas.
- Only registered (updated) vehicles are allowed to enter the campus to ensure that these are regularly tested for smoke emission levels.
- The respective campuses shall conduct an annual briefing of faculty, staff, and students on waste management and the environment.
- Wastes must be segregated at all times. All classrooms, offices, and concessionaire areas must have designated bins placed in strategic areas. These bins are labeled with the following (with pictures if necessary) as deemed applicable
 - Recyclable
 - Biodegradable
 - Residual waste
 - Special/Hazardous waste
- Offices may designate specific types of waste as deemed necessary (e.g., used papers with only one side that is printed and can be re-used as scratch papers).
- Waste shall be regularly collected. Those in the bins shall be collected every other day by the assigned janitors and gathered for sorting in a designated area inside the campus. These gathered waste shall be collected by the garbage collector (normally provided by the local government) at least once a week. For the recyclable materials, the respective campus may contact an accredited materials recovery facility if it doesn't have any. For

campuses with an agriculture program offering, the concerned college shall assist the composting process of the biodegradable waste.

- For special/hazardous waste, its collection shall be outsourced to an accredited thirdparty.
- All practices in the BASC must be geared towards waste reduction. This shall include the following:
 - Use of reusable or biodegradable items (bags, straws, drinking bottles, containers)
 - Discouraging the single-use items (plastic straws, bags, styrofoam containers) when applicable (paper straws may be used if necessary)
 - Avoidance of products in non-recyclable or non-biodegradable packaging
 - Signs on "No Littering" messages on waste reduction and segregation shall be placed in visible locations
 - The burning of wastes is strictly prohibited.
 - Recycling of materials must be maximized.
 - Damaged equipment shall be evaluated to determine its repairability, recycling for spare parts, or proper disposal.
 - Faculty, staff and students are highly encouraged to bring their own reusable eating or drinking utensils.
 - Planting of trees and plants in the BASC is highly encouraged for cleaner air.
 - Respective campus administration shall practice "Green purchasing" whenever applicable.