



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

TO : ALL PRESIDENTS/OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE, STATE
UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES
ALL PRESIDENTS/OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE, CHED-RECOGNIZED LOCAL
UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES
DIRECTOR IV, ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT
SERVICES
RESIDENT COA AUDITOR, CHED

SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF A SECOND PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON
THE GUIDELINES FOR FREE HIGHER EDUCATION ON
MAY 28 2018, 9AM – 3PM AT THE CHED AUDITORIUM

Pursuant to the mandate of the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act, otherwise known as RA 10931 directing the UniFAST Secretariat to lead in the preparation of the Guidelines on the Free Higher Education (Free HE), a National Public Consultation for the Free HE Guidelines was held on May 16, 2018, from 2 PM to 5PM at the CHED Auditorium. During the forum, various issues were raised concerning the forms that the SUCs and LUCs will be required to submit as billing documents, as well as the Financial Management portion of the guidelines. Further, the group of SUC Accountants and Budget Officers were seriously concerned about the release of funds to the SUCs which will be covered by the accounting principle on fund transfer. It was pointed out that under Special Provision No. 1 under SUCs, Special Provision(s) Applicable to the SUCs, Volume I-A, page 963, the sums to be downloaded to the SUCs are considered income to them.

Upon the urgent request of the attendees, the UniFAST Secretariat agreed to conduct another public consultation specifically for Finance and Administrative officials of SUCs and CHED-recognized LUCs. Thus, after a clarificatory meeting with CHED COA and CHED AFMS, another **Public Consultation Workshop** will be held on **28 May 2018 (Monday), 9 AM to 3PM at the CHED Auditorium, 2/F, HEDC Building, C.P. Garcia Avenue, UP Diliman, Quezon City. The University/College Accountants of SUCs and CHED-recognized LUCs are enjoined to attend the Consultation.** Kindly confirm attendance of your official participant through the link: <https://bit.ly/2GBmJM6>.

Issued this 21st day of May 2018 at Quezon City, Philippines.

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UniFAST Governing Board