



REACHING GREATER HEIGHTS. BASC reached another step forward to being a greater college after passing the accreditation Survey Visits done by AACUP Accreditors. Photo by TST Photojournalist.

BASC heightens prides after passing Accreditation Survey

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SOME of Bulacan Agricultural State College offered programs underwent survey visits, October 2020.

The survey visit aims to help the institution reach its greater heights in terms of the quality of education; services offered to the students; and quality of the facilities in the college.

Master of Science in Agriculture with Majors: Agricultural extension, Horticulture, Animal Science, and Bachelor of Science in Geodetic Engineering both passed the preliminary surveys. Bachelor of Science in Agroforestry, being offered

at BASC- Doña Remedios Trinidad passed the revisit of two of its areas and now is Level 2 accredited; while Master of Arts in Education also passed the second survey.

Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP) Accreditors headed by Dr. Leoncio M. Matibag started assessing the different programs of the college October 1, right after their courtesy call to the College President, Dr. Jameson H. Tan.

During the opening ceremony, Dr. Matibag stressed that their visit on the college didn't mean any harm but rather to help it improve its weak points.

As part of the visit, Dr. Apolo S. Francisco from Ilocos Sur Polytechnic College (ISPC) called

a meeting with the student leaders. Representatives from the 31 recognized organizations and the student publication attended the said event. Concerns of the student leaders were voiced out to Dr. Francisco.

After his consultation with Dr. Francisco, Dr. Herbert De Jesus, Chairperson of Area VIII said that student center must be given attention for the students' benefits.

Moreover, BS Agroforestry which was initially surveyed last September 2017 and passed the recent revisit started preparing for the next accreditation.

"Yes[we are planning for level 2 accreditation], because as stated on the notice which was issued by the AACUP our due for the application of the next level is until October 5, 2022," Mr. Richard C. Sarmiento, Officer-In-Charge of BASC-DRT said.

"Surely we will apply for the level 2 accreditation of our program," he added.

Meanwhile, other institutes of the college, including the College of Agriculture, also started preparing for the next level of accreditation guided by the suggestions left by the AACUP Accreditors.



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Harvesting Fruits of Hard Grown Excellence: Another Stepping Stone of BASC to Universityhood

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Bulacan Agricultural State College (BASC) has been a home for flourishing knowledge and a camp for cultivating great citizens of our country. All throughout the year, it exerts all its efforts to live up to the college mission which is “to strive excellence in Agriculture and Allied disciplines; to provide for and address ever changing Educational needs and services for those seeking to expand their intellectual horizons”. Thus, the college takes one step at a time to reach its best potentials to offer greater learning experiences for its students.

Accreditation Survey Visit is one of the ways for an educational institution to reach its greater heights. That’s the reason why state universities and colleges engage all their areas of modifications and innovations to series of evaluations and assessments.

As BASC engages to several accreditation survey visits, it prepares all areas of the institution through planting several seeds of development. Area chairpersons gather their subordinates to plan on what to and what to prepare for the accreditation. Day and night seem not different for them as they work their soul out to produce the best possible results.

Documents are gathered to fill the needs of the survey instruments. All efforts are being exerted by each concerned individual.

According to Mrs. Marie Lou R. Reyno, the Chairperson for Area VII Library, they have been preparing for three years now. After the last accreditation, they started to gather and prepare other needed documents she said.



It is a long process of many preparations before they can say that they are already prepared to face the accreditation survey visit. A lot of time has been dedicated to create the outputs to be presented. Changes in the college had been one of their struggles while preparing the needed documents, but it did not hinder them. Like what Mrs. Edna Cruz said “*The changing of administration of BASC comes with the changes in some areas of the college.*” Mrs. Cruz whose area of responsibility involves the mission and vision of the college said that she experienced difficulty in disseminating the information in this area.

The day of the judgment came. From the 1st up to the 3rd day of October, the college had been put on a test. Accreditors from Accrediting Agency of Chartered

Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP) headed by Dr. Leoncio M. Matibag evaluated the different areas of the college.

According to Dr. Herbert De Jesus, Chairperson of Area VIII Physical Plant and Facilities, accreditors emphasized that students must be the highlight of the college. Accreditors also underscored that all facilities, learning experiences being provided by the college must be dedicated to provide the needs of the students in terms of education.

The college reaped the fruits of its labor as all programs passed the evaluation including those areas that were accredited, revisited and underwent preliminary surveys. This has been another great step for the college to reach its destination towards being a university.

