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To facilitate knowledge sharing

CCLGSPD visits BatSU for Benchmarking and Collaborative Learning Activity

TSU's CCLGSPD undertook an innovative collaborative learning and benchmarking activity yesterday, January 30, 2024 at Batangas State University with a focus on collaboration and knowledge exchange.

Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao, the center's head and director began the activity by introducing the center as the tripartite

social arm for research and extension and outlining the center's strong focus on GIS and social innovation.

There were two presentations throughout the course of the activity. Dr. Vaberlie P. Mandane-Garcia, Head of the Social Innovation Research Center (SIRC), eloquently presented their important mandates and best practices.

She explored their dedication to promoting social innovation, highlighting research projects focused on transforming knowledge into practical solutions to enhance human well-being and environmental conditions. Dr. Garcia also emphasized the center's commitment to fostering collaboration between academic

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QMS Unit coaches CCLGSPD for CC drafting



Tarlac State University's Office of the Quality Management held a coaching and mentoring session with Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao to strengthen the CCLGSPD's commitment to quality service delivery.

The primary objective of the meeting is to craft and refine the Citizen's Charter, which establishes and conveys the service standards for providing the center's services to its clients.

The session was spearheaded by the QMS Unit Head Engr. Maricar Banting and expressed her dedication to fostering an environment of constant enhancement within the framework of the quality management system. "The Citizen's Charter is a crucial component of our commitment to transparency and efficiency," she added.

CCLGSPD unit heads and staffs actively participate in the coaching session, contributing their insights and expertise to make the Citizen's Charter a comprehensive and effective tool for communicating service standards. "This initiative will not only result in an improved Citizen's Charter but will also contribute to the university's broader mission of providing excellent education and community service" Dr. Quiambao stated.



CSPC visits TSU for Benchlearning Activity



CCLGSPD collaborates with ECC for Project S.T.A.R.T.



The Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development (CCLGSPD) attended a meeting with the Ecumenical Christian College (ECC) to collaborate for the center's flagship extension program, Project START last December 4, 2023, at ECC Administration Building.

The said meeting was attended by Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao, CCLGSPD Director and Project START Overall Project Head, Dr. Armeel N. Rosel, ECC President, and Special Education (SPED) Teachers.

Since Project START offers an array of teaching enhancements to Child Development Workers (CDW) in the eight municipalities of Tarlac, it also aims to equip the CDWs capacity to educate students with disabilities. Several special education topics were selected to be used as teaching materials for the beneficiaries of the said project. The schedules for the conduct of the SPED Teachers' talk were also discussed.

The Camarines Sur Polytechnic Colleges (CSPC) paid a visit to Tarlac State University (TSU) for a benchlearning activity on December 14, 2023 to gain insights from one university office and two centers.

Happened at the College of Engineering (COE) AVR, the said activity aimed to present the best practices and strategies of the Office of University Research and Development (OURD), Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development (CCLGSPD), and Center for Peace, Indigenous People's Resources and Development (CPIRD) and to aid in the establishment of CSPC's new center, Center for Social Science Research and

Policy (CSSRP).

Dr. Maria Vanesa P. Arador, Office of International Affairs and Linkages (OIAL) Director welcomed the Bicolano visitors stressing appreciation in choosing TSU as one of its model institutions in starting CSSRP. Mr. Ejay F. Barcinilla, Focal Person for the CSSRP Tais-Dunong Benchlearning Activity presented the CSPC Delegations, introducing their pool of experts from various fields and studies.

To observe firsthand operations and functioning of the OURD, CCLGSPD, and CPIIRD, paying particular attention to its organizational structure, research methodologies, and policy formulation

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CCLGSPD engages with Provincial Planning and Development Office



To enhance local development strategies, the Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development (CCLGSPD) recently convened a crucial meeting last January 17, 2024, at Tarlac State University Hostel with the Tarlac Provincial Planning and Development Office, spearheaded by Engr. Timoteo A. Babas.

The collaborative effort aimed to foster a cohesive approach towards

addressing the unique needs and challenges of the Tarlaqueño community. Significant results from the meeting involve the determination of key projects and the creation of a structure for continuous communication and collaboration. The discussion ended with a pledge to maintain ongoing collaboration and the arrangement of further sessions to monitor advancement and tackle any arising obstacles.



Collaborative endeavors: CCLGSPD and CCS explore partnership



In a recent meeting, CCLGSPD, headed by Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao, engaged in a discussion with the College of Computer Studies, spearheaded by Dr. Alvincent E. Danganan, the college dean, and Dr. Rogel L. Quilala, associate dean last February 29, 2024.

The primary agenda was to introduce the center's mission and explore potential collaborations.

The meeting provided a platform for both to share their visions and explore possible projects, extension programs, and research. Discussions revolved around potential technical solutions, digital tools, and innovative methodologies that could be infused into extension programs to help communities and local governments.

Program Chairs from CCS, Mr. Joselito T. Tan and Mr. Gilbert G. Gonzales, were present during the meeting. Mr. John H. Lanuzo, Ms. Vien Jamaica D. Samson, the department heads of CCLGSPD, and the center's staff were also present.

Anao MSWD initiates FGD with CCLGSPD



In the service of helping communities, the Anao Municipal Social Welfare and Development (MSWD) Office invited the Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development (CLG) for a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) to establish a long-term partnership last January 10, 2024 at Anao Municipal Hall.

The said FGD focused on the possible assistance of the center on the municipality's programs and activities, along with the formation of its localized Child Protection Policy. Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao, CLG Director, said that TSU comprises experts in various fields who are more than willing to assist in all areas discussed in the meeting. Together with Dr. Quiambao, present in the CLG delegation are Ms. Vien Jamaica D. Samson, Local Governance and Policy Development Department Head and Mr. John H. Lanuzo, Training and Knowledge Development, Community Empowerment and Advocacy Department Head.

Being a fifth-class municipality, according to Ms. Maricar C. Butay, MSWD Officer, their office has a limited budget, resulting in limited manpower. Hence this partnership will significantly help craft the child protection policy and improve their services to constituents. "We are only two in the office, me, and my staff, so we are very grateful to your center for your willingness to help us," she added.

Empowering Communities: CCLGSPD forms Child Protection Policy Committee



In a decisive move towards safeguarding the well-being of children, the Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development (CLG) orchestrated a pivotal face-to-face meeting on January 18, 2024. The primary focus of this gathering was the formulation of a Child Protection Policy (CPP) Committee, comprising representatives from various colleges within the University.

The initiatives outlined in the meeting signify a dedicated effort by CLG to contribute significantly to child protection in the Municipality of Anao. By bringing together diverse expertise, leveraging technology for efficient communication, and ensuring student involvement, the CARE-Anao Project will positively impact the lives of children in the community. This endeavor underscores the University's commitment to social responsibility and community welfare, laying the foundation for a child-centric future in Anao.

CCLGSPD promotes Center to DILG, LGU Execs



The Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development (CCLGSPD) attended a meeting with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and local government executives last December 4, 2023 at Kart City Tarlac.

The primary aim of the meeting was to promote the center to local government units and provide technical

assistance to their program/activities needs. Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao, CCLGSPD director presented the overview of the center and its services. Additionally, Ms. Vien Jamaica D. Samson, Local Governance and Policy Development (LGPD) Department introduced her department as the prime unit to direct should there be assistance needed.

The said initial meeting was set to wield a memorandum of agreement with local government units in their upcoming projects. Dr. Quiambao also stated the center's plan to conduct an add-on capacity-building training for the newly elected Sangguniang Kabataan and Barangay Officials through the Training and Knowledge Development Department headed by Mr. John H. Lanuzo.



Project START: *A Vision Unveiled, Realized, and*

A Dream and a Vision

In the field of child development, where nurturing young minds is both an art and a responsibility, Project START emerged as more than just an initiative—it was a vision and a dream. It became a beacon of hope, an initiative to enhance their professional growth and development. What started as a dream is now envisioned as becoming a catalyst for change.

The Eight Municipalities Who Accepted the Challenge

“Masaya nga ako at nandito kayo,” exclaimed Mommy Zeny, an 84-year-old CDW from Paniqui, overflowing with joy and a thirst for wisdom during training sessions. Like Mommy Zeny, the eight municipalities—Anao, Paniqui, Pura, Ramos, Moncada, San Manuel, Victoria, and Gerona—embraced the challenge given to them by Project START. Their bundled appreciation echoes through the corridors of every training hall in their municipalities, recognizing the valuable opportunity given to them.

The municipalities understood the value of creating possibilities that would allow their childcare professionals to be unleashed and advance in their careers. For them, it was not just





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about meeting the present needs; it was about building an environment where children would get outstanding quality care and education in the future.

No child development worker will be left behind.

Through the Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development, Project START is a continuous dedication to improving and empowering child development workers. The initiative is committed to ensuring that every worker is supported and included, regardless of their status and age. It is aligned with Tarlac State University's commitment to creating an inclusive environment where education transcends limitations.

The project stands as a testament to the dedication of those involved, demonstrating how investing in the professional development of CDWs sparks positive change in their lives and the communities they serve. Throughout the path, the project's impact is characterized by teamwork, empowerment, and a strong dedication to preparing child development workers to support the Tarlaqueno children they serve. The project Sustainable Training Assistance and Revitalized Teaching (START) is continuing, and no child development workers will be left behind.

Our Speakers and Experts

Dr. Ma. Theresa Acosta

Curriculum Management vis-à-vis Children's Assessment

Exploration of the important link between curriculum design and children's evaluation in the educational system.



Asst. Prof. Jayson Y. Punzalan

ICT on Board 1.0

Utilizing ICT in the daily day-to-day operations of childcare centers, fostering innovation in the delivery of essential services for children.



Dr. Arlyn C. Cura

Teaching Technique 1: Level Up Inquiry-Based Learning

Exploration of new teaching strategies, with a specific emphasis on the improvement of inquiry-based learning.



Dr. Marie Paz H. Angeles

Classroom Discipline: Dealing with Difficult and Challenging Children 1.0

Fostering a positive learning environment while addressing behavioral challenges and equipping with practical tools for a harmonious classroom.



Dr. Norbina Genever M. Castro

Hinges and Phases of Curriculum Development

Understanding and designing a responsive curriculum that meets the unique requirements of the children.



Dr. Jiyoung Lee

Arts and Crafts 101 for Children

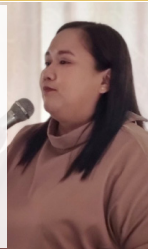
Techniques that will equip child development workers with the necessary skills to foster artistic expression among children.



Dr. Ninez Tulo

Lifecycle of Records Management

Exploration of the complex world of managing records and the complete lifecycle of records, starting from their creation and ending with their disposal.



Dr. Jessica Marie I. Dela Pena

Teacher's Corner in Using Printed and Authentic Instructional Materials

Creation of a multi-sensory learning environment through the invaluable role of printed materials in modern education.



Asso. Prof. Laarni T. Capinding

Classroom Discipline: Dealing with Difficult and Challenging Children 2.0

Strategies for effectively managing children's behavior in the classroom through combined theoretical concepts, practical strategies, and real-life examples.



Dr. Nino B. Corpuz

Parental Engagement and Involvement 2.0

Exploring innovative strategies to strengthen the parent-teacher partnership and enhancing skills in fostering a collaborative and supportive educational environment.



Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza

Teacher's Corner: Engaging in Non-Printed and Authentic Instructional Materials

Exploration of the essential function of digitalization and innovative teaching approaches that transcend traditional printed materials.



Dr. Joanne Marie I. Escalona

Parental Engagement and Involvement Frontiers 1.0

Addresses potential barriers to parental involvement, strategies to overcome them, and practical activities and initiatives to involve parents in their children's education and care.



Dr. Leodivina P. Tagama

Essential Techniques in Arts and Crafts

Practical tips and hands-on activities that can be incorporated into daily routines to stimulate a child's imagination.





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communities, civil society, and government agencies that tackle significant social and environmental challenges.

Engr. Erwin Rafael D. Cabral, the head of the GIS Applications Development Center, brought a technical perspective to the activity by presenting and highlighting the intersection of technology and innovation in the center's initiatives, providing valuable insights into the practical development and use of GIS technologies. He showcased the significant impact of GIS on improving data visualization, analysis, and decision-making processes.

The initiative took an interactive turn as Ms. Vien Jamaica D. Samson, Local Governance and Policy Development Department Head and Mr. John H. Lanuzo, Training and Knowledge Development, Community Empowerment and Advocacy Department Head initiated an open forum, fostering an atmosphere that encouraged lively discussions.

The benchmarking activity wrapped up with a tour of the university's command center. Dr. Quiambao conveyed her appreciation for the warm reception at BatStateU, highlighting the exciting possibilities for future partnerships and shared development.

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processes fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and research excellence within the social science domain and allied disciplines, Dr. Robert V. Marcos, OURD Director presented the office's accomplishments along with its strategic directions.

According to Dr. Marcos, the directions are anchored in the Sustainable Development and Goals (SDGs) and Ambisyon Natin 2040, which represent the collective long-term vision and aspirations of the Filipino people for themselves and for the country up to 2040.

Dr. Marcos also shared the problems encountered of the university in the pursuit of writing high value researches. Although, the director noted that problems should be presented with solutions as well. Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao, CCLGSPD Director also announced the accomplishments of the center, ranging from successful partnerships with more than five municipalities in the Province of Tarlac to hitting a State Universities and Colleges Leveling Target in less than five months from the center's inception. Dr. Maria Elena D. David, CPRID Director also shared their center's accomplishments such as: inclusion of Peace and Indigenous studies in various course curricula, partnerships with Local Government Units (LGUs) and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), providing technical assistance to Indigenous Peoples' livelihood programs, and outreach initiatives.

After the presentation of the three directors, Mr. Barcinilla asked questions on the hiring considerations of unit heads and staff of TSU's centers. The directors said that they follow the university manual. In terms of research agenda question, as discussed by Dr. Marcos, it is anchored on NEDA's Ambisyon 2040. It was also highlighted that the university's research agenda is being revisited annually. Also, Dr. Quiambao added that TSU has developed a new culture for researchers to conceptualize new research while packaging the finished one, thus maintaining the continuity of research endeavor. Research incentives were also discussed encouraging faculty and staff to produce high value researches.

The activity ended when CSPC awarded TSU a Certificate of Appreciation for this collaborative undertaking.

Empowering Local Governance and Communities: CCLGSPD collabs with CPAG



Recent discussions between the Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development and the College of Public Administration and Governance were held last February 27, 2024, reviewing collaboration for projects and future initiatives.

Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao, CCLGSPD Director, and Ms. Vien Jamaica D. Samson presented the center's on-deck projects. The collaboration aims to synergize efforts in addressing societal issues, fostering community development,

and enhancing the effectiveness of local governance structures. Dr. Edwin T. Caoleng, in his capacity as the college dean, expressed his commitment to fostering a culture of collaboration and knowledge exchange.

CPAG faculty and staff, including Ms. Izelle C. Francisco-Gabion and Dr. Patricia Estrada, attended the meeting. Mr. John H. Lanuzo, Department Head of CCLGSPD, and the center's staffs were also present.



To discuss potential long-term partnership, Camiling LGU invites CCLGSPD



The Camiling Local Government Unit (LGU) invited the Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development (CLG) to conduct preliminary discussions and agreements regarding the potential partnership and collaboration last January 11, 2024, at Camiling Municipal Hall.

Community Relations Officer of the Office of the Mayor, Ms. Melissa Padua, said, the Camiling LGU is very much welcome for the assistance to be contributed by CLG. According to Ms. Padua, the LGU would like to strengthen its competencies in records management, technical writing, and bookkeeping. Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao, CLG Director, assured us that TSU has experts in these areas and is eager to help improve the beneficiaries' competencies.

The Ex-Officio Board Member and Sangguniang Kabataan Provincial Federation President, Hon. Luke Corinth Q. Pagarigan, also queried the possibility of conducting a Leadership Training Seminar

for the Sangguniang Kabataan.

Hon. Erlon C. Agustin, Mayor of Camiling, also joined the meeting and provided inputs on the municipality's needs.

CCLGSPD also had the opportunity to visit the Camiling's Association of Barangay Captains (ABC) office. ABC President Hon. Albert B. Jose invited the center to attend the Liga ng mga Baranggay meeting on January 22, 2024 to introduce CLG to the 61 barangays of Camiling. According to the president, it is a vast opportunity for Camileno barangay leaders to enhance their leadership and public service skills. Hon. Agustin also pushed the SK Federation President to propose this collaboration as one of his office's projects. "It will be a first in the history of SK governance if you can pull this off. Imagine equipping the 61 SK Chairpersons in Camiling, together with their councilors. Not to mention other SK Chairpersons throughout the province" added Hon. Jose.

Innovation Exchange: CCLGSPD explores BatSU's STEER Hub



Tarlac State University's (TSU) Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development (CCLGSPD) recently embarked on a transformative journey of benchmarking and collaborative learning with Batangas State University (BatStateU) last January 30, 2024.

The event began with a thorough tour of the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Environment Research Hub (STEER Hub), a crucial undertaking run by their esteemed Vice President for Research, Development, and Extension Services, Assoc. Prof. Albertson D. Amante.

Adding prestige to the occasion, the University President and Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) President, Dr. Tirso Ronquillo, also graced the event. As CCLGSPD staff navigated through the STEER Hub, Assoc. Prof. Amante provided insightful introductions to the various centers and offices housed within. The Batangas State University, as the National Engineering University of the Philippines, granted the TSU delegation an intimate opportunity to directly observe and experience their state-of-the-art endeavors and innovative methodologies.

CCLGSPD collaborates with Liga ng mga Baranggay in Camiling

The Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development, spearheaded by Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao, extends its collaborative arm to Liga ng mga Barangay, as she recently shared insights into the initiative on January 22, 2024, at Camiling, Tarlac.

Dr. Quiambao highlighted the first crucial step in the collaboration: the need for barangays to articulate their unique challenges and requests. This process

involves a comprehensive collation of the specific needs and aspirations of the local communities within Camiling. This aims to provide a tailored understanding of the challenges faced by barangays, setting the stage for effective and targeted solutions.

The center's goal is to leverage the expertise of Tarlac State University to ensure that the solutions proposed are not only practical but also backed by academic rigor. By tapping into the knowledge base



of experts from the university, the center aims to provide tangible and research-driven strategies to address these unique challenges faced by barangays in Camiling.



Gov. Yap applauds CCLGSPD's initiatives and efforts

Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao and Ms. Vien Jamaica D. Samson engaged with Hon. Susan Yap, the Tarlac Province Governor, and the head of the Provincial Planning and Development Office, Dr. Krishna Buenaventura, EnP. on November 30, 2023.

Dr. Quiambao gives an overview of the responsibilities and capacities of Tarlac State University's Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development. The objective of this cooperative endeavor is to provide the provincial government of Tarlac with significant support in many domains of governance and policy formulation.

Additionally, Ms. Vien Jamaica D. Samson also mentioned that the Provincial Government of Tarlac could anticipate significant assistance in the form of studies, policy recommendations,



and community extension initiatives meant to improve its capacity as a consequence of this joint venture.

Governor Yap applauded the undertaking, noting that the center's

expertise will better address the unique needs and objectives of the local communities, which will ultimately result in the more inclusive and efficient governance that they seek.

TKD, CEA Head attends 2024 OURD Research Agenda Setting



To align the Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development (CCLGSPD) in the university research undertakings, the Training and Knowledge Development (TKD) and Community Empowerment and Advocacy Department Head, Mr. John H. Lanuzo participated in the 2024 University Research Agenda Setting last January 18, 2024 at the Lecture Room 1, Food Technology and Research Center (FTRC) Building, Lucinda Campus.

Dr. Maria Elena D. David, Center for Peace, Indigenous People's Resources and Development (CPIPRD) Director, shared the importance of research as a faculty member in her opening remarks, and this event will help researchers choose research topics. "It is much easier for us to write research if we have an existing agenda or if the topics are in the agenda," she added. On the Updating of the Tarlac State University (TSU) Research Agenda presentation, Office of the University

Research and Development (OURD) Director Dr. Robert V. Marcos, focused on Reinvention. The director encouraged researchers to reinvent themselves and align with the State Universities and Colleges (SUC) Leveling instruments. "Reinvention is how we do things, especially in the new SUC Leveling Instrument, it is our contribution to the university," Dr. Marcos added.

Different college research coordinators presented their college's research agenda with the OURD and centers, providing feedback and input to the presenters. Mr. Lanuzo remarked on the College of Computer Studies (CCS) presenter, Dr. Heidilyn V. Gamido, that the CLG is planning to propose research on Geographic Information System (GIS), wanting to secure a partnership with CCS. This research agenda setting is the first step in involving faculty members in a more systematic and holistic approach to research writing with the direction of OURD.

Project CARE conducts first activity



To establish the foundation for developing a comprehensive child protection policy, the Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development just wrapped up a baseline and needs assessment in the municipality of Anao last February 6, 2024.

This is part of the Project Consultancy and Research (CARE) of Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao, the center's director, and Ms. Jamaica D. Samson, the head of the Local Governance and Policy Development Department, that aims to address the pressing problem of child protection and safety.

The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officers and Delegates (MSWDO) from Anao, San Manuel, and Moncada participated in the event, which represents a crucial movement in protecting the well-being of children in their communities.