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UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE MEASURE

At MCC, the governing structure has been designed to include a wide range of perspectives, ensuring that faculty, students, and industry representatives have a meaningful role in the decision-making process. Under the New Charter of Mabalacat City College (City Ordinance No. 60, s. 2016), faculty and students are represented on the Board of Trustees, along with members from the business sector. This structure ensures that the college's policy-making and planning efforts benefit from balanced input, which strengthens the institution's connection to the needs of the campus and broader community. In 2021, MCC's Academic Council updated key policies to improve support and clarity for both faculty and students.

For instance, on July 28, 2021, the council reviewed and approved the Faculty Manual (2021 edition), which outlines faculty rights, responsibilities, and the college's expectations. This manual was then officially adopted by the Board of Trustees through Board Resolution No. 46, s. 2021, on October 20, 2021, reflecting MCC's commitment to clear and inclusive governance.

Similarly, on August 17, 2021, the council approved revisions to the Student Handbook to address student needs and the governing body of the students, with final approval granted through Board Resolution No. 52, s. 2021. These actions underline MCC's commitment to a fair and transparent governance framework that respects the roles of both students and faculty in institutional decision-making.

Student engagement at MCC extends beyond governance representation and includes a broad range of activities led by the Student Council and other student organizations. In 2023, these groups organized approximately 50 events that support academic learning, cultural enrichment, and social growth. Students take part in activities such as research colloquium, seminars/webinars, educational tours, and leadership training that develop both academic and life skills. The "Buwan ng Wika" (Language Month) held every August and the "ABeHCA" project, a Kapampangan term meaning "you are part/you are included," connect students with Philippine culture and history, fostering a deeper understanding of their heritage. The PeacePAL project led by the MCC Campus Youth Ministry, held last June 2024, also aims to promote respect and peace within the college and the community. Through these events, students have opportunities to develop their leadership and teamwork skills while building meaningful connections with their peers. MCC provides these platforms for growth and learning, which help foster a strong sense of community and inclusivity.

As a public institution funded by the city government of Mabalacat, MCC ensures that its finances are handled responsibly, with a transparent process that allows public insight into budgeting decisions. Each year, the city's governing council, the Sangguniang Panlungsod, approves MCC's budget to ensure responsible use of public funds. For 2024, MCC's budget was set at Php 80,000,000.00 as per Ordinance No. 13, s. 2023. Of this, Php 47728486.00 is allocated to personnel services, covering salaries and benefits, while Php 31,271,514.00 is dedicated to Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), which includes utility bills, maintenance, and other institutional needs. By adhering to this strict budgetary process, MCC shows its commitment to transparency and responsible management, ensuring that resources are used effectively for the benefit of students, faculty, and staff.

Through these interconnected efforts in inclusive governance, student engagement, and transparent financial management, Mabalacat City College exemplifies the principles of SDG 16. By creating a supportive and open campus environment, MCC not only strengthens its internal community but also actively contributes to the larger goal of building peaceful, fair, and accountable institutions for sustainable development.

