Participatory Bodies for Stakeholder Engagement

Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU) recognizes the importance of inclusive governance and meaningful stakeholder participation in institutional decision-making. Through established participatory mechanisms, the University provides opportunities for local stakeholders, including representatives from local government units, civil society organizations, and other community sectors, to contribute their perspectives, insights, and recommendations on matters concerning university policies, programs, and development priorities.

These collaborative mechanisms promote transparency, accountability, and shared responsibility, ensuring that stakeholder voices are considered in shaping institutional directions and initiatives. Through these efforts, DOrSU strengthens its commitment to inclusive and responsive governance in support of **Sustainable Development Goal 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions**, particularly in fostering participatory decision-making and building strong partnerships with the communities it serves.

DOrSU Eyes Opening of External Class in Lupon

Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU) is exploring the establishment of an external class in the Municipality of Lupon to expand access to higher education for students in the western part of the province. A public forum was held on July 28 at the Lupon Municipal Gymnasium to present and deliberate on the proposed initiative.

The forum brought together key stakeholders, including DOrSU officials led by University President Dr. Roy G. Ponce; representatives from the local government unit headed by Mayor Santos Q. Alonzo and Vice Mayor Atty. Christian Lawrence Go; and officials from the Department of Education, notably the Lupon West District led by Public Schools District Supervisor (PSDS) Julieta I. Sumalinog, and the Lupon East District represented by OIC-PSDS Renato Adlawan. Also in attendance were barangay leaders, school principals, parents, students, and DOrSU Board of Regents Member Atty. Bambi Palma Gil-Roflo. During the dialogue, participants raised concerns over the challenges faced by students who commute to Mati City for college, including long travel hours, high transportation costs, and financial constraints that discourage many from pursuing tertiary education.





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DOrSU Conducts Stakeholders' Consultation on RIE Manual



The Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU) held a stakeholders' consultation on its Research, Innovation, and Extension (RIE) Manual today, September 18, 2025, at Honeys Hotel in Mati City. The activity gathered participants to review the draft RIE Manual and provide recommendations to strengthen the University's policies and systems on research, innovation, and extension. Prior to the consultation, a series of reviews were conducted, includinga presentation before the RIE Division for initial feedback.

To enrich the process, DOrSU also conducted benchmarking activities with other higher education institutions, including Central Mindanao University (CMU), Bukidnon State University (BSU), University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTP), and Xavier University.

The consultation is part of the University's continuing efforts to align its research and extension framework with best practices and ensure greater relevance to academic and industry needs.

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DOrSU PhD in Environmental Science Students Hold Forum on Policy Directives and Sustainable-Regenerative Futures

Mati City, Davao Oriental - The PhD in Environmental Science program of Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU) held "A Forum on Policy Directions and Sustainable-Regenerative Futures" on November 22, 2024 at the DOrSU-FACET Conference Hall. The four-hour event gathered graduate students, faculty researchers, local officials, and environmental practitioners to explore science-based approaches to conservation policy and sustainable ecosystem governance in the Philippines.

Organized under DES 371: Environmental IEC 2025 and convened by Dr. Milton Norman Medina, the forum carried the theme "Science-Based Conservation and Sustainable Governance of Philippine Ecosystems and Biodiversity." Student policy briefs focused on three ecosystem domains: Forest and Terrestrial, Freshwater and Cave, and Marine and Coastal Ecosystems, reflecting the diversity of environmental issues across the archipelago.



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