

POLICY ON SUSTAINABLE FARMED FOOD

Rationale

The University of Mindanao commits to advancing food practices that promote human health, environmental sustainability, and local economic empowerment. This policy supports the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 (RA 11068 as amended by RA 11511) and serves as a framework to ensure that food and beverages provided within the University are sourced, produced, and managed in sustainable ways that uphold ecological balance, social equity, and community well-being.

Scope

This policy applies to all University food service operations, including campus canteens, concessionaires, catering services, and food vendors operating within University premises. It also covers institutional activities involving food procurement, preparation and disposal, as well as partnerships with local farmers, suppliers, and community organizations. This policy shall guide all University offices, faculty, staff, students, and partner entities in ensuring that food production and consumption practices align with sustainable agriculture principles and responsible sourcing standards.

Guiding Principles

Sustainability. All activities that involve or are associated with food production, procurement, processing and disposal shall prioritize environmental conservation, resource efficiency, and waste reduction.

Health and Nutrition. The University ensures that all meals and food products served within its premises are safe, nutritious, and aligned with established health and dietary standards.

Ethical Responsibility. Food services and procurement practices shall consider animal welfare, cultural appropriateness, and fair trade principles.

Compliance

Compliance to this policy is mandatory. Non-compliance, such as unauthorized sourcing of non-accredited food products or failure to observe prescribed food safety, production and waste reduction protocols, shall be subject to appropriate administrative or contractual sanctions in accordance with existing University rules and regulations.

Implementation and Review

The implementation of this policy shall be led by the Disbursing Section of the Treasury Department and Community Extension Center (CEC) in coordination with the Procurement Office, Food Service Centers, PPMGS and other concerned units. These offices shall ensure that all food sourcing, preparation, and waste management practices comply with sustainability standards of the University and relevant government regulations.

This policy shall be reviewed three (3) years or as deemed necessary to align with evolving environmental regulations, health and food safety standards, and the University priorities. The review shall be spearheaded by the Disbursing Section of the Treasury Department and

Community Extension Center in coordination with the Quality Management Office subject to the approval of the Top management.

Signed:

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