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Resolution No. 79, Series of 2025

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED POLICY FOR PAYMENT FOR ETHICS APPLICATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MINDANAO

WHEREAS, the Research Ethics Committee (REC) of the University of Southern Mindanao (USM) was established in accordance with Republic Act No. 10532, also known as the *Philippine National Health Research System Act of 2013*, to ensure ethical standards and protect human participants in research;

WHEREAS, the REC performs a two-step protocol review process consisting of a primary evaluation and a committee evaluation, both requiring the dedicated time, expertise, and sustained involvement of trained evaluators and staff;

WHEREAS, the increasing volume of research protocol submissions, including 1,500 applications received in the first half of 2025, has resulted in workload challenges for faculty evaluators who are also responsible for instruction, research, and institutional tasks;

WHEREAS, to ensure the sustainability, efficiency, and integrity of ethics review processes, a payment system for ethics applications is proposed, aligned with benchmarking data from other higher education institutions, and proportionate to the type of client, research level, and funding source;

WHEREAS, the proposed payment structure provides equitable compensation to evaluators (80%) and supports REC operations (20%), ensuring timely and rigorous ethical reviews without undue reliance on institutional funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, be it:

RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Regents of the University of Southern Mindanao hereby **APPROVES** the proposed policy for payment for ethics application, with the following fee structure:

Category	USM Faculty, Staff & Students	Non-USM (Filipino)	Non-USM (Foreign)
Undergraduate	₱ 300	₱ 600	₱ 900
Master's	₱1,000	₱2,000	₱3,200
Dissertation / College of Medicine & Law	₱1,500	₱3,000	₱4,800
Faculty/Staff – Locally Funded Research	₱2,000	—	—
Faculty/Staff – Externally Funded Research	₱2,000	₱10,000	₱16,000

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Category	USM Faculty, Staff & Students	Non-USM (Filipino)	Non-USM (Foreign)
Re-screening (incomplete protocols)	₱50	₱50	₱50
Drafting/Printing of Clearance	₱ 50	₱ 50	₱50

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the allocation of funds shall be:

- 80% for Evaluators:
 - 50% to the Primary Evaluator
 - 30% shared equally among Committee Evaluators
- 20% for REC Operations: to cover administrative processing, communication, and documentation requirements.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that this policy shall take effect immediately upon approval and shall be implemented and monitored by the Research Ethics Committee in coordination with the Office of the Vice President for Research, Development, and Extension.

APPROVED this 5th day of August, 2025, during the 160th Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents held at South Cotabato State College, Surallah, South Cotabato.

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I certify the correctness and the authenticity of the foregoing resolution. Done this 5th day of August 2025, at the Administration Building, South Cotabato State College, Brgy. Dajay, Surallah, South Cotabato


JENNIFER E. SINCO
 Secretary of the Board of Regents

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