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The future of AFUSA is one that we are constantly creating through the choices we make and the actions we take today. I think we can ensure AFUSA'S continued success by applying the criteria of consistency, credibility, and continuity to all our actions and decisions.

CONSISTENCY requires that we adhere to the core beliefs and allow these basic principles to guide our actions and to remain consistent to the ideals of the AFUSA. We should be committed to our founding principles and have the ability to change and grow.

CREDIBILITY means acting with honor in all our dealings—not only to our co-alumni, family and friends but to our community as well.

CONTINUITY is essential to an organization in which the leadership changes periodically. Continuity requires a certain amount of humility and generosity. It is the time for consolidating the best of our past and present, while keeping our eyes fixed on the future and the challenges it will present.

An AFUSA “Mighty Oak” has fallen. Dr. Wilmer Heceta, past Chairman of the Foundation died last January 23, 2012. A service of witness to the resurrection and thanksgiving to his life was held at Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church in Wheeling, West Virginia. I had the honor to be one of the speakers to give words of remembrance and reflection. I delivered it on AFUSA'S behalf.

It is an inherent responsibility for AFUSA Chairs to do periodic visits of the Medical Center to meet the Administrative Officers to have an open dialogue on issues relevant to policies which are mutually beneficial to each other

relationship to enhance the UERMMMC quality of education and contribute to the growth of healthcare professionals as well as the community that it serves.

September 2011 visit: Meeting with the Administrative officers of the Medical Center on a round table discussion. The meeting was frank and candid. In attendance were: Vice-Chairman Wilson Young, President Romeo Divinagracia, Dean Rhetta Tan-Reyes, the Comptroller and the Vice -President for Finance of the Medical Center and myself. Several topics were discussed including the ever perennial untimely acknowledgement of donations. However, my observation is-- this predicament has been ameliorated since the new Dean has come to office; request for funding is still not being followed in some occasions. They were reminded again of the IRS rules pertaining to New Requirements of Donations. Suggestion was made that the Vice- President of Finance and the Comptroller familiarize themselves with US IRS rules to comprehensively assist on this matter. Other topics were: Gift-in Kind. Several suggestions were made to streamline the process using the UERMMMC Policies and Procedures Manual as a guide; The Scholarship and Financial Aid Policies and Recommendations was deliberated along with a timely "Acknowledge of Receipt"

I had two separate meetings with President Divinagracia to discuss the possibility of establishing a Sleep Disorder Study Center at UERMMMC considering that the center is devoid of such program. There are only 2-3 of these Centers in Metro Manila and the surrounding areas. This will be presented and discussed with the UERMMMC Board for approval.

The latest visit I made to the Center was rigorous and exciting considering the mutiplicity of activities that I attended.

April 10, 2012 The Faculty and Staff of the Medical Center had their monthly meeting with the Dean, Department Heads, Medical Director and the President of the School which was held at the newly built Physiology Auditorium. I met several Faculty Staff members. I reiterated the importance of AFUSA's assistance relevant to their positions in the Medical Center.

Particularly, the Faculty Development Program... and how vital it was to follow the Grant Application Steps for approval of request for any activity for funding.

April 11 2012- I gave a lecture at the Department of Otolaryngology attended by consultants, residents and medical students. This was followed by a lunch break at the cafeteria with the President and Department Heads and Faculty Staff members. As per Dr. Romy Divinagracia, the table that we sat is called the "Power Table" because some issues of the school are at times resolve there(at the cafeteria).

April 12, 2012 Thanksgiving Mass followed by Recognition Day for Class 2012. It was held at the Physiology Auditorium. Awarding of Medals and Certificates for Special Awards, Community Medicine Awards, Outstanding Clinical Clerks and Over-All Academic Excellence. I had the privilege to assist the President and the Dean in giving the awards and certificates and gave a short message in behalf of AFUSA. The event was attended by the members of the Graduating Class of 2012, their families and friends and faculty members.

April 13, 2012. I toured the campus with the assistance of the Chief Resident of ENT, as my guide. I visited Dr. Valdeleon's Clinic. She showed me the donated items of Drs. Sam Dona and Eden Suguitan and other alumni. I took some pictures for documentation purposes. The newly constructed out-patient department is functional now and is fully used by patients. The library is still in need of new computers. According to Chief Librarian, Mrs. Maria Gasmen, the students prefer to surf in the internet to peruse over references rather than the available textbooks. However she claims that recent Journals are still needed. The Skill Laboratory is fully functional and is well utilized by the Residents and medical students. Microscope donations is welcomed

April 17, 2012 The UERMMMC, Inc. College of Allied Rehabilitation Sciences afforded me with an invitation to the Inauguration and Blessing of the TAN YAN KEE Building: Philippine School of Prosthetics and Orthotics. The first and only school of its kind in the Philippines. The officiant was Mrs. Balsy Aquino - Cruz, the sister of Philippine President PINOY who was unable to

attend due to some pressing functions. Some notable personalities like Senator Ramon Magsaysay Jr. was also present.

On April 19, 2012 I gave another lecture at the Physiology Auditorium entitled “Vagus Nerve Stimulation: Overview of Surgical Implant Procedure and Outcome.”In attendance were UERMMMC Faculty Staffs and Consultants from the Center and other Academic Institutions in the area, Residents and Medical students. I did offer to the consultants in attendance as regards to a mini-Fellowship with me and with some neurosurgeons in our area that also perform the said procedure aside from us Head and Neck Surgeons with reconstructive interests background. One consultant showed interest. This procedure apparently is in its infancy in the Philippines.

In conclusion I would like to say that looking back is something we all do. Grateful most of the time, looking back means remembering the good times and savoring the happy events and positive experiences that helped shape us into the people we are today. It is what we do when we think of our Alma Mater, and it's a great joy. As we look back, we simultaneously look forward, embracing the change, progress and development that mark our contemporary life. I am truly blessed to have the good chance to have passed through this path of my life. Thank you to all of you.

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When love
is great
There is no need
for words...
For even in silence
love is







