

TO: UPLB GRADUATING STUDENTS

SUBJECT: ON-LINE QUICK SURVEY ON 46<sup>th</sup> COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

The 45<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises last year took 7 hours to finish with around 2,400 attendees. This year, our 46<sup>th</sup>, we are expecting around 3,000 students to graduate. Based on the video footages of the above event which we reviewed, the following were noted:

- a) The Procession of students took **2 hours** (this excludes the time it took for faculty, officials, and guests to march)
- b) The program proper took **an hour** (excluding the diploma distribution)
- c) Distribution of Diploma Jacket (dummy) **took 4 hours** (students' names are called one by one to step up the stage and receive their diploma and shake hands with the Chancellor)

In the interest of the students' wellbeing who may feel uncomfortable and uneasy due to the sheer length of the program, UP President Danilo Concepcion gave specific instructions to make the ceremony as short as possible.

Since the Commencement Exercises is for you, our graduating students, we would like to solicit your opinion on how we could fulfill the directive of the President by indicating your preference among the choices/options indicated on the attached table. This is also a way of knowing how many of you are actually attending this momentous event.

Please note that the indicated number of hours are projected for around 3,000 graduates. Kindly encircle your OPTION taking note of the projected length of the whole process. We would appreciate receiving your candid answer on or before **13 April 2018** as your safety and comfort are our priority in designing the graduation ceremonies. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us plan the grand event.

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