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UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO. : Memo 24-25:88
DATE : May 20, 2025
TO : The AdZU Community
SUBJECT : **New Members of the AdZU Board of Trustees**

I am pleased to announce to the Ateneo de Zamboanga University community the appointment of three new members to the **Board of Trustees**.

Pursuant to **Corporation Resolution Number 2025-08**, and upon the recommendation of the University Awards and Board Membership Committee, the following individuals were **elected by the Corporation during its Annual Corporation Meeting held on May 17, 2025**:



Dr. Anton Mari H. Lim, DVM

Dr. Anton Lim is a veterinarian, humanitarian, and social entrepreneur with decades of experience in community development, healthcare, and civic engagement. He currently serves as Vice CEO of Tzu Chi Philippines and is the President of the Philippine Social Empowerment and Equity Development (PhilSEED) Foundation. He is widely known for his work with the Yellow Boat of Hope Foundation and was named one of **Forbes Asia's Heroes of Philanthropy in 2016**.

Elected for a full term (2025–2028)

Ms. Silvie Jasmin Bandiola-Agravante

Ms. Silvie is an educator, communications professional, and civic leader with extensive experience in public service and community development. She has held leadership roles in local and national government and currently teaches part-time at AdZU's School of Liberal Arts. A recipient of the **2024 Outstanding Alumna Award**, she is also active in entrepreneurship and social advocacy.

Elected for a full term (2025–2028)



Fr. Manuel Simplicio V. Francisco, SJ

Fr. Manoling is a Jesuit theologian, educator, and liturgical composer. He teaches theology at the Loyola School of Theology, Ateneo de Manila University, and leads the **Tanging Yaman Foundation**, which provides aid to underserved communities. He co-founded the **Bukas Palad Music Ministry**, having composed over 200 hymns rooted in Ignatian spirituality.

Elected to serve the unexpired term of Fr. Arnel T. Ong, SJ (2025–2027)

We extend our heartfelt welcome and gratitude to our new Trustees for their generosity and commitment to the mission of Ateneo de Zamboanga University. Their collective wisdom and experience will be vital to the Board's ongoing work of governance and strategic direction in service of faith, excellence, and social transformation.

We also take this opportunity to express our **deepest appreciation to our outgoing Trustees — Engr. Efren Y. Wee, Dr.-Ing., Fr. Arnel T. Ong, SJ, and Dr. Rebecca V. Fernandez** — for their years of **dedicated service, strategic leadership, and enduring support** of the University. We are grateful that they will continue to share their insight and guidance as members of the **AdZU Board of Advisors**.

Let us keep both our incoming and outgoing Trustees in our prayers as they continue their shared journey of service to mission and to the greater good. *Pro Deo et Patria*.

(ORIGINAL SIGNED)

Fr. Ernald M. Andal, SJ
University President