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UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO. : Memo 25-26:22
DATE : October 8, 2025
TO : The AdZU Community
SUBJECT : **Updates from the September 27, 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting**

I am pleased to share key updates from the **AdZU Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting** held on **September 27, 2025**. The following resolutions and discussions reflect important developments that will guide our University's strategic priorities and operations in the months ahead:

1. Appointment of Board Committee Chairs

The AdZU BOT confirmed the appointment of the following Committee Chairs:

- **Engr. Ibrahim M. Nuño** – Finance and Investment Committee
- **Ms. Silvie Jasmin Bandiola-Agravante** – Educational Mission and Identity Committee
- **Dr. Anton Mari H. Lim** – University Awards and Board Membership Committee

Their leadership will continue to strengthen Board governance and ensure alignment with the University's mission and financial sustainability.

2. University Leadership Appointments

The Board approved the re-appointments of the following:

- **Mr. Jeffrey O. Jalani** – Vice President for Basic Education (December 1, 2025 – May 31, 2027)
- **Ms. Ma. Lorna B. Paber** – Dean, College of Nursing (January 1, 2026 – May 31, 2026)
- **Atty. Armee Jay L. Cresmundo** – Data Protection Officer (October 1, 2025 – May 31, 2027)

These appointments aim to reinforce academic leadership and ensure institutional compliance with data protection regulations.

3. Approval of Audited Financial Statements for FY 2024 and 2025

The Board approved the **Audited Financial Statements** for fiscal years ending **May 31, 2024**, and **May 31, 2025**, as presented by the University Treasurer.

This year marks the engagement of **SyCip, Gorres, Velayo & Co. (SGV & Co.)** as the University's new external auditor. SGV & Co. has issued an **unqualified opinion** on AdZU's financial statements, affirming that they present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and performance of the University in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards.

The Board commended the Finance Office for its diligence and transparency in maintaining the integrity of the University's financial records.

4. New Digital Payment Facilities

To expand accessibility and improve financial transactions, the BOT authorized the University to apply for merchant affiliations with GCash, Maya, and QR Philippines (QRPh). This will allow seamless online payment of tuition and other fees.

5. Write-Off of Old Receivables

The Board approved the **write-off of receivables aged ten (10) years and above**, following a thorough review by the Finance and Investment Committee.

6. Enrollment and Marketing Initiatives

The Board discussed enrollment trends and emphasized the need for a comprehensive institutional marketing strategy. Among the points highlighted were:

- Strengthening digital and social media presence (including use of TikTok and testimonials);
- Simplifying the admissions process and enhancing the Basic Education website;
- Strengthening engagement with feeder schools; and
- Conducting regional population and economic research to guide enrollment targeting.

7. Coordination with the City Government on Traffic Management

The Board took note of the ongoing collaboration with the City Government of Zamboanga regarding the **La Purisima traffic scheme**. The University was advised to ensure that proposed measures remain beneficial to the community and do not create additional congestion.

8. University President's Report

The Board received and noted the University President's Report, which was presented in the structure of the **A-D-Z-U Strategic Goals**. The report highlighted progress and ongoing initiatives across academic, administrative, and formation areas, as well as efforts to strengthen institutional sustainability, community engagement, and strategic partnerships aligned with AdZU's mission and long-term development objectives.

The Board also encouraged continued work on long-term planning for the Divisoria property, as well as faculty development in special-needs education within the Basic Education Unit.

The Board held an executive session to review the University President's performance evaluation and deliberate on the President's term. Having reached a resolution on the matter, the Board has scheduled the item for formal action and recording at the upcoming February 2026 meeting, as the present term is set to conclude in March 2026.

We thank the members of the Board for their guidance and commitment to our mission of forming persons for and with others.

Let us continue to collaborate in the spirit of *magis*—for the greater good of our University and the communities we serve.

Pro Deo et Patria.

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University President