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UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO. : Memo 25-26:38
DATE : March 18, 2026
TO : The AdZU Community
SUBJECT : **New Dean of the School of Liberal Arts**

I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Ailyn Sabdilon-Absara** as **Dean of the School of Liberal Arts**, effective **June 1, 2026**, for an initial term of one year. This appointment follows the endorsement of the University President and the approval of the AdZU Board of Trustees.

The role of the Dean of the School of Liberal Arts is central to the intellectual life of the University. As one of the foundational academic units of AdZU, the School of Liberal Arts nurtures critical thinking, ethical reflection, cultural understanding, and social responsibility among our students. The Dean provides leadership in guiding the School's academic programs, faculty development, research initiatives, and community engagement, ensuring that the liberal arts continue to contribute meaningfully to the University's mission of Jesuit education.



Dr. Sabdilon-Absara brings to this role a distinguished record of scholarship, leadership, and service. She currently serves as **Chair of the Psychology Department** and **Assistant Professor** in the School of Liberal Arts. She earned her **Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology (major in Human Development)** from De La Salle University in 2023, her **Master of Arts in Organizational Psychology** from Ateneo de Zamboanga University in 2011, and her **Bachelor of Science in Psychology** from Western Mindanao State University in 2004. A **Licensed Psychologist**, Dr. Sabdilon-Absara possesses extensive expertise in psychoeducation, psychological assessment, and mental health program development.

In addition to her academic leadership, she serves as a member of the **Commission on Higher Education Regional Quality Assessment Team (RQAT)** and as a Board Member of the **Psychological Association of the Philippines - Western Mindanao Chapter**. Her work in research, community engagement, and mental health advocacy reflects a strong commitment to promoting well-being, supporting psychosocial initiatives, and strengthening the role of psychology education in the region.

We likewise express our profound gratitude to **Dr. Robin A. Delos Reyes**, who has served as **Dean of the School of Liberal Arts** since 2018. Through his leadership, the School strengthened its commitment to intellectual discourse, critical inquiry, and social engagement, embodying the Ignatian values of *magis* and *cura personalis* in the formation of students and faculty alike. The University community is deeply grateful for his dedicated service and for his contributions to the growth and development of the School of Liberal Arts.

Please join me in warmly welcoming **Dr. Ailyn Sabdilon-Absara** as she assumes her new role as Dean of the School of Liberal Arts. We look forward to her leadership in continuing to strengthen the intellectual tradition of the liberal arts and in advancing the mission of Ateneo de Zamboanga University.

Pro Deo et Patria.

(ORIGINAL SIGNED)
Fr. Ernard M. Andal, SJ
University President