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UPLB NATATANGING ORGANISASYON (UNO) AWARD and UPLB NATATANGING ISKOLAR NG BAYAN AWARD (UNIK)

SELECTION GUIDELINES

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I. PURPOSE

An article from the Philippine Collegian in 1975 began as follows:

“Ang estudyante raw sa UP, sabi nila, eh totoong palaisip at mapaghinala, isa sa mga pinakamakulit na tao sa mundo.”¹

Entitled “*Masyadong Makulit ang Iskolar ng Bayan*,²” the article depicted UP students as passionate critical thinkers who were unrelenting in getting answers to their seemingly endless questions. The term *Iskolar ng Bayan* was used by the publication in a series of articles for that same year. It struck a chord within the University and the rest was history.

To give pride and honor to the deeper essence of the term, the *UPLB Natatanging Iskolar ng Bayan (UNIK) Award* and the *UPLB Natatanging Organisasyon (UNO) Award*, are thus a recognition of exemplary individual and organizational performance in leadership, in public service and in the culture and the arts.

This special recognition given by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs through the Office of Student Activities is envisioned to promote the *Iskolar ng Bayan* not only as *marangal at mahusay* (with honor and excellence), but also *maka-masa at maka-bayan* (one with the Filipino people’s aspiration and one with the country).

II. NATURE OF THE AWARDS

The *UPLB Natatanging Organisasyon (UNO) Award* may be given to any registered student organization, while the *UPLB Natatanging Iskolar ng Bayan (UNIK) Award* may be given to any bonafide student of the university.

There will be two (2) major awards and six (6) minor awards, bringing to a total of eight (8) awards.

The major awards will be given to one (1) student for the *UPLB Natatanging Iskolar ng Bayan (UNIK) Award* and one (1) student organization for the *UPLB Natatanging Organisasyon (UNO) Award*.

The minor awards are:

- Seal of Excellence in Leadership (one for student; one for student organization)
- Seal of Excellence in Public Service (one for student; one for student organization)
- Seal of Excellence in the Culture and the Arts (one for student; one for student organization)

The student and the student organization with the highest scores wins the UNIK and UNO Awards respectively.

The minor awards shall be given to students and organizations who garnered the highest points in Leadership, Public Service, and Culture and Arts.

¹ Rizalina “Richie” Valencia, UP High School ’73, Feature Writer, Philippine Collegian

² Taken from <https://up.edu.ph/up-high-class-1973-at-ang-iskolar-ng-bayan-paano-at-kailan-nagsimula-ang-gamit-nito/>

The recipients of the awards shall receive:

- Plaques of recognition; and
- Cash award of at least PhP 15,000 for the UNO Awardee and PhP 10,000 for the UNIK Awardee.

The awards will be given during the anniversary of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs in June.

III. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

The following are the minimum qualifications for the UNO Award:

1. Must be a registered student organization for the covered Academic Year; and
2. Must not have been found guilty of violating RA 11053 or any other act involving moral turpitude.

The following are the minimum qualifications for the UNIK Award:

1. Must be enrolled or registered for the covered Academic Year;
2. Must be an undergraduate Filipino student in any academic program (including the Associate of Science in Forestry, Associate of Science in Development Communication, Associate in Arts in Entrepreneurship, and Associate in Arts - Sports Studies students); and
3. Must not have been found guilty of any misconduct with disciplinary action notice from any act involving moral turpitude.

IV. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The nomination set should contain the following duly accomplished forms:

1. UNO Form 1 or UNIK Form 1 – Nomination Form
2. Comprehensive CV (for UNIK); and
3. Portfolio of Proofs (valid for the covered Academic Year)
 - a. Nominee CV
 - b. Nominee Activities
 - c. Screenshot of grades in SAIS showing full name, student number, and SAIS ID for validation

V. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

A. The UNO Awards shall be selected based on the following criteria:

OSA Points	50%
Recognitions Received	30%
Academic Excellence	20%
TOTAL	100%

OSA POINTS (50%)

This evaluates the performance of the organization based on their activities and accomplishments as certified by the OSA Merit System (Appendix A).

It covers all aspects of involvement of the organization including but not limited to: partnerships with OSA and other units of the university; participation to OSA-led and OSA-endorsed activities; assistance to college- and university-led activities; and the conduct of community service, leadership and organizational development activities, and the promotion of culture and the arts.

RECOGNITIONS RECEIVED (30%)

This evaluates the awards given by other local and international institutions and agencies to the organization. These include competitions, recognitions received for meritorious works, and memberships to national organizations.

<i>Rank/Degree of Award Received*</i>	<i>UPLB</i>	<i>UP System/ Provincial/ Regional</i>	<i>National</i>	<i>International</i>
First Place, Grand Winner, Sole Winner, Champion, Gold Medalist, Honor Society Award	15	20	25	30
Second Place, 1 st Runner-up, Silver Medalist	13	18	23	28
Third Place, 2 nd Runner-up, Bronze Medalist	11	16	21	26
Special Award, Finalist	9	14	19	24
Nominee, Contestant, Participant	7	12	17	22

**Points for awards not indicated above shall be decided upon by the committee.*

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE (20%)

This evaluates the academic merit of the organization. The points shall be based on the general weighted average of all the members of the organization as of 1st Semester of the current Academic Year.

<i>GWA</i>	<i>Equivalence</i>	<i>GWA</i>	<i>Equivalence</i>
1.0-1.2	20	2.2-2.4	8
1.2.-1.4	18	2.4-2.6	6
1.4-1.6	16	2.6-2.8	4
1.6.-1.8	14	3.8-3.0	2
1.8-2.0	12		
2.0-2.2	10		

B. The UNIK Awards shall be selected based on the following criteria:

Academic excellence	10%
Leadership and awards received	30%
Service involvement	30%
Promotion of Culture and Arts	30%
TOTAL	100%

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE (10%)

The points will be based on the general weighted average of the nominee.

<i>GWA</i>	<i>Equivalence</i>	<i>GWA</i>	<i>Equivalence</i>
1.0-1.2	10	2.2-2.4	4
1.2.-1.4	9	2.4-2.6	3
1.4-1.6	8	2.6-2.8	2
1.6.-1.8	7	3.8-3.0	1
1.8-2.0	6		
2.0-2.2	5		

LEADERSHIP AND AWARDS RECEIVED (30%)

The scores for leadership and awards will be combined.

For leadership, scores will be based on the position that the nominee handled in a particular organization or activity.

<i>Position*</i>	<i>UPLB</i>	<i>College</i>	<i>UP System/ Provincial/ Regional</i>	<i>National</i>	<i>International</i>
President, Head, Chairman, Editor-in-Chief, Director	20	18	16	14	12
Vice President, Associate Editor, Assistant Editor	18	16	14	12	10
Secretary, Treasurer, PRO, Auditor	16	14	12	10	8
Committee Chair/Head, Coordinator	16	14	12	10	6
Committee Vice Chair, Official Delegate, Representative, Organizer, Facilitator, Convenor, Writer, Judge	14	12	10	8	4
Member, Participant, Resource Speaker, Emcee	12	10	8	6	2

**Points for positions not indicated above shall be decided upon by the committee.*

The scores for awards received will be based on the rank or degree of the award.

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Second Place, 1 st Runner-up, Silver Medalist	8	12	16	20	24
Third Place, 2 nd Runner-up, Bronze Medalist	6	9	12	15	18
Special Award, Finalist	4	6	8	10	12
Nominee, Contestant, Participant	2	4	6	8	10

**Points for awards not indicated above shall be decided upon by the committee.*

SERVICE INVOLVEMENT (30%)

The scores will be based on the beneficiaries of the activity that the nominee has been involved in.

UPLB	College	UP System/Provincial/ Community	National	International
30	25	20	15	10

PROMOTION OF CULTURE AND THE ARTS (30%)

The scores will be based on the scope of work of the nominee.

<i>Scope of work*</i>	<i>UPLB</i>	<i>College</i>	<i>UP System/ Provincial/ Regional</i>	<i>National</i>	<i>International</i>
Director, Writer, Artist	30	25	20	15	10
Performer	24	20	16	12	8
Designer, Manager	18	15	12	9	6
Coordinator	12	10	8	6	4

**Points for scope of work not indicated above shall be decided upon by the committee.*

VI. SELECTION PROCEDURE

The Call for Nominations for the *UPLB Natatanging Organisasyon and UPLB Natatanging Isko Iska Awards* shall be done at the start of the 2nd Semester of the covered Academic Year. Deadline of submission of nominations is on 31 May 2024.

Nomination documents listed in Article IV submitted in soft copies shall be certified by OSA and submitted to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs through the OVCSA Selection and Recognition Committee.

The OVCSA Selection and Recognition Committee, together with a representative from the University Student Council (USC), shall evaluate all nominees endorsed by OSA. The student representative from the USC should not be a member of any nominated student organizations.

The Criteria for Selection shall be followed, and the nominees may be subjected to an interview by the Committee as the need arises.

The Committee shall then select and endorse to the VCSA:

- One (1) winner of the UNO
- One (1) winner of the UNIK
- Three (3) Seals of Excellence Awards for Student Orgs
- Three (3) Seals of Excellence Awards for Students

The selection of the awardees is final upon the approval of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. The Awardees shall be given Plaques of Recognition and Cash Award (if available) during the OVCSA Anniversary Celebration in June of each year.

Winners and non-winners may be renominated the following year.