HISTORY OF THE UST RESEARCH CENTER

The idea of establishing the Research Center in the University of Santo Tomas was officially suggested some fifteen years ago to the Very Rev. Father Rector at the time. For unavoidable reasons the proposal had no effect. In 1960, the Very Rev. Father Jesus Castañon allowed the Faculty of Pharmacy to start an official research who eventually would give rise to the present Research Center at the University. With the sudden demise of the Very Rev. Father Jesus Castañon in December 1960, the plan for a Research Center was laid aside.

In 1961, the University of Santo Tomas was to celebrate the 350th Anniversary of its foundation and it was thought most proper and fitting to establish the Research Center formally in this Anniversary years as one of the highlights of the year round celebration. On September 6, 1961, the Very Rev. Father Juan Labrador, new Rector Magnificus, appointed the Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Rev. Fr. Lorenzo Rodriguez, to draft the rules and regulations to govern the proposed Research Center and to take charge of all the plans needed for its prompt establishment.

No time was lost. On November 4, 1961, the plans were submitted to the Very Rev. Father Rector. The Economic Council approved the plan in principle, but suggested some minor changes. On February 2, 1962 the final draft of the plan, rules, and regulations were submitted and on March 31, 1962 the Economic Council approved them unanimously.

During the summer vacation of 1962, the reorganization and the appointments of Research Committee Members and of the Division Heads were effected. The Research Committee Members, appointed for a three-year term, were:

Very Rev. Fr. Alberto Santamaria, O.P.
Dr. Antonio Gabriel
Dr. Antonio M. Molina
Dr. Jose Lugay, Jr.
Dr. Pedro Gabriel
Prof. Antonio Covarrubias
Prof. Rosario Diokno Jose
Rev. Fr. Lorenzo Rodriguez, O.P. (Director & Chairman)

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DIVISION HEADS

1. Very Rev. Fr. Alberto Santamaria, O.P. for Ecclesiastical Sciences
2. Atty. Marcos Herras for Juridico-Sociological Sciences
3. Prof. Regina Hernandez for Humanities
4. Dr. Antonio Gabriel for Medical Sciences
5. Dr. Onofre Garcia for Biological Sciences
6. Dr. Emmanuel Samson for Psychological Sciences
7. Dr. Jose Lugay, Jr. for Pharmaceutical Sciences
8. Prof. Mariano Pangan for Chemical Sciences
9. Prof. Jose Mijares for Engineering & Architectural Sciences
10. Prof. Rosario Diokno Jose for Mathematico-Physical Sciences

A temporary office was then installed at the premises if the Faculty of Pharmacy. A secretary for the Research Center was employed.

Through the kindness of the Very Rev. Father Rector and of the Treasurer of the University, a new room for the Office of the Center was inaugurated in the first floor of the Main Building, in June 1963.

The first meeting of all the Committee members and all Division Heads, with the Chairman, was held on June 27, 1962. From June 27, 1962 up to April 20, 1963, meetings were held in the Office of the Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy for the new quarters of the Center were inaugurated only on July 27, 1963.

The Dean of Colleges, Directors of Schools and all Faculty members of the University were provided with copies of the plans, rules and regulations of the new entity; THE UST RESEARCH CENTER. Several projects have been already approved. Four of them are actually being worked out by the respective Division Heads. Future projects will start as soon as their approval is obtained from the Research Committee, depending, of course, on the availability of funds from the annual budget allotted to the Center by the University Administration.

ORGANIZATION PLAN
OF THE
UST RESEARCH CENTER

The University of Santo Tomas has organized a Research Center in order to encourage research among the faculty members of this University. The Center is, therefore, open to any faculty member interested in research work.

The Research Center is divided into two groups, one that includes Cultural and Allied Sciences and the other, all technical studies. These two groups may function separately or may meet as one unit when the nature of the subject to be considered should require. Each group includes the following divisions:
Group 2: Technical Sciences

(a) Mathematico-Physical Sciences
(b) Chemical Sciences
(c) Biological Sciences
(d) Medical Sciences
(e) Pharmaceutical Sciences
(f) Engineering and Architectural Sciences

As an organization, the UST RESEARCH CENTER comprises the following posts and officers:

A. The Rector Magnificus with the Economic Council of the University: The Rector Magnificus is the Supreme Authority of the UST Research Center. He appoints the Director of the Research Center and, together with the Economic Council, determines the expenses of the projects and the remuneration to be given to the Director and the members of the Research Center.

B. The Director of the Research Center: He acts as Chairman and supervisor of the Center with all attending power and authority. He selects and recommends for appointment the Division Heads and members of the Research Committee fixing their term of office. Preference is given to actual or prospective members of the different Research Divisions. With the assistance of the Research Committee, he prepares a working plan for the activities of the Center embracing all Faculties and Colleges. The Director calls periodic meetings of the Research Committee to evaluate research projects, discuss results, or solve technical problems. All progress of the work done and all activities of the Center must be reported periodically to the Rector Magnificus by the Director.

C. The Research Committee: It is composed of Faculty members with the rank of Professor or Associate Professor, to represent the different cultural and technical divisions of the Center. They prepare a plan of activities for the Center and draft the rules and regulations to govern such activities. The Research Committee assists in the solution of problems and difficulties when so required by any Division Head.

D. The Division Head: He is expected to possess these qualifications: moral uprightness and dedication to science.

He is a faculty member of the University with the rank of professor or associate professor, or one holding a Doctor’s degree. The Division Head has the power to organize and coordinate the activities of his Division. He especially sees to it that researcher complies with the conditions of the contract for each project and makes a periodic report to the Director on the progress and activities of his Division. It is the obligation of the Division Head not to reveal anything of the work done or being done in the Center to any person not connected with the activities of the Center.

E. The Researcher: He is any faculty member if this University interested in research work and possessed of moral uprightness and dedication to science. In general, he is allowed six hours per week for research, irrespective of the number of his or her teaching load. Any
research project by the researcher is presented to the Research Committee for proper study and evaluation. If the research project is approved, the Faculty member signs a contract with the Administration. The research project submitted and approved shall become the property of the University after the faculty member has signed the contract. He may be given a participation of the income derived from such research project, if any, in the form of royalty, which shall be determined by the Administration of the University.

The Faculty Member is bound not to work on any research project for the benefit of a company, industrial enterprise or any other third person not connected with the University. He is bound under solemn obligation not to reveal to any person, not connected with the Center, anything of the work done or being done; otherwise, a penalty of suspension of the project or reimbursement of the amount received for the work done or both shall be imposed.