



Initiatives for Community and Cross-Cultural Engagements on Social Concerns Implementing Units: Academic and Student Services Offices



Feedback gathering from stakeholders and engagements with external communities are always opportunities to improve services, recalibrate goals or foster appreciation and action on social concerns which the university's academic units and/or student services offices take advantage of.

Notable examples of these initiatives are the following:

1. Online public presentation and consultation for the re-assessment of the social involvement program of BS Nursing students of the university. The engagement resulted to confirmation of areas for improvement for program activities to be more responsive to community needs aligned with relevant health and social factors.
2. The partnership of the Social Science Department of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences with the Local Government of Naga City. Through this partnership, Political Science students are given opportunities to engage with city officials on local governance concerns, especially those covered in public administration and local governance courses. In particular, students are able to attend, observe, and when warranted, participate in the sessions of the Sangguniang Panglungsod (City Council).



3. The Ateneo de Naga Diplomatic Society, in partnership with the Philosophy Department of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and other university offices organized the Ateneo de Naga Model United Nations Security Council and Diplomatic League Conference – Bicol on 27-28 April 2024. During the event, the participants gained new insights on diplomacy, Philippine foreign policy and the workings of the UN Security Council from practitioner resource speakers.

4. The Ateneo de Naga Diplomatic Society (ADS), supported by the Philosophy Department, organized the 2nd ADS Model United Nations as a 2-day simulation of the Conference of Parties (COP) under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), where participants represented countries in simulation of the COP-UNFCCC, informed by practitioner resource speakers such as a former Philippine ambassador to Indonesia and a senior weather specialist from DOST-PAGASA.