

## PROPOSAL FOR STUDENT-CENTERED PROGRAMS IN CSSP

### *Background*

The College of Social Sciences and Philosophy has the mission of educating future leaders in whatever branch of knowledge or sectors they find themselves in. Its task is to nurture the life of the mind and the spirit of students who should be emotionally whole for the challenges ahead. For decades, the College has concentrated on developing the intellectual capabilities of its students, expecting them to perform well regardless of social class or personal circumstances. In recent years, however, the faculty has realized the importance of paying closer attention to the economic and psychological needs of individual students who are intelligent but either do not have the economic means or the psychological well-being to achieve academically and graduate from the University of the Philippines.

### *Goal*

Against this backdrop, the Social Sciences and Philosophy Research Foundation is supporting the development of the following programs:

- academic bridging programs involving faculty and student volunteers for disadvantaged students graduating from public high schools who are likely to fall within the lower Socialized Tuition Financial Assistance Program (STFAP) brackets;
- peer support program, including the development of support groups for students with scholarships, especially those in the lower STFAP brackets, under the guidance of faculty members;
- peer counseling program;
- counseling cum internship program for clinical psychology students to address concerns that are beyond the capacity of peer counselors;
- development of a strong College-based *Pahinungod*/outreach program to enable students to grow as they channel their energies to serving others;
- faculty mentoring program initially involving a core of volunteer faculty members who will be more mindful of the importance of student-centered learning; and
- funding assistance for continuing education to enable majors who do not have financial support for incidental expenses such as board and lodging/food allowance, transportation, school supplies and photocopying costs to continue with their studies and graduate from UP.