

PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING THE CSSP TAMBAYANS

Background

The College of Social Sciences and Philosophy (CSSP) is home to more than 2000 undergraduate and 600 graduate students who eventually assume leadership roles in educational institutions, the academic social science community, the national and local governments, international and national development agencies and non-government organizations, the diplomatic corps, media, the medical and legal professions and the private business sector.

In the fulfillment of its educational mission, CSSP strives continually to reinvent its disciplines and enhance the relevance of classroom education. It also fosters the development of student organizations that promote academic excellence, appreciation of Filipino culture and arts, awareness of social issues and a deep sense of community and the common good.

Aware of the importance of geographic spaces for increased social interaction and participation, CSSP has provided tambayans/kiosks for 28 academic and social organizations long before the University mandated it. These tambayans have served as venues where activities that support the mission of the College are planned and organized.

It is quite unfortunate that tambayans had to be demolished in September 2003 because severe termite infestation weakened their structures, rendering them unsafe for students to occupy. Having no space for meetings and discussions, students are now finding it difficult to plan, organize and coordinate important activities, making it imperative for the College to urgently rebuild physical structures that are consistent with the campus architecture and renewal plans.