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Dear Parents and Guardians,

May blessings of Peace and Well-Being be on you always!

As we prepare to open for the new school year within the context of a global pandemic, Miriam College wishes to inform you that—in solidarity with all—the combined tuition and fees for the next school year have been reduced.

Here are general estimates of how the combined tuition and miscellaneous fee structures will be reduced:

1. For the Child Study Center up to Grade 6, the total combined costs will be reduced by an average of P8,000 to P12,000 for the whole year
2. For Grade 7 to Grade 12, the total costs will be reduced by an average of P10,000 to P14,000
3. For the tertiary level, the total cost for a load of 21 credited units will be reduced by an average of P4,000 to P5,000 for the first semester, excluding lab fees

Parents will also have the option to pay in two or three installments for the Higher Education Unit (HEU) tuition and other fees. For the Basic Education Units (BEU), we have two and four installment options.

And for parents / students whose income has been affected by the economic downturn, the college unit is ready to accept college-level students who wish to continue their studies under less-than-full course load until their financial situation improves but in observance of the maximum residency requirement.

In support of easier flexible academic load and learning hours to accommodate working or irregular students, the College of Education and the College of Business, Entrepreneurship, and Accountancy have designed modular asynchronous courses that will enable students to enroll in flexible programs with corresponding costs. Students can study at their “own pace and time” in support of their academic and job plans.

While we have slashed many of the school fees due to fewer activities and co-curricular programs that require physical presence, we also wish to inform you that the institution will be spending substantially for:

1. Online Distance Learning infrastructure
2. License fees (new applications and renewals)
3. Training of all faculty members in the use of new Learning Management Systems
4. Hiring of new personnel for the virtual campus of the whole institution
The faculty will also be giving more of their time without receiving additional compensation for additional class hours that will result from the splitting of a single class of 35 into two sections to achieve optimum physical distancing when in-person classes are already allowed. We are profoundly grateful to our teachers for this self-less service to our students, and we are confident that this generosity will inspire them.

We also wish to underscore improved professional preparation of our students for a more complex and uncertain environment. Thus, our faculty members will assign more independent or group collaboration activities for project-based courses, in all academic levels. This is in line with the College’s objectives of developing our students’ ability to do independent research, deepen critical thinking, and expand training in collaborative work. We consider these academic and social skills as the necessary ones for our graduates to develop agility and creativity in a future full of unanticipated disruptions. Thus, despite or because of the virtual delivery of certain courses, our faculty will give more of their time in the supervision of each student’s course work.

We thank you for your kind understanding and strong support for the innovations being done for your children’s education.

Sincerely,

On behalf of all institutional and unit administrators:

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