

# EPMR Committee convenes for Adopt-A-Barangay Impact Assessment



*EPMR meeting at the Conference room of the International Affairs Office, CITE Bldg.*

The External Program Management Review (EPMR) is a form of independent evaluation conducted by a committee composed of experts external to the Batangas State University to determine the quality of extension service delivery. The EPMR is conducted due to the need for constant improvement in the procedures and systems for better service delivery, and the need to gauge the institution's performance in attaining its goals and objectives.

On February 13, the BatStateU External Program Management Review (EPMR) Committee held its first meeting at the Conference Room, CITE Building, Pablo Borbon Main I. The meeting started with messages from Engr. Albertson D. Amante and Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo. One of the agenda was to determine and draft the tools for the impact assessment for Adopt-A-Barangay.

Some of the questions addressed were (1) After three years of Adopt-A-Barangay, how were the lives of the people improved? (2) Is this Adopt-A-Barangay Program sustainable? (3) How may the program be evaluated? (4) How can the program be improved? Dr. Ronquillo also extended his gratitude

to the EMPR committee and recognized their full commitment to the university. The members of the EPMR committee are Mr. Benjamin Roberto G. Barretto, Dr. Rowena T. Baconguis, Dr. Maria Victoria O. Espaldon, and Dr. Lydia S. Manguiat.

Some officials present during the meeting are Atty. Alvin R. de Silva, the Director for Internal Audit, and Asst. Prof. Armando V. Mendoza Jr., ESO director. Atty. de Silva recalled the discussion on the last EPMR meeting held on March 27, 2017. He mentioned that during that meeting, the committee determined the criteria for the evaluation of the Adopt-A-Barangay.

Meanwhile, Asst. Prof. Mendoza presented the success of Adopt-A-Barangay Program 2014-2017 and the drafted instrument for Impact Assessment by Assoc. Prof. Romeo C. De Castro, former Director for Extension Services.

Final outputs of the meeting included the draft of Impact Evaluation Framework for BatStateU Adopt-A-Barangay Program, which was based on the review framework that was adopted from the assessment methodology of ACIAR (2009) as a guide.