

SARAH RAYMUNDO is an Assistant Professor from the University of the Philippines (UP) Diliman's Department of Sociology, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy. She's been teaching in UP for almost ten years. She has met, and even exceeded, the minimum requirements for tenure. Why then, after almost a year since she applied for tenure, is Prof. Raymundo being denied permanent status in the university?

Sarah is the Secretary-General of the Congress of Teachers/Educators for Nationalism and Democracy (CONTEND), Treasurer of the Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT) National Council, and an active member of the All UP Academic Employees Union (AUPAEU).

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We encourage everyone to write their letters of support for Prof. Sarah Raymundo's tenure. Please send and/or email your letters to the following:

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Thank you.

Friends and colleagues,

Last November 6, the chair of the Department of Sociology verbally informed Prof. Sarah Raymundo that the tenured faculty of the department decided to deny her application for tenure. Further, she was told to refrain from meeting her classes until further notice.

Since her application for tenure in February 2008, and after nine long years of outstanding academic work, Prof. Sarah is bound to get nothing for her hard work and dedication to the University. Not even any clear and written explanation of her non-tenure.

Indeed, this is shocking news.

What puzzles us most - her former students, friends and colleagues - is that Prof. Sarah has several published articles and researches to her name. She has been invited to speak and participate in several colloquia here and abroad. Her work as a scholar and educator actualizes both academic excellence and social responsibility - core missions of the University that is regarded as the premiere state university.

Given her outstanding academic and extension work, we are led to believe that her department's decision is a reaction to her engagements as the General Secretary of the Congress of Teachers and Educators for Nationalism and Democracy (CONTEND-UP), as an active member of the All UP Academic Employees Union (AUPAEU) and the Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT), and as a researcher for the militant human rights organization KARAPATAN.

Thus this case is not only about Prof. Sarah's solo fight for survival in the University. This can be the start of a crackdown directed toward progressive faculty and academic union members.

We are called to challenge the lack of transparency in the tenure process. Further, we are called to expose and resist all schemes of political repression and all attacks to our democratic rights.

Let us monitor further updates, and hope to get a statement from Prof. Sarah soon. Colleagues from universities abroad have expressed solidarity to this campaign and vowed to support the call for Prof. Sarah's tenure and the fight against political repression in UP.

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