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ABSTRACT

St. Anthony's College (SAC) is a Catholic, private institution of higher learning which offers different courses using computer laboratory facilities. The laboratories are mainly equipped with computers, air-conditioners and lights and these consume a large amount of energy during laboratory hours. To reduce energy consumption and enhance the efficiency of the laboratories, the study entitled Energy Audit of the Five Computer Laboratories of St. Anthony's College: Lighting System, Air-Conditioning System and Electrical System and Equipment was conducted. This study was only limited to the five computer laboratories of SAC and its main objective is to audit the air-conditioners, lights and computers. The data were gathered by using the data logger for the electrical parameters; anemometer and temperature humidity meter was used to check the performance of the three major parts of an air-conditioner and lux meter was used to check the luminance level of lights. The data were analyzed to determine the efficiency of the air-conditioners, lights and computers to calculate the Annual Energy and Monetary Losses. The annual energy loss for the lighting, air-conditioning and computer is 25,742.00 kW-hr. While the annual monetary loss for air-conditioning is Php 218.740.83; for the lights Php 7,036.21 and for the computers Php 31,642.96. Thus, the total monetary loss of the lights, air-conditioners and computers is Php 257,420.00 which is computed at Php 10.00 kW-hr in 200 days. This loss could be turned into

savings if the policies, standard, procedure and guidelines will be implemented in the laboratory that could enhance the efficiency of the equipment.