

COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM
COMMUNITY MEETING

Pohnpei State
August 5, 2016

The Board of Regents held a community meeting at the Pohnpei State administration building conference room on Friday, August 5, 2016. About 20 people were in attendance, mostly college personnel, and a few students and community members. Chairman of the Board Tulensru Waguk welcomed and thanked everyone for their presence. He then introduced the board members present: Regents Kasio Mida representing the national government, Jesse Salalu from Yap, and himself representing Kosrae. Other regents are Regent Churchill Edward from Pohnpei and Regent Johannes Berdon from Chuuk.

Chairman Waguk introduced President & CEO Joseph M. Daisy, EdD, who also welcomed all; some recently attended the college summit and were thanked for their time and participation. The board also attended the summit and will work on ways to incorporate what they heard into their two-year action plan. Because of the small audience, everyone introduced themselves. The president then explained that whenever the board meets, community meetings are held for the board to meet the community to provide updates, listen to their input, and share information about the college. This is an important opportunity for the board to have one on one dialogue with the community and the president to feel the pulse of the community. Chairman Waguk furthered that this is the board's outreach to the community and an opportunity for them to listen to concerns and opinions from the community.

Chairman Waguk acknowledged the presence of students, who are the reason why everyone is here. He then opened the floor for questions. Since there were none, President Daisy provided updates on the recent major events: reaffirmation of accreditation following an arduous self-evaluation process and report and subsequent visit and decision from the Accrediting Commission and transformation of the college through greater understanding and embracing of accreditation standards; another clean financial audit; optimism of faculty for the new year; affirmation of our accomplishments from others; and status of the college's long-term facilities plan.

David Shelter, instructor at Pohnpei campus, expressed his gratitude and appreciation for being here, and how impressed he is with the good energy and how people work together. He appreciates the opportunity to meet people from across the college. President Daisy commented on how diversity at the college strengthens the college and enriches all.

In closing Regent Salalu paid his respects to all and asked for a round of applause for reaffirmation of our accreditation; Regent Mida expressed disappointment that there were no questions from which the board could listen to and learn about concerns and issues in order to improve the college. Without hearing from the community, the board cannot be effective. Regent Waguk thanked all for coming and hoped to hear more from the community in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 2: 26 PM.