

COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM

COMMUNITY MEETING

Yap State

February 20, 2015

The Board of Regents held a community meeting at the Yap Campus Student Services Center on Friday, February 20, 2015. Approximately 100 people were in attendance.

Dean Roboman welcomed all to the community meeting, then introduced the new chairman of the board, Regent Churchill Edward. Chairman Edward expressed his pleasure in being in Yap and his regret that not all regents were present due to unfortunate circumstances. Whenever the board meets, it usually takes time to meet with the community to inform the public on what the college is doing, to listen to concerns, and answer questions. The purpose for community meetings is to gather input to make the college better.

Dean Roboman then introduced President Daisy. He further explained the purpose for community meetings and expressed his gratitude to the board for their commitment to students. He then introduced college personnel from the national campus and explained their roles: Norma Edwin, executive assistant to the president; Universe Yamase, president's chief of staff; Grilly Jack, director of career and technical education at Pohnpei campus; Jim Currie, vice president for cooperative research and extension; Karen Simion, interim vice president for instructional affairs; Joe Habuchmai, vice president for administrative services; Joey Oducado, acting vice president for student services; Kalwin Kephas, dean of Kosrae campus; Kind Kanto, dean of Chuuk campus; Frankie Harriss, vice president for institutional effectiveness and quality assurance.

Dr. Daisy is beginning his fourth year as president and presented some college highlights and accomplishment to date: recognition for an exemplary student learning outcomes report submitted to the Accrediting Commission; Dr. Beno, president of ACCJC, speaking at our convocation; establishment of the Friends of the College of Micronesia-FSM foundation; student achievement initiative with the Gardner Foundation of Excellence; assessment of our current strategic plan; regaining full accreditation status and doing a gap analysis in preparation for the next accreditation comprehensive visit which is a year away; and the Beca comprehensive space utilization study and packaging phase one for funding. The college has come a long way in the past three years. He is optimistic of where we are and where we are going. He believes there is a strong future for education for all citizens of FSM and encouraged students to take advantage of the opportunities available to them; to make their experiences count, to study hard, to build a strong foundation now, and to be ready to choose their dreams when the opportunity arises.

The new regent from Yap, Jesse Salalu, was introduced.

During the open session, Mr. Ilesiyalo inquired about Yap Campus in the Beca report. Copy of the report is with Dean Roboman. Ms. Tacheliol expressed her pride in Vice President Habuchmai and Regent Salalu for their achievements; she watched them grow and become successful and hoped others

will follow in their footsteps. Ms. Masiwemai expressed her pleasure for the improvements and hoped that students would improve too.

Regent Salalu responded to Rosa's comment saying he learned much from the help he received and reassured students that they too can make it. He accepted the nomination to be a regent because he wanted to contribute toward student learning and accreditation of our schools. He thanked Dr. Daisy and the deans for the good job they are doing. The college is here for the students.

Before closing the meeting, Chairman Edward acknowledge Mary Figir, outgoing regent, for her contribution to the college and also to Lyndon Cornelius, outgoing regent from Kosrae. He closed the meeting by telling a parable about the advice given to a pencil by his maker before it set out into the world to remember that the best part of the pencil is in the inside, always leave a mark in whatever it does, the need to undergo sharpening to become a better pencil, its ability to correct mistakes, and it must be held and guided to achieve something.