

COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM
COMMUNITY MEETING
Pohnpei State
December 14, 2017

COM-FSM Board of Regents Chairman Tulensru Waguk opened the community meeting which was held on December 14, 2017, at the national campus MITC rooms beginning at 3:10 PM. Nearly 40 people were in attendance. Chairman Waguk welcomed everyone and explained the purpose for community meetings; whenever the board meets, it takes the opportunity to meet with the community to listen to their concerns and answer their questions. He then introduced the members of the board present: Regent Jesse Salalu from Yap, Regent Pelma J. Mingii, the new regent on the board, and himself, Regent Tulensru Waguk from Kosrae. Absent were Regents Johannes Berdon from Chuuk and Churchill Edward from Pohnpei. He announced that at yesterday's board meeting, the board re-elected the same officers for the board: Dr. Tulensru Waguk as Chairman, Mr. Johannes Berdon as Vice Chairman, and Mr. Jesse Salalu as Secretary/Treasurer.

Regent Salalu said he was honored to be here. At their meeting he learned about the accomplishments at the college and how the college has overcome many challenges by all working well together. Regent Mingii said it is good to be back at the college. She feels honored, and as a new regent she will be listening and learning.

President Daisy was pleased with the turnout considering the busy week with end of semester and holiday activities. He shared that in order to help understand and be more effective, the board has started holding mini-meetings prior to its board meeting. The Audit and Finance Committee met with the president and comptroller to discuss financial matters and budget development. A second meeting was held between the president and the board leadership to review the agenda to gauge the board's thinking and information needed. During the board's development session, the board reviewed its by-laws and agreed to continue with these initiatives; the president commended the board for their dedication to self-improvement. The president then reported the board had approved all budgets, and talked about initiatives at the college, FAO receiving commendation from USDE, and provided updates on accreditation, infrastructure development plan, and 25th anniversary. He briefly went over events planned which includes commemorative stamp, unveiling of the canoe, photo exhibit by Floyd Takeuchi, screening of Island Soldier, PPEC members at convocation, commemorative magazine, and cultural and athletic events. He also spoke of the economic impact study which is in progress to show the economic impact of the college on the nation, improvements to student life, and academic initiatives to student success. In conclusion the president said all components are coming together and expressed confidence on the sustainability of the college.

There being no questions, Chairman Waguk thanked the president for his encouraging words and thanked all for taking the time to attend. He concluded with encouraging working together and more discussions for better decision making and wished all a Merry Christmas. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.