

COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM  
COMMUNITY MEETING  
Yap Campus Student Services Center  
March 16, 2018

The Board of Regents held a community meeting on March 16, 2018, at the Yap Campus Student Services Center. Nearly 100 people were in attendance. The Yap Campus SBA president opened the meeting and recited the mission statement. Dean Lourdes Roboman thanked all for coming and welcomed the Board of Regents and college officials. She then introduced the chairman of the board, Dr. Tulensru Waguk.

Chairman Waguk acknowledged the presence of traditional leaders and community people among the Yap Campus faculty, staff, and students, and thanked Yap Campus for hosting the meeting. He then explained the purpose for community meetings which is an opportunity for the board to meet with faculty, staff, students, and stakeholders to share information and concerns. He then introduced the members of the board and college officials present: Dr. Tulensru Waguk, chairman, from Kosrae; Johannes Berdon, vice chair, from Chuuk; Jesse Salalu, secretary/treasurer, from Yap; Churchill Edward from Pohnpei; Pelma Mingii representing the national government; Acting President, VPIEQA Frankie Harriss; VPAS Joe Habuchmai; VPEMSS Joey Oducado; VPIA Karen Simion; Director of CTEC Grilly Jack; Dean of Kosrae Campus, Nena Mike; Dean of Chuuk Campus, Kind Kanto; Comptroller Roselle Togonon, and Norma Edwin.

During the question and answer period, the following topics were raised and or spurred discussions on: status of college after the Compact ends; future plans/the college's strategic plan; funding for more programs/bachelors of science degree program in elementary education/becoming a university/expanding offerings at the state campuses; purpose of the board of regents; courses to understand/make use of our marine resources; plans for sports development program; why emphasis on education; measures to improve/move forward; connection between programs and graduates finding relevant jobs locally; graduation rate; need for students to appreciate, be more aware of, and promote our rich culture; include traditional navigation at FMI; and college's effort to promote tradition and culture.

In closing, everyone was again thanked for attending; their ideas are welcomed. If more questions arise, they can be forwarded to the administration. Board meetings are open to the public; the public is welcomed to attend when the board next meets in Yap. The meeting adjourned at 1:44 PM.