

COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM
COMMUNITY MEETING
CTEC Student Services Center, Pohnpei State
May 25, 2018

The board conducted a community meeting on May 25, 2018, at the CTEC Student Services Center. Approximately 50 people were in attendance. President Joseph Daisy opened the meeting at 8:11 AM thanking all for coming to the early morning meeting. Community meetings are opportunities for the board to keep the community informed about the college by sharing activities of the board and providing updates from and challenges facing the college, as well as giving the community the opportunity to ask questions. He then introduced the chairman of the board, Dr. Tulensru Waguk.

Chairman Waguk expressed his pleasure with the opportunity to listen to the community as a means toward fulfilling the mission of the college which is student success. He then introduced the regents present: Regent Salalu representing Yap State, Regent Pelma Mingii representing the national government, Regent Johannes Berdon representing Chuuk State, and himself representing Kosrae State. Regent Churchill Edward who represents Pohnpei State was not able to attend.

President Daisy then presented updates from the college and on board activities. The week began with the board finance and audit committee meeting with the comptroller to look at our investments; the endowment fund (now at \$6+ million) and our reserves. The board leadership then met with the president to go over the agenda as well as board and college activities and accreditation. (President explained the college is now fully accredited and our next review will be in 2023 with a mid-term report due in 2020. No issues anticipated.) Courtesy calls were paid to Governor Marcelo Peterson, Lieutenant Governor Reed Oliver, and Acting Speaker Nixon Soram. The board had a productive meeting on May 24. The regents were also able to attend a congressional oversight hearing held earlier. The president reported on two initiatives: 1) the Bachelor of Science degree program in elementary education slated to be offered fall 2019; and 2) Doctors and Dentists for Tomorrow program which just graduated 12 students. He then informed about our facilities plan in which phase I includes a student center at national campus and vocational education building at CTEC and phase II with plans for Chuuk Campus, multi-purpose building for Kosrae Campus, and teaching health clinic at national campus. Positive things are happening at the college. He praised the regents for being advocates of and keeping their states informed about the college. He introduced Vice President for Instructional Affairs Karen Simion, Vice President for Administrative Services Joe Habuchmai, Executive Director for Institutional Advancement and External Affairs Manny Mori (who led the 25th anniversary celebration), Director of Career and Technical Education Center Grilly Jack, Dean of Kosrae Campus Nena Mike, Dean of Chuuk Campus Kind Kanto, and Norma Edwin.

There being no questions, Dr. Daisy thanked all for their hard work regardless of their positions; each position has a role in meeting our mission. Chairman Waguk said this is the first meeting during which the board heard from students and asked what one thing the board could do for students. Receiving no answer, he mentioned that in Yap a student had asked what does the board do. He explained they are a governing board that supports the president and make policies for the betterment of the college. While there are campuses in each state, we work as one college to move the college forward. Regent Salalu paid his respects to all, thanked everyone for their hard work, reminisced about when he was a student at CCM, and encouraged all to work together to overcome challenges to make the college better as the college is the key to help the nation beyond 2023. Student success is our success and our future. Regent Berdon remarked that having lived in

Pohnpei, it is his second home. The board serves to ensure the college is progressing and he encouraged all to continue that work. He thanked Director Jack and his staff for hosting the meeting, President Daisy, and Director Mori for the successful 25th anniversary celebration. Regent Mingii paid respects to all, extended her appreciation to CTEC for hosting, and said it is an honor and privilege to serve on the board and will strive to do her best. She also thanked all for their hard work saying your efforts are why we are where we are now. President Daisy closed the meeting by again thanking all for coming and being part of this great institution. The next board meeting will be in Chuuk.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 AM.