

COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM
COMMUNITY MEETING
Chuuk Campus Student Services Center
September 21, 2018

The board of regents held a community meeting on September 21, 2018, at the Chuuk Campus Student Services Center. Approximately 150 people were in attendance at the 10:00 AM meeting. Dean Kind Kanto welcomed everyone explaining the board's practice of holding community meetings whenever it met to share highlights and listen to concerns from the community. After a moment of silence, the Chuuk students sang the mission statement.

Chairman of the board Dr. Tulensru Waguk also welcomed everyone; the board met the previous day and today is visiting with the community and stakeholder. He then introduced President Joseph Daisy who expressed his pleasure with being here and appreciation to Dean Kanto and Regent Berdon for the exceptional hospitality. As part of its continuous efforts to follow best practices, community meetings are convened to share our efforts to improve and strengthen our college. This is achieved through the shared vision with key staffs who work well together. He then introduced the deans/director – Nena Mike from Kosrae Campus, Lourdes Roboman from FMI and Yap Campus, Kind Kanto from Chuuk Campus, and Grilly Jack from CTEC – who form a strong central partner. Explaining their roles, he also introduced Vice President for Instructional Affairs Karen Simion, Vice President for Administrative Services Joe Habuchmai, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Services, and Acting Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Quality Assurance Shaun Suliol – who through their teamwork, effectively and efficiently address student needs. Other key staffs present were Comptroller Roselle Togonon, Director of Human Resources Rencelly Nelson, Director of LRC Jennifer Eliaiser, Director of Facilities and Maintenance Francisco Mendiola, Director of Admissions, Records and Retention Doman Daoas, Director of Financial Aid Faustino Yarofaisug, Publications and Graphics Specialist Paulo Santos; Bookstore Manager Martin Mingii, Accountant Richie Valencia, and Assistant to the President Norma Edwin. President Daisy acknowledged the SBA leadership retreat being held in Chuuk this week and recognized the student leaders present and Director of Student Life Krystilynn Atkinson and Student Activities Specialist Chelsea Rion. Chairman Waguk also introduced the regents present – Regent Pelma Mingii representing the national government, Regent Jesse Salalu from Yap State, Regent Johannes Berdon from Chuuk State and Regent Tulensru Waguk from Kosrae State. Regent Churchill Edward from Pohnpei State could not attend the meeting.

President Daisy shared the following highlights: fundraising efforts during the 25th anniversary celebration; strong financial position of the college; favorable FY 17 audit report; new strategic plan; approval of Integrated Educational Master Plan at the recent meeting; reports shared with board on CE initiatives, DDFT, and grant from US Embassy and State Department; and availability of Japan scholarships to Sophia and Temple Universities,

During the question and answer period, the following concerns/topics were raised: construction schedule for the new Chuuk Campus; Pell eligibility; inclusion of state campus students in student exchange programs; long history for new Chuuk campus; COM-FSM after financial provisions of the Compact ends; accreditation; open enrollment; status of \$3M for Chuuk Campus; accessibility of majors other than education at state campus; dual enrollment; transition programs; status of Chuuk Campus should secession happen; one college vs all programs at all

campuses; more employees in student services offices, especially those with only one person; new/more (virus-free) computers; and bus for student activities.

The meeting adjourned as time ran out.