

COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM
COMMUNITY MEETING
Kosrae Campus Student Lounge
March 22, 2019

The board of regents held a community meeting on March 22, 2019, at the Kosrae Campus Student Lounge. Approximately 80 people were in attendance at the 1:30 PM meeting. Dean Nena Mike opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and explaining the purpose of the meeting. It is the board's practice to hold community meetings wherever it meets to share highlights and listen to concerns from the community. He then introduced Chairman of the Board Dr. Tulensru Waguk.

Dr. Waguk also welcomed everyone and thanked them for taking time to meet with the board and key people from the college. He further described the board's practice of holding community meetings saying they welcome the opportunity to meet the community in Kosrae. He then introduced the other regents present: Regent Johannes Berdon from Chuuk, Regent Pelma Mingii who represents the national government and serves as the the secretary/treasurer of the board, and Regent Jesse Salalu from Yap who serves as the vice chair and is now the Lt. Governor of Yap.

President Daisy was introduced; he thanked all for coming and sharing in this multi-directional purposeful dialogue. He reported on the productive week with meetings, workshops, and on-going board development sessions. He also introduced the administrators that are here for the week: Vice President for Administrative Services Joseph Habuchmai, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Services Joey Oducado, Vice President for Instructional Affairs Karen Simion, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Quality Assurance Caroline Kocel, Comptroller Roselle Togonon, Director of Human Resources Rencelly Nelson, Director of Information Technology Shaun Suliol, Dean of Yap Campus Lourdes Roboman, Dean of Chuuk Campus Kind Kanto, Director of Career & Technical Education Center Grilly Jack, Director of Student Life Krystilyn Atkinson, and Acting Director of Cooperative Research and Extension Sonny Paddock. He also shared highlights on the following: accreditation reports due, strong financial position with clean audit and 96% Pell awards to eligible students, status of IDP projects, positive initiatives such as the grant to film documentary on Nan Madol, and five-year financial plan committed to no tuition and fees increase. President Daisy expressed his appreciation to Kosrae campus for the generous hospitality and keen attention to details.

During the question and answer period, the following concerns/topics were raised and information shared: status of the college after 2023, efforts to prepare for sustainability of the college such as conducting a study on the Economic Impact of the College, efforts to ensure continuation of Pell beyond 2023, and efforts to make the college more effective through restructuring, organizing alumni, and fundraising; possibility of on-line courses, use of schoology but limited accessibility at Kosrae campus, plans for fiber optic connection across the street, centralized programs at CTEC and possibility of going on-line should fiber optic be available at all campuses; teacher corps; implementation of BS in education in the fall; fundraising goal and meetings with Friends of COM-FSM chairman this week; and voced programs for women and options available to have non-credit and evening courses.

Further questions/concerns can be forwarded to the board and/or president.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.