

COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM
COMMUNITY MEETING
CTEC Student Services Center
May 9, 2019

The board of regents held a community meeting on May 9, 2019, at the Career & Technical Education Center (CTEC) Student Services Center. Approximately 60 people were in attendance at the 12 noon meeting. Director Grilly Jack welcomed and acknowledged all those present. Following a moment of silence and reciting of the mission statement by all, he introduced the Chairman of the Board, Dr. Tulensru Waguk.

After welcoming and paying respects to everyone, Chairman Waguk explained the purpose of the meeting. The board holds community meetings whenever they meet to share highlights from the college and listen to concerns from the community. He then introduced the other regents present: Regent Jesse Salalu from Yap who serves as the vice chair; Regent Johannes Berdon from Chuuk; Regent Pelma Mingii who represents the national government and serves as the secretary/treasurer, and he, the Regent from Kosrae, serves as the chair. The regent from Pohnpei has completed his term, and we are waiting for his replacement. Highlights from the college will be shared, then the floor will be open to questions.

President Joseph Daisy was introduced; he expressed his pleasure in joining the board here at this community meeting and thanked the faculty, staff, students, SBA officers, Madolenihmw Student Organization, and Senator Neth for coming. Before sharing significant information about the college, he introduced: Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Services Joey Oducado, Vice President for Administrative Services Joseph Habuchmai, Vice President for Instructional Affairs Karen Simion, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Quality Assurance Caroline Kocel, Dean of Kosrae Campus Nena Mike, Director of CTEC Grilly Jack, and Dean of Chuuk Campus Kind Kanto. Dean of Yap and FMI Campuses Lourdes Roboman was not able to attend the board meeting. He opened with saying the state of the college is sound and highlighted the following: moving in the right direction with our Institutional Set Standards; some key indicators meeting our stretch targets, CTEC recognized as an Electronics Technician Association (ETA) testing center with Professor Permitez certified to administer the exams; 100% of eligible students awarded Pell Grant for the first time (only 60% in 2012); successful clean financial audit; 98% staff retention rate; 80% Micronesian citizens employed; fully reaffirmed with ACCJC; working on mid-term report and soon to prep for next comprehensive visit; ACCJC renewed by USDOE; our own bachelors in science degree program in elementary education to be implemented Fall 2019; ACCJC regulation changed to allow additional bachelors program (our next to be in business); economic impact study roll out at upcoming college summit; upcoming commencement; and establishment of alumni associations. While there are still areas to improve, the college is moving in the right direction to which the president acknowledged our board that is dedicated toward student success.

During the question and answer period, the following concerns/topics were raised: generator to power all of CTEC during power outages (in process through fund balance); small buses for CTEC for field trips (one college, resources at national available); recruiting students from other states for CTEC (possible to stay in residence halls and use the shuttle services); transportation for students from Madolenihmw (FCE Committee looking into issues); support for growing vocational programs and initiatives. Senator Neth took the floor to praise the college and leadership for its achievements and providing a path for a better future for FSM and pledged his support for the issues raised.

Chairman appreciated the good questions; while not all questions were answered, they have taken note for further discussion and consideration. He said that the student success is our success. Director Jack was thanked for arranging the meeting at CTEC.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.