

COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM
COMMUNITY MEETING
Yap Campus Student Services Center
September 6, 2019

Dean Lourdes Roboman opened the board of regents' community meeting on September 6, 2019, at Yap Campus Student Services Center. Approximately 125 people were in attendance at the 12:40 PM meeting. She then introduced the Chairman of the Board, Dr. Tulensru Waguk.

Chairman Waguk welcomed all and expressed his pleasure with being in Yap again. He then explained the purpose of the community meetings. Whenever the board meets, they hold community meetings 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 Pelma Mingii who represents the national government and serves as the secretary/treasurer, Regent Johannes Berdon from Chuuk; and the new regent representing Pohnpei, Regent Suzanne Lowe. He represents Kosrae and serves as the chair. He then yielded the floor to President Joseph Daisy.

President Joseph Daisy welcomed the faculty, staff, parents, and especially the students for coming and thanked them for their support. He then introduced the people who make a significant contributions to the college: 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, Dean of Career and Technical Education Center Grilly Jack, and Dean of Chuuk Campus Kind Kanto, Comptroller Rocelle Togonon, and the new Director of Cooperative Research and Extension Steven Young-Uhk. President Daisy then highlighted a few items of interest: the engaging meetings between the board and president with the governor and Lt. governor and with legislative leaders; positive position of college finances, physical plan, accreditation, academics, and institutional set standards. Community meetings help the board make good informed decisions. To be transparent, board agendas can be found on the college web site. He informed students that we are all here for their success and reminded them that they should also take responsibility for their success and also not miss the opportunity to take part in student life.

During the question and answer period, a student asked what options are available to students. Students may begin their studies at the state campuses, then transfer to the national campus to complete their studies in various fields available. In education, over time, we added a third year program, and then partnered with UOG to offer a bachelor's program; this fall for the first time we offer our own bachelor's program. Plans are to allow the program in all states and to add a bachelor's program in business. Other options after earning the associate degree are to transfer to four-year programs in the U.S., China or Japan. With increase in bandwidth, we hope to go into on-line programs. National campus also has programs in public health and nursing; graduates are getting job offers as they graduate. With no more questions, President Daisy asked the students of their best experience at COM-FSM or how we can do better. A student requested more equipment in the science lab. If they think of a question later, they should write it down and give it to Dean Roboman to direct the question to someone who can answer it; they can also ask to personally meet with the board. In closing, the students were encouraged to make the most of their time here and take opportunities that will take them to the next step.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.