

COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM
COMMUNITY MEETING

Chuuk State

May 4, 2017

Chuuk Campus Dean Kind Kanto opened the community meeting which was held on May 4, 2017, at 3:15 PM at Chuuk Campus student center. Approximately 75 people were in attendance, mostly faculty, staff and students of Chuuk Campus and a few community members. After a moment of silent prayer, Dean Kanto welcomed all to the community meeting which is a board practice whenever it holds board meetings. He then introduced Dr. Joseph Daisy, president of the college, who thanked Chuuk Campus for its hospitality and said it is a treat to visit the campus. He then introduced the officials from the national and other state campus with an overview of their roles: Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Services Joey Oducado; Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Quality Assurance and Accreditation Liaison Officer Frankie Harriss, EdD; Vice President for Instructional Affairs Karen Simion; Chuuk Campus Dean Kind Kanto; Director of Cooperative Research and Extension Engly Ioanis; Yap Campus and FMI Dean Lourdes Roboman; Kosrae Campus Dean Nena Mike; Director of Career and Technical Education Center Grilly Jack; Comptroller Roselle Togonon; Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and External Affairs Manny Mori, Director of Maintenance Francisco Mendiola; and Executive Assistant to the President Norma Edwin.

Chairman of the Board Dr. Tulensru Waguk also thanked Dean Kanto and his staff for their hospitality and everyone for their presence. He then introduced the board: Regent Kasio Mida representing the national government; Regent Johannes Berdon from Chuuk State; Regent Jesse Salalu from Yap State; Regent Churchill Edward from Pohnpei State; and himself, Tulensru Waguk from Kosrae State. The purpose for community meetings are to share highlights from the college and to listen to comments and concerns from our stakeholders. Earlier the board met with the Chuuk leadership; Senate President Mark Mailo, Speaker Innocenti Oneisom, and staff from the governor's office. He expressed appreciation for their commitment of supporting the college, especially the \$3 million to start the new campus. The board will continue to push that project forward.

The host regent, Johannes Berdon, welcomed the off-island participants to Chuuk and informed the group of their productive meeting and courtesy calls on Chuuk leadership who were supportive and looking for other ways to support the college. The board is focused on helping students succeed.

President Daisy provided updates and highlights from the college. The board had a productive meeting yesterday and met Chuuk leadership in the morning. He then shared the following about the college: college in good position in all aspects, meeting all accreditation recommendations, maintaining sound fiscal position, flattening enrollment decline, efforts to control costs, delivering quality education to the states, more articulation agreements to help students with transfers, status of facilities master plan, Executive Director Mori's fundraising efforts, and Director of Student Life Atkinson's efforts for cohesive activities. The college is moving in the right direction with focus on supporting students and continuous quality improvement.

During the question and answer period, the following topics were raised: enrollment decline, summer schedule, dormitory for Chuuk Campus; student technology fee and other fees, nursing

faculty shortage, non-admit students, COMET, admission standards, 3rd year education program essay requirement, vocational programs, long-term financial plan, and start date for new campus.

In closing, Chairman Waguk thanked all for their attendance. The issues raised will be discussed by the board. He hoped the new facilities will attract new students. During future meetings, the dialogue will continue and the board welcomes hearing more of their concerns. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.