



COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA – FSM

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Report of Major Accomplishments to the COM-FSM Board of Regents By COM-FSM CRE December 2014-Jan30th 2015

- Yap major accomplishments:
 - AES Yap – Two competitive grants for outreach in Climate Smart Agriculture have been funded, one is operating with three special contracts. Dr. Muru has dedicated 20% FTE to [Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program](#). The other a three year project under the [Pacific American Climate Fund program](#)
 - Researcher has been requested by FSM National gov't. to attend a conference on Climate Change in March in Mexico. He has also been accepted to present a paper at a conference in France on that topic.
 - Researcher provided training in two technical areas – Aquaponics and Climate Smart Vegetable Production

Yap CRE/CES

- **Aquaculture Planned Program:** The position for Aquaculture Extension Agent has been filled. General repair has been completed on the building for the Yap Aquaculture Hatchery at the Yap State Marine Resources Management Division in Colonia, Yap.
- **Families, Youths and Communities Planned Program:** After-school program is established and collaborated between Yap State Youths Services and COM-FSM Yap CRE.
- **Food Safety Planned Program and EFNEP:** The position for the Home Economics extension agent has been filled. A EFNEP workshop was successfully conducted for 14 teachers and staff at St. Mary's Elementary school. Six lessons and three cooking demonstrations were conducted.
- **Global Food Security and Hunger Planned Program:** Yap CRE has assisted additional schools in establishing school demonstration gardens. Yap CRE was requested to assist the agriculture programs at Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) high school, Colonia Middle School, Maap Community Elementary School and Gilman Community Elementary School. Hands-on training, advice and information were provided to teachers and students of these schools.

CES PNI Highlight Activities for BOR

The Education of Department Pohnpei State has in the past years held Agriculture Fairs for Early Childhood Education, Elementary, and High School. 2015 Education Agriculture Fair took place at the Spanish Wall Park, which attracted more people than 2014 Fair. Some of the improvement this year include the quality of the crops exhibited, most vegetable exhibits used box an/or raised garden, more crop seedlings were exhibited and for sale, and more activities participation of school students in their exhibits and set up, more local markets owners were present to be able to buy produces from the schools. One of the things I noticed, last year fair, there were lots of parents involvement, but this year was different, students with the assistance of their teachers were the main actors of the Education Agriculture Fair 2015.

COM-FSM Chuuk Campus AES/CES

- Informed clients about securing their fruit and vegetable needs by gardening and maintaining healthy and clean environment through two presentations--- **Eating The Rainbow and Solid Waste Management**. Continued providing guidance on about health benefits of Moringa, banana and mountain apple and distributed planting materials of cholesterol spinach, okra and eggplant and got approval from two landowners for community garden sites
- Have had one publication on Giant Swamp Taro accepted for publishing
- Continue to collaborate with and guide Pohnpei researcher in establishing cassava project
- Continue testing 17 varieties of sweet potato made into chips
- Haddie Raisom – new Nutrition Agent

Kosrae AES/ CES

- Kosrae AES Accomplishments:
 - Maintains 4 Hatch projects
 - Salt tolerance in taro
 - Salt tolerance in sweet potato
 - including two multi-site projects
 - Improvement of Black Pepper through tissue culture for Pohnpei
 - Improvement of Pineapple through tissue culture for Marshall Islands
 - Assisted with development of reporting template for LGP
 - Two books (sweet potato cultivation guide and soft taro cultivation guide) have been published and uploaded on land-grant website for on-demand printing.
- Kosrae CES Accomplishments:
 - Families Youth and Communities – one member has made a contribution to the family income due to training from CES in apparel sewing
 - Food Processing - Two women have made significant sales of five processed products
- VP-CRE office
 - Fy'14 annual report was submitted on time to COM-Land Grant program

- iPOWs and FTE Certifications have been collected ready for submission to COM-LGP
 - A conference on the Regional Breadfruit Initiative has been organized and takes place in Pohnpei Feb-4-8 and in Chuuk Feb.10-12. The team from Pacific Business Development Centre will address government leaders, entrepreneurs, NGOs farmers and agencies concerning opportunities in breadfruit production and added value.
 - The agroforester in the Breadfruit Initiative team will conduct farm advisory services to the coffee producers of Pohnpei on Saturday, Feb. 07
 - Fy'15 budgets have been submitted for Board approval
- Personnel situations:
 - Pohnpei –clerk/typist position filled
 - Kosrae – one clerk/typist position to fill
 - Chuuk –Youth Agent position to fill
 - Agriculture Agent position to fill
 - Nutrition agent in place
 - Yap –clerk/typist position to fill
 - Agriculture agent position to fill
- Research – Hatch Grants
 - Kosrae – 4 projects on-going
 - Chuuk – 2 projects on-going
 - Yap – 2 projects on-going
 - Pohnpei – 1 project initiated, 1 project distributed for peer review
- RIIA and DEG grants –
 - 4 teaching interns are in place, one at each campus with Ag. programs
 - Of the previous 4 from last year,
 - one entered UoG
 - one entered UH Hilo
 - one is completing BEd. at COM-FSM/UOG partner program
 - At present there are:
 - 6 students from RIIA programs at UOG
 - 2 students from RIIA programs at UH Hilo
 - 1 completing BEd at COM-FSM
 - 3 scholarships of \$1500 have been provided this semester
 - 1 start-up grants provided
 - Tuition for the BEd. student was also paid from RIIA funds
 - DEG activities –
 - Hosted a visit by Dr. Christy Vineyard, program administrator from Univ. of the Virgin Islands to review actions and budgets of DEG III and IV
 - Connecting with UOG and Dr. Terry Nipp to download and provide Climate Change a seminar series to ANR student.

Fund balances:

DEG III University of the Virgin Islands		Quarter	Cumulative	Balance
Period Covered				
start	end	Exp.	Exp.	
				85,993.00
9/1/2013	12/31/2013	10,940.94	10,940.94	75,052.06
1/1/2014	3/31/2014	4,213.30	15,154.24	70,838.76
4/1/2014	6/30/2014	13,251.84	28,406.08	57,586.92
7/1/2014	9/30/2014	21,474.52	49,880.60	36,112.40
10/1/2014	12/31/2014	2,324.08	52,204.68	33,788.32
1/1/2015	3/31/2015		52,204.68	33,788.32
4/1/2015	7/31/2015		52,204.68	33,788.32

Plan to provide \$18530.67 for licensing, \$6000 for special contract salary \$3257.65 travel to attend PI conference, \$5000 scholarships and \$7000 for IT upgrades at state campuses

DEG IV	Budget amt.	Encumbered	Expended	Balance
Salary Budget	\$35,059	\$25059	#####	0
Staff Travel	\$2589			\$2589
Supplies	\$19158		\$18530.67	\$627.33
Indirect Costs	\$14202			Incorporated to COM-FSM fy'14 budget
	\$71008	\$25059	\$18530.67	\$3216.33

RIIA VIII Fund balance:

Account Name:	Account Code:	Budget:	Expenditure	Balance:
Salary	8001	\$ 15,527.00	\$ 15,527.00	\$ -
Staff Travel	8101	\$ 7,407.00	\$ 7,407.00	\$ -
Student Travel	8105	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 15,607.34	\$ 3,392.66
Supplies	8201	\$ 3,087.00	\$ 3,087.00	\$ -
Scholarship	8799	\$ 16,363.00	\$ 16,300.00	\$ 63.00
Internship	8799	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 18,500.00	\$ -
Indirect	8855	\$ 9,985.00	\$ 5,599.36	\$ 4,385.64
Total Balance				\$ 7,841.30

RIIA IX Fund balance

Account Name:	Account Code:	Budget:	Expenditure	Balance:
Salary	8001	\$ 10,597.00	\$ 10,597.00	\$ -
Staff Travel	8101	\$ 7,291.00		\$ 7,291.00
Student Travel	8105	\$ 6,112.00	-	\$ 6,112.00
Supplies	8201	\$ 16,700.00	\$ 2,210.26	\$ 14,489.74
Scholarship	8799	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 20,500.00	\$ -
Internship	8799	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Indirect	8855	\$ 19,425.00	-	\$ 19,425.00
			Total Balance	\$ 49,817.74

Report of the status of correction of the DUNS number registration

Hi Everyone,

I just want to share some good news about the DUNS issue. The Federal desk service has now updated the College's legal business entity name to **"College of Micronesia-FSM"**, as well as the physical address to **Palikir, Pohnpei**, however, they need to correct the zip code from **96841 to 96941**, (which I have already informed them) otherwise, all other information are correct, including the mailing address.

Attached herewith is a screenshot from SAM. It should be noted that the status is in "Work in Progress as they need to complete their update process.

I will send you an update once everything is finalized. I will hear from them again maybe on Tuesday (Monday in the US).

Have a nice weekend!

Josie

Report of the concerns over insurance for contract workers

When we outsource our college projects, we usually handled them through a contract with all of the legal parameters included to cover the college from liabilities. All insurance or liabilities is expected to be covered by the contractor. If that is not the case, we are not obligated as we already signed an agreement with the contractor.

All other college insurance is filed with Moylance Insurance for facilities and when someone injured on the job especially in dealing with equipment or rough conditions.

Let me verify with our comptroller all of these.
Joe H.