

Report to the Board of Regents

August 27, 2014 to February 4, 2015

WASC Standard IIC. Student Support Services

The institution recruits and admits diverse students who are able to benefit from its programs, consistent with its mission. Student support services address the identified needs of students and enhance a supportive learning environment. The entire student pathway through the institutional experience is characterized by a concern for student access, progress, learning, and success. The institution systematically assesses student support services using student learning outcomes, faculty and staff input, and other appropriate measures in order to improve the effectiveness of these services.

COM-FSM Strategic Direction

Focus on student success. The College of Micronesia-FSM will pursue excellence in student success and will develop a balance between “access and success” with appropriate career pathways for learners (SD1).

COM-FSM Integrated Educational Master Plan. <http://www.comfsm.fm/vpia/misc/IEMPSheet.pdf>

- a. **SS1. Marketing and recruitment.** Create, improve and implement a process to increase recruitment of nontraditional students into programs (2.3).
- b. **SS2. Student progression.** Strengthen support mechanisms for at-risk students and improving progression (2.2). Formalize collaborative and integrated process with program faculty and students for counseling and tutoring assistance (2.3). Develop and implement a student services staff development plan directed at supporting student success (2.4). Develop and implement a comprehensive student life program that focuses on student development and leadership, obtaining ILOs, and increasing opportunities for cultural diversity (2.5). Enhance the timeliness of advising and referrals by adopting a computer software program to coordinate and integrate faculty advising program with counseling and tutoring programs (2.6).
- c. **SS3. Career services.** Formalize a career counseling and job placement (2.8).
- d. **SS4. Admissions, registration and matriculation.** Review and update the COM-FSM entrance test for validity, security, standardization of testing procedure and entrance criteria (5.4).

Accomplishments and Outcomes

August 27, 2014 meeting: Student Body Association and delegation leaders

Officers of the college's Student Body Association (SBA) at the National Campus and representatives (delegation leaders) from various associated student organizations and clubs convened last August 27, 2014 and discussed the following: (a) each student clubs or organizations to submit updated membership roster to the Office of the Vice President for Student Services; and (b) matters pertaining to Acquaintance Party which also acted as an induction ceremony to the SBA officers and delegation leaders as well as club leaders. **(WASC IIC, SD1, IEMP SS2, 2.3-2.4).**

October 20, 2014: Student Body Association

SBA officers reconvened to further discuss about the preparation of the social night/acquaintance party, which was scheduled on November 14, 2014. The discussions included (a) formation of committees, (b) assigning tasks for each committee and its chairperson, (C) and finally the program scheduled to occur. The program included several performances, presentations about saving sharks by the SBA president, Mr. Bernis Pernes, and was addressed to all students by the SBA treasurer, Mr. Ryan Eliwise.

November 14, 2014: World diabetes day/ Social night party

The SBA was tasked to run the program hence emceeding by Mr. Ryan Eliwise, SBA treasurer, judging the world diabetes day singing contest by Mr. Bernis Pernes, SBA president, and leading the march for a healthy cause by Mr. Philloyd Peter, SBA vice president. The presentation of the program was also very educational for the students.

After the world diabetes day program completed, the SBA and delegation leaders helped each other with the preparation of the social night party that will start at 6pm. The social night party was very smooth in the way that surveys were conducted for results to be submitted to the office of VPSS.

December 1, 2014: World AIDS Day Celebration

The Student Body Association was tasked to run the walkathon for a healthier cause for the World AIDS Day celebration. Additionally, SBA officers assisted in administering surveys to students **(WASC IIC, SD1, IEMP SS2, 2.3-2.4)**.

January 14, 2015: SBA reorganization

As a result of the vacancy in the SBA treasurer position and in accordance with the organization's by-law, Mr. Ryan Eliwise, SBA treasurer who graduated in December 2014. Ms. Beverly Billy, an active member of the college's Friends of Xavier (FOX-COM), had been elected as the new SBA treasurer.

January 16, 2015: SBA meeting

After a meeting of the foundation committee that consisted of the Chief of Staff and company, as well as the SBA officers, the Student Body Association hosted a meeting for the whole SBA, delegation leaders, and club officers and discussed the following matters: (1) The theme for the founding day scheduled in March 30, 2015, (2) Register club or group delegations who are participating in the founding day parade and cultural presentations, and last club fair here at the college. **IIC, SD1, IEMP SS2, 2.3-2.4)**.

February 4, 2015: SBA meeting

The Student Body Association and 11 other clubs which included, the college's Pohnpei Student Organization (PSO), Chuu-Chok, Kosrae Student Organization (KSO), Yap Student Organization (YSO), PingMwok, Friends of Xavier (FOX), Bright and Young Technical Executives (BYTE), Micron-Japan, Residential Hall Organization (RHO), Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society (PTK), Social Science Club, and the newly addition club organization the Warriors of OLMCHS leadership and foundation Society (W.O.L.F.S) convened to discuss the club fair scheduled for February 13, 2015. **(WASC IIC, SD1, IEMP SS2, 2.3-2.4)**.