

**COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**Minutes of the March15, 2018, Meeting**  
**Yap Small Business Development Center Conference Room**

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**Present:** Regent Tulensru Waguk, PhD, from Kosrae (chairman); Regent Johannes Berdon from Chuuk (vice chairman); Regent Jesse Salalu from Yap (secretary/treasurer); Regent Churchill Edward from Pohnpei; and Regent Pelma J. Mingii representing the National Government

**Absent:** President Joseph M. Daisy, EdD (*ex officio member*)

**Resources:** Vice President for Administrative Services Joseph Habuchmai; Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Services Joey Oducado; Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Quality Assurance Frankie Harriss, EdD; Vice President for Instructional Affairs Karen Simion; Dean of Chuuk Campus Kind Kanto; Dean of Kosrae Campus Nena Mike; Dean of Yap Campus/FSM FMI Lourdes Roboman; Director of Career and Technical Education Center/Pohnpei Campus Grilly Jack; Comptroller Roselle Togonon; Director of Cooperative Research and Extension Engly Ioanis; Director of Human Resources Rencelly Nelson; Steve Finnen, legal counsel; and Wilson Hess, consultant

**Guests:** Ace Program Coordinator Deeleeann Daniel

**1. CALL TO ORDER – 8:50 AM**

Chairman Waguk called the meeting to order; a moment of silence followed. The chair welcomed all, expressed understanding for President Daisy’s absence (family medical emergency) and appreciation for Regent Salalu’s presence (death in family), and acknowledged Dr. Harriss as acting for the president.

A video of Chuuk Campus students singing the mission statement was played.

**2. ROLL CALL**

All regents were present; Dr. Daisy excused due to family medical emergency. Quorum declared.

**3. REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Edward/Berdon

*Moved to accept the agenda as is.*

CARRIED

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 13, 2017**

Correction made to the date of the next meeting.

Edward/Salalu

*Moved to adopt the minutes of the December 13, 2017, meeting as corrected.*

CARRIED

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

a. Letter from ACCJC president reaffirming accreditation for the remainder of the cycle.

- b. List of ACCJC actions on institutions.

## 6. REGENTS' REPORTS

- a. **Regent Salalu** welcomed all to Yap; reported on the successful meeting with Yap leadership, and expressed prayers for Dr. Daisy's family.
- b. **Regent Berdon** expressed hope for resolution of the Chuuk Campus issue saying the Chuuk leadership is looking forward to the new campus.
- c. **Regent Edward** once again pointed out this may be his last board meeting, that the uncertainty of when the new regent will be appointed is not productive, and hoped that the incoming regent will be supportive of the college; expressed appreciation for the learning experience on the board and putting it to use in his current job, lamented the lack of passion at the state level to elevate education, and thanked the college for all its good work.
- d. **Regent Mingii** expressed appreciation to Dean Roboman and her campuses for hosting the meeting and for the opportunity to serve on the board.
- e. **Regent Waguk** thanked Dean Roboman and Regent Salalu for coordinating the meeting in Yap; reported on the informative meeting with Yap Legislature, NDOE meeting, IQEB project, and upcoming JEMCO meeting.

## 7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. **President**  
VP Harriss as acting president welcomed all to the meeting on behalf of President Daisy, expressed condolences to Regent Salalu's family, noted completion of the Impact Study by May 2018, and wondered who will be the keynote speaker for the Convocation since Senator Urusemal expressed regrets.
- b. **VPAS** highlighted the preparation and significance of the canoe house for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary; moving up facilities maintenance projects in preparation for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary; funding for COMFIT; status of energy reduction efforts; financial up on endowment fund and cash reserves; and made a presentation on IDP Project - history, process and status.
- c. **VPEMSS** reported on status of Pell awards; SEG; scholarship awards; work study program; program completions; and COMET results.
- d. **VPIEQA** elaborated on accreditation highlights, including board compliance to their role; and president's new white paper, "COM-FSM Charting the Course for the Next Generation;" Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) results where college faired above benchmarks in three out of five areas; update in institution set standards; and Schoology, a learning management system.
- e. **VPIA** expressed appreciation to COM Land Grant and Regent Edward for the \$75,000 to enhance the library collection at Kosrae Campus for the BA program in education; reported a sub-change proposal not required to offer the AFT certificate program in Chuuk; efforts towards improving student success across the campuses; CRE on-going multi-sites project with many contacts with the community; and status of the Doctors and Dentists for Tomorrow program.
- f. **Student Body Association:** VP Oducado highlighted the following activities – welcome party; club recruitment; guided tours for Pohnpei high school students taking the COMET on campus; leadership retreat; system-wide SBA; and involvement with 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Review of BP 1312 Quorum for Transaction of Business**

Review part of the five-year policy review cycle. No change recommended except to cite reference to the enabling law. Need to also cite the amended law.

Edward/Mingii

*Moved to approve the revision to BP 1312 Quorum for Transaction of Business as amended.*

CARRIED

**b. Review of BP 1313 Minutes of Meetings**

No changes; only need to cite reference.

Edward/Berdon

*Moved to approve the revision to BP 1313 Minutes of Meetings as presented.*

CARRIED

**c. Revision of BP 8100 Computer Software**

Changes include removing technical procedures to administrative procedure and improving language for clarity.

Edward/Salalu

*Moved to approve the revisions to BP 8100 Computer Software as presented.*

CARRIED

**d. Deletion of BP 8700 Inventory Policy**

Existing policy BP 5301 Procurement Policy includes technology equipment; having two policies is redundant.

Berdon/ Salalu

*Moved to approve deletion of BP 8700 Inventory Policy*

CARRIED

**e. New Program – Bachelor’s Program in Elementary Education**

VP Simion presented background information on the development of the program, and recognized Sue Moses for leading the effort and the representatives from the four campuses for rewriting the course descriptions. Details on course content and progression and implementation schedule also provided.

Berdon/Edward

*Moved to endorse the Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education program for substantive change proposal to ACCJC.*

CARRIED

**9. NEXT MEETING**

While the next meeting is scheduled for Chuuk, Regent Berdon requested delaying Chuuk as the venue for the meeting. The next meeting will be held the week of May 21 in Pohnpei.

**10. ADJOURNMENT – March 15, 2018**

After closing remarks and thanking VP/Acting President Harris for facilitating the meeting, the board declared the meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Minutes of the COM-FSM Board of Regents meeting of March 15, 2018, approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018.