

AGENDA ITEM 5a

Regent Churchill Edward

RECOMMENDED DIRECTIVE: The Board hereby declares the regent seat from Pohnpei vacant.

DISCUSSION: President Richard Winn from ACCJC in his letter of August 3, 2018, expressed concerns relating to non-compliance with several Standards of Accreditation specifically related to Standard IV. Leadership and Governance and eligibility Requirement 21 and requested a written response on how the board will address these concerns. In his August 31, 2018, letter to the board, Chairman Waguk proposed a three component pathway to which the board endorsed at its September 20, 2018, meeting. On December 19, 2018, the board wrote to Regent Churchill Edward regarding completion of his term on the board. The board pointed out that for him to start a potential fourth term would be in conflict with good board procedures which may lead us to violate accreditation requirements concerning board management and requested his resignation. Regent Edward did not submit a resignation; and on February 3, 2019, emailed the board “that the College cease including me in any communications and future meetings as it may continue to pose a risk for good board governance.” This, however, is in conflict with his earlier statement in the same email that “It makes no sense for me to resign and leave the college without a replacement. ...I would rather have a fully-functional board (5-members) than a partially full board with only 4 members.” In its March 21, 2019, board meeting, the board passed a resolution to inform Regent Edward of its intent to consider removing him from the board for neglect of duty pursuant to Section 5 of the Board By-Laws. He was given notice on March 27, 2019, and given a month to respond.

ACTION TAKEN:

- Approved as presented
- Approved w/ modifications
- Disapproved
- Deferred to a later meeting

VOTE:

4 aye 0 nay _____ abstain

DATE: May 01, 2019