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VPIA Board Report for September 9, 2022

SUMMER AND FALL COURSE OFFERINGS AND FACULTY

Title 1. Summer 2022 course offerings						
Campus	No. of Courses-2021	No. of Courses-2022	Full-time Faculty	Part-time Faculty	Volunteer	Total Faculty-2022
National	13	24	17	2	0	19
Kosrae	4	11	7	2	0	9
CTEC	12	37	18	3	0	21
Chuuk	6	15	7	2	0	9
Yap	2	3	1	2	0	3
Online	103	83	19	4	0	23
Total	140(26%/74%)	173(52%/48%)	69(82%)	15(18%)	0	84*
Title 2. Fall 2022 course offerings						
Campus	No. of Courses-2021	No. of Courses-2022	Full-time Faculty	Part-time Faculty	Volunteer	Total Faculty-2022
National	115	97	28	2	1	31
Kosrae	25	25	7	3	0	10
CTEC	81	70	24	2	0	26
Chuuk	23	25	10	3	0	13
Yap	14	15	4	5	0	9
Online	164	170	8	5	0	13
Total	422(61%/39%)	402(58%/42%)	81(79%)	20(20%)	1(.01%)	102**

*Total Faculty summer 2021 was 75.

**Total Faculty fall 2021 was 100.

NEW FACULTY



Dr. Ryan Davidson has extensive teaching at college level in the US and foreign countries. He arrived in Pohnpei August 1, 2022 and officially started in his new position August 8, 2022. He holds a PhD in English Literature from the University of Glasgow, MFA in Creative Writing (Poetry) from City College of New York, and BFA in Creative Writing from Green Mountain College.



Ren Zhe is our new Chinese Language instructor. She is a volunteer through the People's Republic of China Embassy. She will be at the college until May 2024.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION WITH AN EMPHASIS IN ACCOUNTING started fall 2022. Six of the fall semester courses are offered online. The offerings include one new course for the associate level with two sections, three courses at the third-year level and two courses at the fourth year with two sections of one of the fourth-year courses. Each course section has a minimum of 19 students and some go up to 35 students each. A total of 63 students have registered for the program fall 2022.

VACANT FACULTY POSITIONS: Twenty-two vacant positions across all four states were requested for advertisement in May 2022. Five of those positions were advertised again because there were no applicants. Three other positions have been re-advertised as a recommendation from the ad hoc committee. The remaining fourteen positions are at some point in the hiring process. Yap Campus has additional vacant positions for instructional coordinator and student services coordinator.

Chuuk Campus News

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CHUUK WECARE PROGRAM: College of Micronesia-FSM Chuuk Campus was piloting a program called “COM-FSM Chuuk WeCare Program” with the purpose of helping those “border-line” non-admit students to improve their English and Math skills during the summer, and allow them to retake the COMET. This summer program was free of charge. Some of our own instructors at your COM-FSM Chuuk Campus volunteered to do this training. The goal was to start with 30 students; however, most of those selected were accepted at CCPI. Twelve students showed up on the first day, but only 7 completed the three-weeks training.

TRAINING ON & ASSISTING WITH CANVAS: After being trained by one of the

faculty member, the staff from the Student Services divisions are helping the students on how to use (navigate through) canvas. Twice a day on MWF, they help the students open the site, and show them where to look and what to do. This is an effort to ensure that the students know what to do so they don't fall behind in their classes.

Strengthen resources to meet current and future needs

FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE:

1. Completed renovation of Building “K” (LRC) on July 15, 2022. On August 12, 2022, we had a simple opening ceremony with the contractor, some faculty and staff members, and students. Thanks to VPAS Habuchmai for assisting with the refreshment.
2. Completed Fencing Project on July 30, 2022.
3. Bidding process to repair Building “E” (Restrooms) began on August 12, 2022.
4. Replaced two sliding windows in Bldg. “A” and Bldg. “I”. (August 6, 2022)
5. Construction of the EDA hydroponic greenhouse is underway. Photographs are as of 8.17.22.



Career & Technical Education Center

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REFRIGERATION & AIR CONDITIONING

The RAC program is unique in the FSM with the collaboration between COM-FSM and FSM Department of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management (DECEM). RAC promotes and practices the Montreal Protocol which is to protect the ozone layer by phasing out the production of substances that are responsible for ozone depletion.

Received Sub-grant Award to Support Energy Security and Climate Change Action in the FSM by Promoting Gold-Standard Energy Efficiency Practices and Policies for Air

Conditioning Usage. This grant is coordinated by DECEM and the Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development (IGSD).

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT (HTM)

New building complete with equipment and furnishings for HTM ready for operations in Fall 2022. The Blue Plate Café is scheduled to serve limited customers after midterm exams in October.



Kosrae Campus

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KC HELD MULTI-SEMESTER COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES: On July 21, 2022, Kosrae Campus celebrated a multi-semester commencement exercise at the state gymnasium. A total of 58 potential candidates from Fall 2019-Summer 2022 were cleared to attend the commencement exercise. Only 26 graduates actually attended due to the COVID-19 outbreak at about the same time. Dr. Tholman F. Alik delivered the keynote address.



Strengthen resource to meet current and future needs

KOSRAE CAMPUS RECEIVES HYDROPONICS GREENHOUSE. The EDA grant through the Center for Entrepreneurship provides hydroponics greenhouses for each state. Kosrae Campus has received the project materials and are waiting for the project contractor from Pohnpei for construction to begin.

CARES ACT PROJECTS UPDATE: The generator power house contractor withdrew the bid proposal due to labor shortage. The campus fence project is ready to commence pending company's submission of schedule of value, schedule payment, etc. so the college can release the Notice to Proceed. A zoom meeting was scheduled for August 22 to settle issues relating to project delays.

CERTIFICATION FOR STRATEGIC PAY 10 JOB EVALUATION TRAINING.

Congratulations to the campus dean, Nena Mike, and IT System Specialist, Renton Isaac, for receiving a three-year certification for completing the Strategic Pay 10 Job Evaluation Training with SHRMFSM.

Yap Campus

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FACULTY PARTICIPATED IN COLLEGE-WIDE WORKSHOPS on August 2 and 3.

Workshops focused on using Canvas as the learning management system and preparing physically and mentally for COVID-19 impacts. A special training on Canvas was conducted by ISLET Director Glenda Cornelius on Friday, August 19 for part-time instructors and staff when Yap temporarily closed in-person instruction due to COVID community transmission.



PASSING OF FACULTY AT YAP CAMPUS. In late July, Ms. Jovita Masiwemai, English faculty who has been with the campus for 22 years passed on in Saipan after her battle with cancer. Ms. Masiwemai devoted her heart to teaching and deeply cared for all the students. (*Image from Mariana's Variety News & View*)

STUDENT ORIENTATION: Student orientation took place on August 5, with 32 students in participation. They were split in 5 groups who rotated between staff who presented on the following topics: 1) LRC services; 2)Canvas; 3)Student Services; 4) Tutoring/POW WOW; and 5) Bookstore & textbooks.

Strengthen resources to meet current and future needs.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS: Maintenance personnel completed building inspections for the months of June and July. Painting of interiors began last week and shall continue to completion by December. Old AC units are being replaced with new ones. Maintenance will

continue to monitor needs and complete repairs in time for the accreditation visit in March 2023.

Major work/Project still needing funding: all exterior doors to the Student Center and the Classroom block buildings need to be replaced. The doors have weather damage and are about to fall off the hinges.

FSM - Fisheries and Maritime Institute

BASIC SEA SAFETY (BSS) TRAINING FOR NORMA OBSERVERS

Three FMI instructors went to Pohnpei on MV Hapilmohol 2 to conduct the BSS training for 35 NORMA observers. The said training is a requirement under the International (IMO) Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping (STCW) for Seafarers 1978, as amended in 1995 and again in 2010, that upgrading and revalidation of seafarers must be updated every 5 years.

The three instructors departed Yap on July 10 and arrived in Pohnpei on Saturday July 16, 2022. The training started immediately on arrival Pohnpei and was completed according to schedule on Friday July 22, 2022.

The highlight of the fire-fighting practical training was the involvement of the Pohnpei state fire brigade team who demonstrated their prompt response upon receiving the 911 emergency call. A fire drill at the causeway to airport site was put on for NORMA observers and the general public to observe.

The practical survival training was also conducted at the Pohnpei commercial wharf. Practical survival activities include inflation of the 25 persons life-raft and activation and demonstration of survival craft pyrotechnics (hand flares, parachute rockets and orange smoke). Participants also performed practical sea survival training techniques. Participants meeting course criteria will receive their BSS certificates that valid for five years from the date of issue.



NORMA Observers: Group Discussion



Demonstration on use of pyrotechnics by TA Junior Googmad

SHIPBOARD TRAINING ON MV HAPILMOHOL 2

Shipboard training continued on the Yap state new ship, MV Hapilmohol 2. Fourteen navigation cadets joined the training vessel on July 8, 2022 and are scheduled to complete their 6 weeks shipboard training on 8/20/22 before taking their class 5 courses at the shore school. The 12 new cadets will relieve the navigation cadets to serve their 4 weeks sea time

training under the supervision of instructor Mike Mailuw and Assistant Instructor Junior Googmad.



MV H 2 Navigation Bridge: 2 Cadets Steering



Classroom and living room for Cadets on MV H2

NEW CADETS

A total of 14 cadets comprising of nine (9) Yapese and three Pohnpeians enrolled as first year cadets. It is unfortunate that new students from Chuuk were unable to attend the training due to the COVID-19 border restrictions.

Four weeks shipboard training on MV Hapilmohol 2 is part of the basic sea time learning in the subject of seafaring / enabling English and shipboard safety familiarization. This is the time when new cadets must learn all parts of the ship (shipboard terminologies) and immediate actions during any shipboard emergency. They are also expected to learn to live under strict shipboard command and orders and to challenge all related shipboard challenges. Part of the training is being confined by staying on the ship without going ashore.

The remaining 13 weeks will be served at the shore school (FMI campus) to train and learn BSS and Watch-keeping rating courses.



LRC Report

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Renovations to the Chuuk campus library was completed on July 19, 2022 and the library was officially re-opened with a short ceremony on August 12, 2022.

- In June, CTEC library hosted one student intern to learn about the inner workings of the library and assisted with providing services to library users.
- Bruce Robert participated in one FCE meeting via zoom on June 3, 2022.
- Three Xavier students worked in the Special collections with Bruce Robert for one week in June as part of their community service program.
- At Yap campus, Susan Guarin participated in the Upward Bound Job Shadow Program and hosted Krystal Del Conley, an incoming senior student, for a job shadow experience in the LRC from July 4 to July 8, 2022.

STATISTICS:

Programs/Services

Campus	Patron Usage	Course Reserves	Circulated Materials	Visitors	Computer Usage	Tech Assists	Reference Assists	Total Volumes
Chuuk	703	0	0	0	703	6	0	11291
CTEC	583	10	71	7	408	58	2	4643
Kosrae	235	0	63	0	228	11	2	4524
National	9961	30	45	3	1413	45	24	74274
Yap	1097	17	209	39	4841	16	24	11706
TOTAL	12579	57	388	49	7593	136	52	106438

Cooperative Extension and Research

IEMP 4: Provide Outreach programs to support USDA/NIFA approved programs

NEW APPROVED POSITIONS AT CRE

Four researcher and eight extension agent positions have been authorized by the Board of COM Land Grant. These additional positions in the two areas of agriculture and aquaculture would increase the number of extension agents to thirty-four (Yap – 7, Chuuk – 8, Pohnpei – 13, Kosrae – 6) and two researchers for each site (8 researchers). This brings the total number of staffs at CRE to fifty-eight including administrative and support staffs and improves capacity to deliver programs and services under the USDA-Approved Plan of Work.

BRAND NEW VEHICLES TO SUPPORT EXTENSION AND RESEARCH EFFORTS

COM Land Grant had purchased four brand new pick-up vehicles for CRE to support extension and outreach programs. Additionally, four new vehicles will also be purchased for researchers at each of the four sites. The purchase of equipment and vehicles with value of \$5,000 and up requires USDA prior approval.