



Report to the Board of Regents

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Department for Instructional Affairs

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS | STATE CAMPUSES | FSM FISHERIES & MARITIME INSTITUTE | COOPERATIVE RESEARCH & EXTENSION

National Campus



Filming Our Journey students participated in a ceremony with Mr. Thorsten Wernere Gottfried, a representative from the German Embassy, to clean the German Cemetery and the Mass Grave of the Sokehs Rebels. The students then met with the Mr. Gottfried for a short discussion and then watched a film titled "Lessons of a Dream". This activity is connected to the short films the group made during the summer when they interviewed local leaders and specifically Dr. Rufino Mauricio.



Learning Resources Center

Elise Ioanis of Wenik Early Childhood Education (ECE) donated 53 audio and seven video files that she produced with Alanso Jimina and Mertzy David to support ECE curriculum in Pohnpei.

A request was received from Australian Embassy via Director of Student Life to hold a photo exhibit on Australian indigenous artwork in the National Campus library later this semester.

A bookbinding workshop held in September was attended by several of the LRC staff including CTEC facilitated by Ms. Erika Mordek from Australia.

Learning Resources Center: Programs & Services

Programs & Services	National	CTEC	Chuuk	Kosrae	Yap	Total
Patron usage	57,328	4,733	9,587	2,538	2,489	76,675
Reserves	83	2	-	-	12	97
Material circulated	1,245	212	207	122	702	2,488
Visitor usage	9	39	12	-	305	365
Computer use	15,042	814	2,587	1,152	1,518	21,113
Computer assists	184	384	5	50	47	670
Reference transactions	192	12	11	76	47	338
Library instructions	72	77	96	-	59	304
Total volumes	71,171	4,568	10,890	2,758	11,035	100,422

Career & Technical Education Center (CTEC)

The Experience Based Learning Through College Radio (EBLCR) Project is a collaboration between the Center for Entrepreneurship and CTEC's Telecommunication Program. The radio station will be used to promote college activities and provide the Telecommunications students with hands-on learning. Also, MicroYouthCast, a registered student-operated advertising business will receive training on media advertising. The station is FM 89.9. Hours of operation will start end of November with a test broadcast on campus and then out to full state December 1, 2018. The station will broadcast from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.



Charles Aiseam will coordinate the hydroponic project at National Campus along with Hydroponics Of the Pacific from the Center for Entrepreneurship. The project has two green houses as demonstrations to illustrate hydroponics to potential farmers.

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Innovate academic quality to ensure student success

Ensure student success by decreasing time to completion and increasing student satisfaction, persistence, retention, and graduation rates by innovating academic quality and enhancing student support services.



Department for Institutional Effectiveness & Quality Assurance

INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS & QUALITY ASSURANCE | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Information Technology

Direct fiber optic cable from FSMTC to Yap & CTEC

Direct fiber optic cable from FSM Telecommunications Corporation (FSMTC) to COM-FSM Yap Campus and the Career & Technical Education Center (CTEC) is now in place.

According to the college's Director of Information Technology (IT), "New speeds for these campuses will be in place before the start of spring 2019." Discussions with FSMTC continue to place direct fiber optic cable from FSMTC to Chuuk and Kosrae Campuses continue to help stabilize connectivity, he further added.

Office of Institutional Effectiveness

College completes IPEDS Fall 2018-2019 Survey



The college completed the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Fall 2018-2019 Survey on October 9, 2018. The IPEDS Fall 2018-2019 Survey opened last October 17, 2018, and closed on October 31, 2018. The survey required the college to report data on institutional characteristics, completion, and 12-month enrollment.

The completion of all IPEDS surveys, in a timely and accurate manner, is mandatory for all institutions that participate in or are applicants for participation in any Federal financial assistance program authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended. The completion of the surveys is mandated by 20 USC 1094, Section 487(a)(17) and 34 CFR 668.14(b)(19).

IPEDS Winter 2018-2019 Survey which requires the college to report data on student financial aid, graduation rates, admissions, and outcome measures is scheduled on December 12, 2018, to February 13, 2019. While, IPEDS Spring 2019 Survey, which requires the college to report data on fall enrollment, human resources, and academic library, is scheduled on December 12, 2018, to April 10, 2019.



Instructional Affairs

NEW HIRES

Full-Time Faculty

- James Atkins, Business & Accounting
- Jean-Pierre Lukusa, Computer
- Robert Spegal, Public Health
- Kan-lun Tu, Social Sciences
- Grace Rita Francis, English
- Mary Sigrah, English and Art
- Wiggin Sigrah, Math

Part-Time Faculty

- Kikuo Apis*, Social Sciences
- Sylvia Elias*, Social Sciences
- Roxina Filrang*, Science
- Israel Mella, Trial Counselor courses
- Claralyn Thomas*, Public Health

*Previous COM-FSM students who have transferred and now hold bachelor's and/or master's degrees

Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE)

- Jackson Phillip, CRE/CES Coordinator

Cooperative Research & Extension



Dr. Virenda Verma presented to the Pohnpei Farmers Association and others interested in his black pepper micro propagation research project. The meeting was held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at Island Food in Pohnpei. The presentation covered planting, fertilization, harvesting, and pest management of Pohnpei Black Pepper. Interested local farmers asked questions about long-term sustainability, and ensuring the quality of the product for exportation.



STEP-UP Student Research

Every year the Pohnpei Agriculture Experiment Station gets students on research attachment with financial support from the STEP-UP Program, a US Federal program. These students do their research, write up their findings and make a powerpoint presentation on their findings. The two recent presentations are as follows:

Coconut study by Macmillan Willyander. The full title of this student’s presentation is “Coconut production for Food Security, Economic Development, and Health: A comparative study of two communities in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia.” During the 2018 summer, funded coconut research were conducted in three communities – Paies, Sapwafik and Pingelap.

Interviews were carried out with households to, among other things, find:

- ▶ Number of coconut trees owned by each household
- ▶ Age of coconut trees
- ▶ How people use coconut parts (stem, leaves, roots, etc)
- ▶ How many mature/brown nuts and green/drinking nuts are used by each household per month
- ▶ Percent of monthly income derived from coconut or coconut parts
- ▶ Coconut management practices
- ▶ Farmers’ views on climate change and its impact on coconut production

Measurement were also carried out:

- ▶ To characterize the trees of the various varieties, and
- ▶ To characterize the mature fruits of the various varieties grown.

A literature survey was also carried out (and still continuing) to explore the health benefits of coconut oil on human health. Two major conclusions were reached. Firstly, Pacific islanders including medical doctors, scientists and business people need to do more in promoting coconut oil and other products — hopefully in collaboration with appropriate people and groups in the US Secondly, we need to be aware of the existence of confusion and fake news in the internet and in print that tend to downgrade the usefulness of coconut oil. This includes conclusions reached by “Harvard professor” that coconut oil is “pure poison.” Such conclusions make readers question the validity of reports on the positive health benefit of coconut oil. And this could suppress demand for coconut oil and coconuts. Hopefully, APCC should be able to help in addressing the two issues mentioned here.

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Mission Statement

The College of Micronesia-FSM is a learner-centered institution of higher education that is committed to the success of the Federated States of Micronesia by providing academic and career & technical educational programs characterized by continuous improvement and best practices.

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Kosrae Campus

Third year Program Coordinator, Ms. Pelsihner Elias, visited Kosrae Campus during the month of Oct. to conduct a series of meetings with Kosrae’s in-service classroom teachers in the program. The information gathered will help determine which classes to offer. The information will also determine if National Campus needs to send faculty to teach during the summer so students will graduate in a timely manner.

Chuuk Campus

Six seniors from Chuuk High School will apply for dual enrollment for spring of 2019. These students will take EN 110. The state campus will also teach a transition math course to a group of Chuuk High School seniors to prepare them for MS 100 this spring. Both programs are pilot programs which began last year when COMET was administered to juniors at Chuuk High School.



A Saturday each month is designated for Campus Clean Up and Beautification. On such day, all members of the Chuuk Campus Community (faculty, staffs and students) are invited to come and help clean and beautify our campus. Often, participants brought snacks and drinks for everyone to share.

This event is in response to the low rating of COM-FSM, in particular Chuuk Campus, on Benchmark #4: Student-Faculty Interaction of the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE). This in particular is to address Best Practice 4.6: work with instructors on activities other than coursework.



The Chuuk Campus Management Council approved the creation of an Open Forum Committee during its August 29, 2018, meeting. This committee will organize and invite guest speakers, on a monthly basis, to discuss topics of interest and current issues affecting Chuuk State, the FSM, and/or the world. The committee had its first guest speaker on October 17, 2018. Mr. Jack Fritz gave a talk on the Chuuk Secession Movement. The second event will be on November 21, 2018, and the guest speaker will be Mr. Johnny Meippen, a known proponent of the movement, and a member of the commission.