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**NEW SBA OFFICERS 2017-2018**  
**Induction Ceremony Today**

Today, our Student Body Association (SBA) celebrates its induction ceremony when newly elected SBA officers are sworn into office. Last week four SBA officers were elected, as follows: **President Ryian Raymond, Vice-President Ioster Ifenuk, Secretary Jackie Trye, and Treasurer Kachuo Matus.** They will serve as our officers for the school year 2017-2018.

Ryian and Ioster are in the Teacher Preparation program. Jackie is majoring in Hospital and Tourism Management, and Kachuo is in Liberal Arts. All four are full-time students.

There are positions for two additional SBA officers: Sports Manager and Chaplain. According to President-elect Ryian, both positions should be filled at the first SBA council meeting in a few days.☺



*Ryian Raymond*



*Ioster Ifenuk*



*Jackie Trye*



*Kachuo Matus*

**The Reincarnation of Meseiset**

Do you believe in the final death of the dead? Well, it is not true — at least for the Meseiset! It has come back to life.

Meseiset is our community publication — like a newsletter. It was born in November 2012, and, when it was not quite three and a half years old, it died (March 2015). What a sad death of a child.

However, do not weep. It is being reincarnated this month. It shall be published — again — at least once a month. We do so in order to celebrate communication among ourselves.

Meseiset’s administrative editor is Rick Chiwi, and technical editor is Alton Higashi.☺

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# Chuuk Campus News

## WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO THIS SEMESTER?

### **Follow the Fall Semester 2017 Calendar of Events!**

Our Fall Semester 2017 calendar of events has been approved. Chuuk Campus Dean Kind Kanto gave his final approval of the calendar. Here it is:

<b>Date (Day)</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Who Should Care?</b>
Aug 30 (W)	SBA Induction Ceremony	All of us
Sep 1-2 (F-Sat)	Chuuk Mini-Summit on Assessment	All instructors
Sep 5 (T)	Professional Rubric (due)	All instructors
<b>Sep 6 (W)</b>	<b>All-Campus Meeting</b>	<b>All of us</b>
Sep 8 (F)	Faculty Workshop	All instructors
Sep 11 (M)	Early Warning Deficiency Reports (due)	All instructors
Sep 13 (W)	OARR and FAO Workshop	All new students
<b>Sep 23 (Sat)</b>	<b>Campus Clean-Up</b>	<b>All of us</b>
Sep 26 (T)	Student Services Division meeting	All Stud.Svcs staff
Sep 27 (W)	Management Council Meeting	Council members
	OARR Workshop	All sophomore students
Oct 2 (M)	Holiday (Chuuk Constitution Day)	All of us — ENJOY!
Oct 3-4 (T-W)	Mid-Term Evaluations	All instructors
<b>Oct 4 (W)</b>	<b>All-Campus Meeting</b>	<b>All of us</b>
Oct 6 (F)	Mid-Term Grades (due)	All instructors
Oct 13 (F)	Faculty Workshop	All instructors
Oct 20 (F)	Last Day to Withdraw with “W”	Students
Oct 20-21 (F-Sat)	COMET (testing on campus)	Students
<b>Oct 21 (Sat)</b>	<b>Campus Clean-Up</b>	<b>All of us — HELP OUT!</b>
Oct 24 (T)	Holiday (United Nations Day)	All of us — ENJOY!
Oct 25 (W)	Management Council Meeting	Council members
Oct 30 (M)	Student Services Division meeting	All Stud.Svcs staff
Oct 31 (T)	Application Deadline (Spr 2018 Graduation)	Students
Oct 31—Nov 2	Early Registration for Spring 2018	Students and Faculty
<b>Nov 1 (W)</b>	<b>All-Campus Meeting</b>	<b>All of us</b>
Nov 3 (F)	Holiday (FSM Independence Day)	All of us — ENJOY!
Nov 10 (F)	Holiday (Veterans’ Day)	All of us — ENJOY!
Nov 15 (W)	FAO Deadline: FAFSA submission for Fall 2017	Students
	OARR Workshop	Students
Nov 17 (F)	Faculty Workshop	All instructors
<b>Nov 18 (Sat)</b>	<b>Campus Clean-Up</b>	<b>All of us — HELP OUT!</b>
Nov 23 (Th)	Holiday (Thanksgiving Day)	All of us — ENJOY!
Nov 27—Dec 5	Final Exam Preparation Week	Students and Faculty
Nov 28 (T)	Student Services Division meeting	All Stud.Svcs staff
Nov 29 (W)	Management Council Meeting	Council members
<b>Dec 1 (F)</b>	<b>Academic Talent Showdown: The Revival</b>	<b>Students and all else</b>
Dec 5 (T)	Last Day of Instruction	Students and Faculty
Dec 6-8 (W-F)	Final Exams	Students and Faculty
Dec 12 (T)	Final Grades Submission Deadline	All instructors
<b>Dec 13 (W)</b>	<b>Fishing Derby</b>	<b>All of us — ENJOY!</b>
<b>Dec 16 (Sat)</b>	<b>Campus Clean-Up</b>	<b>All of us — HELP OUT!</b>



**CAMPUS CLEAN-UP (Saturday, August 26, 2017): CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION**

As we are wont to say in Chuuk, “**angaangfengen**”. However, on last Saturday’s Campus Clean-Up Day, students demonstrated that, to achieve “angaangfengen”, they must first “**fengeni ne angaang**”. That is exactly what they did, as shown in the two photos. Thanx!





## **PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: Prepare Today for a Better Tomorrow**

[NOTE: The following essay was submitted by Chuuk Campus Dean Kind Kanto to COM-FSM in Palikir (Pohnpei) for publication in a special magazine to commemorate a nation-wide celebration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of our college, as shown in the COM-FSM seal below. The essay also describes plans that we seek to implement for our Chuuk Campus self-improvement during the school year 2017-2018.]

*Chuuk Campus is moving forward during the present school year 2017-2018. A motive for such action is, of course, preparation for our COM-FSM 25th anniversary. The overriding motive is to provide actionable plans for “access and success” on campus. In effect, Chuuk Campus expects to mobilize staff, faculty, and students alike toward continuous self-improvement.*

*Presently Chuuk Campus offers one degree program (Associate of Arts in Teacher Preparation) and five certificate programs (Third-Year in Teacher Education, Bookkeeping, Secretarial Science, Pre-Nursing Assistant, and Basic Public Health). We expect to initiate a second degree program (Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts) very soon.*

*We have a few plans already set in motion during the present school year. Among our priorities is the development and institutionalization of a substantive Foundations of Excellence (FoE) program. We are in the process of galvanizing employees and students toward setting up FoE activities, especially for our freshmen or first-time students. We shall be looking at specific ways in recruiting and retaining students through implementation of guided pathways. We seek deliverable goods and services to our students, as we program activities in fulfillment of CCSSE benchmarks. Our search is, of course, highlighted by “walk the talk” in our mission statement, vision statement, core values and best practices, the Strategic Directions and Goals, the Integrated Educational Master Plan, and student learning outcomes at the institutional, program, and course levels.*

*We have scheduled professional development workshops and seminars, not only for our own faculty and non-teaching staff but also for external stakeholders. We have dialogued with Chuuk State Department of Education in order to provide training to public school teachers in multi-grade instruction and to set up a bridging program for high school graduates whose scores on the College of Micronesia Test (COMET) fall below the cut-off point. We have customized training programs for health assistants in the Chuuk State Department of Health Services’ dispensary division and for customer service and supervision in the Chuuk Public Utilities Corporation. In line with this effort, our CRE programming is being designed to provide not only community-based service but also direct instruction for our students on campus.*

*In addition, our Student Body Association will co-sponsor two activities during the Fall Semester 2017. One is the Academic Talent Showdown in which students have fun competing from region to region and, at the same time, reviewing for their final exams. The second is the Fishing Derby. Chuuk Campus is presently blessed with a seawall from which any and all employees and students will compete in short-line fishing. We expect nothing less than a lot of fun, great student-faculty interaction, and serious effort in learning.*

*We have already begun a Chuuk Campus Assessment Plan 2017. We have a number of assessment instruments that will measure “access and success”. For instance, we need to collect and analyze data on how well we can implement the three ACCJC rubrics for program review, planning, and student learning outcomes. This task may appear overwhelming, but we intend to get everyone on campus to become a true internal stakeholder. We are goaded by a simple directive in participatory governance: “of the people, by the people, for the people” – or, more succinctly said, “of the campus, by the campus, and for the campus”.*

*Finally, we are very hopeful this school year to welcome funding of \$3 million from the Chuuk State Government for the construction of facilities at our Chuuk Campus permanent site. It would be a truly historic and optimistic school year for us to witness a ground-breaking ceremony for our permanent site and, at the same time, to join our national stakeholders in celebrating our 25-year-old birthday party.©*



## Special Events Planned

### ALL-CAMPUS MEETINGS (ACM)

Each COM-FSM campus holds a monthly all-campus meeting. At our Chuuk Campus, it occurs on the first Wednesday of every month. Our next meeting is September 6, 12noon- 1pm, at the Student Center.

At this time, the various departments, including our Student Body Association (SBA) and Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE), present invaluable information on what we do on campus. Everyone needs to know, and so your attendance is essential in order to learn what is happening.

In the past few years, about 30% of our students attend, and about 50% of our staff are present. These statistics are disappointing. When we do not attend the ACM, we show that we do not care to know.

Every Wednesday, 12noon-1pm, we have no scheduled classes. There should be no reason for your absence. Please keep the ACM on your personal calendar of events.☺

### NEXT CAMPUS CLEAN-UP

Do you care about how clean Chuuk Campus is? Some of us do not care, because they enjoy living in trash and filth. Do you litter trash on campus? Do you write or draw graffiti on the walls, especially in the restrooms?

We have already had the first Campus Clean-Up on August 26. The next one is Saturday, September 23. Co-coordinators are Security/Maintenance Supervisor Ben Akkin and SBA President-elect Ryian Raymond.

All of us should participate in the campus clean-up, usually one Saturday every month. It is held 6-8am. Yes, yes, yes — that is very early in the morning. Big deal!

About 15% of our students show up for the monthly clean-up, and approximately 30% of the staff do the same. Again, these statistics are a disappointment, because they reflect a lack of commitment to the beauty and cleanliness of our campus. The next campus clean-up is September 23. See you then!☺

### TRUE-OR-FALSE

Students don't care how much the staff members know, until they know how much the staff members care.

### ACADEMIC TALENT SHOWDOWN III: The Revival

Students, get ready for some serious fun. The third Academic Talent Showdown (subtitled “The Revival”) will take place on campus December 1, according to our Instructional Coordinator (IC) Mixon Jonas. You will be competing against each other, region by region.

Remember — final exams will be held December 6-8. You will need to review lessons that were taught from August through November. Well, your SBA Council will help you review. How? By sponsoring the Academic Talent Showdown. Students from each region will sign up to participate. Each of the five regions (NN, SN, FK, MK, and NW) will have a tutor to help. The tutor will be given a list of review questions. Some questions will be easy, others will be a bit harder, and still more will be quite hard. The questions will come from instructors and focus on English, math, science, education, social sciences, business, and computer study. Students in each region will study together under the tutelage of their tutor.

Since this is an inter-regional competition, points will be given to those groups with correct answers. The

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## LET'S GO FISHING — FROM THE SEAWALL

Let's all go fishing on December 13. Just bring your own fishing line, with bait, and catch some reef fish. You might be lucky enough to catch some octopi, sharks, and eels as well. No one is expected to haul in any tuna, since the fishing venue will be our campus seawall.

This will be our end-of-the-semester fishing derby, and all persons on campus (staff and students alike) are invited to participate. No fishing fee will be levied.

This is the second time for a fishing derby on campus. The first was sponsored by 17 Third-Year students in the Teacher Preparation program during the Summer Session 2017.

Small prizes were given to the students who participated. The big winner during the summer was Reckson Reitaun who caught the most fish as well as the single largest fish.

Two staff members and a student are eager to compete. First, Campus Dean Kind Kanto is a regular seawall fisherman. He seems to be quite successful in catching octopus. Second, Math Instructor Danie Mamangon has a secret fishing spot on the seawall. When you go fishing, just remember to stand next to Danie. Third, the summer's winner — Reckson — hopes to repeat his success. "I'll catch more than Kind and Danie," announced Reckson.

Its huge summer success compelled our administration to sponsor this second one. The co-coordinators for the December 13 event are Financial Aids Coordinator Memorina Yesiki and CRE Program Administrator Yosko Kim.☺



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## ACADEMIC TALENT SHOWDOWN — (continued from page 5)

region with the largest number of points wins! Monetary prizes in the past were given to the top regions.

The first showdown was held November 2013, and the second was held December 2014. We did not have any showdown in 2015 and 2016. This year shall be the third time — a revival of the first two years. In the years past, different regions had received highest points and were declared winners. Can your region win this year?



The showdown is a very successful way for students to review for their final exams and, at the same time, to have a lot of fun. The atmosphere during the showdown was electric and frenzied.

The co-coordinators of this year's December 1 event are Counselor Wilson Bisalen and Instructor Genevy Samuel, with advisory assistance of IC Mixon Jonas.☺