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CHUUK CAMPUS SY 2018-2019 **YEAR OF RECOMMITMENT**

Chuuk Campus Dean Kind Kanto declares the current school year 2018-2019 as our **“Year of Recommitment”**. All of us internal stakeholders — administrators, staff, faculty, and students alike — are called upon to think, feel, and practice an expanded “commitment” to student success during the new school year 2018-2019.

Remember that commitment is one of five COM-FSM core values. It has seven best practices: (1) anticipate what is needed and do that work without being asked; (2) be dependable by being present and on time; (3) connect, participate, and be involved; (4) contribute your best and inspire others to do the same; (5) dedicate your time, energy, and enthusiasm; (6) give back when you can; and (7) work to make a difference.

Commitment is **more than “talk the talk”**. It is **pro-active, self-initiating, and collaborative “walk the walk”**. In effect, it is a **guided pathway** of seven steps that describe how **action speaks louder than words**. It is easy enough to say, *“Oh, yeah, I agree with the seven practices. Sure, I’m committed.”* Fine, start with words. But, also, follow through with action.

Last school year’s theme was “Year of Student-Faculty Interaction”. We reached for it and exceeded our grasp. This year, let us recommit ourselves. Make it work. ☺



Ah, but a man's
reach should
exceed his
grasp,
Or what's a
heaven for?

—Robert
Browning, 1855



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS (AUGUST)

- **Aug 22 (W): All-Campus Meeting**
- Aug 22 (W): Last Day to Add/Drop Courses
- Aug 22-24 (W-F): SBA Nominations of Officers (deadline of nomination papers: Aug 27, 11:00 am)
- Aug 23 (Th): Faculty Verification of Class Lists
- Aug 23 (Th): Assessment Committee Meeting
- Aug 25 (Sat): Campus Beautification
- Aug 27 (M): Platform Speeches by SBA Candidates
- **Aug 28-29 (T-W): SBA Elections of Officers**
- Aug 29 (W): Management Council Meeting
- Aug 30 (Th): SBA Election Results Announcement
- Aug 31 (F): Student Services Committee Meeting

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Chuuk Campus News

STUDENT BODY ASSOCIATION NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS **of Six Officers for the School Year 2018-2019**

Next week Aug 28-29 students will vote for their new Student Body Association officers for the school year 2018-2019. But, first, SBA needs nominations — President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, and Sports Manager. So, come on, students — **DO YOU WANT TO HAVE SBA-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES?** If yes, then get those nomination papers from SBA Advisor Wilson Bisalen, fill them up, get signatures, submit.

Nominations begin today (Aug 22). They must be submitted no later than next week Monday (Aug 27). Candidates will speak at our Student Center on Monday. Then, students will vote for their officers Aug 28-29. Names of winners will be posted Thursday Aug 30.

CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION BEGINS **ANEW ON SATURDAY, AUG 25**



Student leaders play a vital role on our campus. They help sponsor and coordinate various student activities. Without them, students will have no activities. So, to all students, submit your nominations for the six positions — NOW! ☺

FACULTY WORKSHOP AUG 13-14: **Advising, PBL, and Inspiration**

Most instructors attended a faculty workshop on Monday and Tuesday, Aug 13-14, in the computer lab.

The first day included sessions on **student advising** and **project-based learning (PBL)**. Our Campus Dean Kind Kanto led off discussion on how best to provide academic, career, and life advice to students. Instructor Lynn Sipenuk provided insight on how to structure and implement PBL activities in the classroom.

The second-day agenda included an open-ended discussion on **inspiration**, rather than motivation, not only for students but also for faculty. Dr. Denise Oen of our Palikir administration led this discussion. It is rather shallow-thinking to “motivate” people to do things. It is better to inspire them so that they take ownership of their own learning and engage in deep-thinking and deep-learning. ☺

10x10 WORD SEARCH

T	Y	T	I	L	A	E	R	Y	P
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M	R	X	M	U	I	T	P	R	S
O	E	A	S	T	C	H	U	U	K
C	X	S	U	G	I	A	P	T	R
E	Y	A	R	R	P	M	F	A	O
R	E	A	C	H	A	R	M	S	W
B	S	E	H	C	T	A	C	O	W
P	A	R	T	C	E	N	N	O	C

There are 19 words in this word search. Find and circle all 19 words:

ANTICIPATE
BEAUTIFY
CAMPUS
CATCHES
CHUUK
COMMITMENT
CONNECT
EXAMINE
FACULTY
GRASP
INTERNS
PREXY
PUPPY
REACH
REALITY
RECOMMIT
SATURDAY
TEXAS
WORKSHOP

SCRAMBLED WORDS

The three scrambled words below are hard to unscramble. However, they are words found somewhere in this issue of Meseiset.

(1) B C E I N O R T T U =

(2) A C D D E E I T =

(3) A A C H I L N P =

Did you unscramble the words correctly? The correct answers are on page 4.

COM-FSM, MOU, UoG, FACSSO, BSDEE, NDOE, BOR, ACCJC

What? You do not understand the 8 “words” above? You know some, but not all? Well, you need to know and understand all eight. They can help decide your future in life. So, let us begin to learn:

First, our College of Micronesia-Federated States of Micronesia (COM-FSM) has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of Guam (UoG). This MOU is an agreement between COM-FSM and UoG to help FSM college students receive their bachelor’s degrees in teacher education. UoG offers the bachelor’s degree to COM-FSM students without going to Guam. Problem = the MOU will end by next year 2019. So, how will many FSM college students — like YOU — get your bachelor’s degrees?

Second, in response to the MOU termination, the FSM Association of Chief State School Officers (FACSSO) met last year and proposed that COM-FSM offer its own Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education (BSDEE).

What? You do not know FACSSO? Well, learn! Many years ago the FSM National Government established FACSSO. It has 6 members — the director of the FSM National Department of Education (NDOE), the 4 directors of the FSM state departments of education (Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae), and our own COM-FSM president. They meet once or twice a year to discuss **education reform** in the nation. What for? To improve “access and success” among all elementary/secondary/**tertiary** students in the FSM.

COM-FSM presently offers an AA degree in teacher preparation, Third-Year and Fourth-Year certificates in education — but not the BSDEE — yet.

Third, in January 2018 COM-FSM educators met to finalize a proposal to establish the BSDEE program at all COM-FSM campuses (including Chuuk Campus). New course outlines were written, old ones rewritten. By May 2018, our own COM-FSM Board of Regents (BOR) reviewed the proposal and approved it. The Board has 5 members — one from each FSM state and the last one representing the FSM National Government. Chuuk’s BOR member is Johannes Berdon. When you meet him, thank him profusely for his support of the BSDEE plan.



Early this month the BSDEE proposal was forwarded to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) in California. It is responsible for overseeing colleges in Micronesia. ACCJC will take about 4-7 months to review the proposal — and, hopefully, approve it. If yes, then we will begin the BSDEE program (in Chuuk) **starting Fall 2019** — one year from now. Let the countdown begin.

Should we be **optimistic**? Of course, YES! According to Alton Higashi, “*We should all look forward to ACCJC approval of the BSDEE program.*” He recommends that Chuuk Campus students in the AA/Third-Year programs plan for success. After all, they will be among the first in Chuuk to register to enter the BSDEE program — the first to graduate with a bachelor’s degree at Chuuk Campus. ☺

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