

**College of Micronesia – FSM
Minutes Reporting Form**

Meeting Group:	Imagining COM-FSM’s Positive Collective Future.....What If.....?
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Date:	Time:	Location:
12/08/2020	3:00 – 4:30pm Pohnpei time	Zoom

Members:

Titles/Representative	Name	Present	Absent	Remarks
Acting President / VPIA	Karen Simion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Director IT	Shaun Suliol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Agenda:

- 1) Welcome, moment of silence, reading of mission statement.
 Why imagine?
- 2) (Breakout rooms) The \$500 billion dollar question...
 If COM-FSM has \$500 billion, our financial status is secure forever, then what would we do?
- 3) (Feedback) Answers to the \$500 billion dollar question
- 4) Idea(s) into reality

Agenda, Major Topics of Discussion

- 1) **Welcome, moment of silence, reading of mission statement.**
Why imagine?

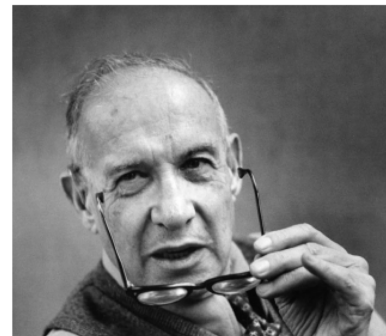


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*The greatest danger in times of turbulence is not the turbulence—
It is to act with yesterday's logic.*

Peter Drucker

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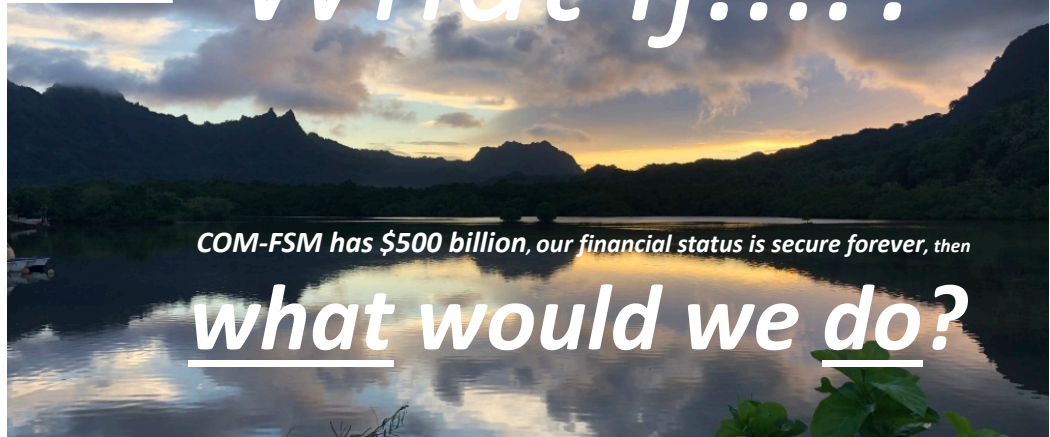
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What If....?



How to Play the \$500 billion question game

YES	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone speaks • Have fun! • Dream bigger than bigger than big • “Yes... and....” • Think about all campuses, departments, students, faculty, community members • Use the chat box • What If...? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No ideas are silly • No limits to imagination • “No... but....” • Non-participation • What Is....

- ✓ You'll have about 25-minutes, then we'll return as a group to share.
- ✓ Make sure at least one person records main ideas & themes of discussion, ready to report back.
- ✓ Write in the chat box if you have a question for me / the whole group.

2) (Breakout rooms) The \$500 billion dollar question...

Breakout Room 1:

Interim President, Director of Student Life, Kosrae Campus Dean, Comptroller, Director of Maintenance

Breakout Room 2:

VPAS, Chuuk Campus Dean, Director of IT, Director of Financial Aid

Breakout Room 3:

VPEMSS, Yap Campus Dean, CTEC Campus Dean, SBA representative, Dean of Academic Programs

3) (Feedback) Answers to the \$500 billion dollar question.

Room 1

We are the University of Micronesia (UOM), there are State campuses which are satellites with specialized functions. HTM will take over High Tide restaurant.

We'll have our own cargo vessel and airplane to commute between FSM States.

All VPs rotate around the State campuses to make sure their services and departments are functioning well everywhere.

We have our own data network.

World-class facilities – science lab, a teaching hospital, an upgraded Blue Plate café, and increased personnel, theater and art gallery, gym, weight rooms, pool, soccer fields, and track stadium to host inter-scholastic sports.

A sophisticated accounting system to track our increased spending, salaries etc. And our own bank, to make processing payments easier.

GO GLOBAL – people come to Micronesia to study abroad – marine science, anthropology, sociology – they come for a year or 6 months and rotate around the States.

Increase skilled workers in Tech, Engineering.

Room 2

Same as room 1's ideas but even better!

No matter how rich we are, **resources** will run out – we need to invest to ensure our sustainability.

WE pay for everyone to go to school, come back and teach at COM-FSM, especially nursing and engineers.

Room 3

Complete all the buildings, secure more faculty, increase the level of qualifications. State of the art student centers to meet their needs – a large building student center where students, staff and faculty can hang out, meet, and rest.

We partner with High Schools to oversee technical programs at high schools.

FMI is a competitive marine institute with the capacity to sustainably fish the Exclusive Economic Zone of FSM.

There is a plane to service the college and other local community needs.

We change education overall – we buy *all* the colleges in Micronesia – UOG and GCC and incorporate into together.

When our students come to our university, we provide housing instead of dorms, there is much diversity.

Recreational facilities are excellent, and entrepreneurship activities generate further revenue. We provide financial support to our communities in the form of loans.

Research centers which are relevant to the Pacific: enhanced food production and balance between export and import. The “Maria research institute”

Fully renewable energy.

Encourage better **interactions** with a very good building for conferences, conventions, and meetings.

4) Idea(s) into reality

What can we do today / are we doing today to make some of this reality?

- Improve our programs – give time and effort to modify course outlines
- Write grants for upgrading equipment and materials
- Agencies are willing to work with us, eg. JICA & Embassy of Japan to provide a training ship
- Improve career counselling and other student services programs
- Flexible scheduling – eg. 16 week semester into 8 weeks / trimesters instead of semesters.
- Online courses equivalent to face-to-face learning – no matter whether you do it in 6, 8, or 16 weeks – so long as the learning is completed with the same assessments, and regular, substantive interaction with faculty – compressed schedule.

It is not always money that is needed to make changes

Normally, people tend to look backwards (at what was done in the past) to think about tomorrow. But we need to change our mindset, we need to know how to learn from the future.

The easiest way to learn from the future is to create it.

Every great idea starts its life with a seed



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