

College of the Marshall Islands

Faculty Senate – Minutes of Meeting

Friday 13 Sept 2019, 11:10 AM – 12:00 PM

Chair: Moarieta Ientaake, FS President

Deputy Chair: Dr. Michael Young, FS Vice-President

Minute taker: Ana Bulavakarua – FS Secretary and Treasurer

Present: Quorum surpassed

1. Call to Order
2. Greetings and words of welcome:
 - a. LA – 10; STEM – 6; Ed – 4; Nursing – 2; Business – 0; Marshallese – 1; DevED – 3; ABE – 4
 - b. Special welcome to Alex Valesquez and Mylast Bilimon – LA, to their very first Faculty Senate
3. Special/Urgent Business
 - a. Voting of new officers who were nominated in the previous meeting
 - i. Faculty Senate President: Moarieta Ientaake, Faculty Senate Vice-President: Dr. Michael Young; and Faculty Senate Secretary and Treasurer: Ana Bulavakarua have all been voted in and seconded. They will continue to be the Faculty Senate Executive Officers for Fall 2019 – Fall 2020.
 - ii. Student Conduct Board Member: Alex Kasula and Morgan Cameron – voted in and seconded.
 - iii. Institutional Effectiveness Committee: Rosina Korean and Camari Koto; both are voted in and seconded.
All committee nominations below were voted in altogether. These were seconded.
 - iv. Plant and Facilities: Manase Manase, Waisiki Baleikorocau
 - v. IT Committee: Alvin Page is willing to continue, Edward Alfonso
 - vi. HR Committee: Jordan Prokosch and Meitaka Kendall-Lekka
 - vii. Enrollment Management Committee: Jennifer Seru and Oyinade Ogunmokun
 - viii. Library Committee: Luciana Castano and Mixon Jonas
 - ix. Executive Council: Desmond Doulatram
 - b. Curriculum Committee: CC invites representatives, so FS does not vote on this
4. Review of the Minutes:
 - a. approved as correct record of meeting. Surname of some nominees to be also included in minutes.
4. Reports/Actionable Items as follows:
 - a) Executive Council & Executive Officers' Report:
 - a. President reiteration on Strategic plan. You can find the plan on the College website; it is still a working document, so take some time to read through the Plan, especially the METO plan 2020-2023
 - b. Vice President Academic and Student Affairs - document to be voted on; FS President will form the assembly to vote on this document
 - c. Enrollment Manager believes that low enrollment this fall is not due to enrolment but perhaps to retention rates
 - d. Highest enrollment record of Summer 2019
 - b) Human Resources Committee:
 - a. A meeting was held during the summer and the main discussion point of sick leave. HR will look over the policy and the HR Director Agnes Kotoisuva is open to discussions; Vice President Business and Administrative Affairs Stevenson Kotton discourages us from using the sick days because of financial implication while Vice President Academic and Student Affairs; Dr. Elizabeth Switaj suggests we still come to work unless you're hospitalized
 - b. There was also a discussion on the 401K.
 - c) Curriculum Committee RSA – no report
 - d) Institutional Effectiveness Committee – no report
 - e) Enrolment Management Committee:
 - a. special meeting last week; comments are encouraged on the Wapepe section of the Strategic Plan. Next week is the final week of feedback with William Reiher
 - f) Library Committee: no report
 - g) Plant & Facilities Committee: Had a meeting; Discussion of plan for the next 5 years

h) Information Technology Committee: no meeting as yet

5. Unfinished Business – none

6. New Business

- a. Survey on Meth and Cocaine – Amy Ishiguro
 - a. proposal and survey of this on campus. Survey will be two-fold: peer to peer will do the survey, and data given to the Ministry. Survey will take 10 minutes, to be done at beginning of each class; Peer to Peer will do the survey.
 - b. A similar research in Hawaii
 - c. Faculty is supportive of the survey, so instructors to accommodate this in their class when the peer to peer survey happens in your class.
- b. Campus organization to fight climate change – Nik Willson
 - a. 350 Pacific – an organisation that looks into pressuring those (usually companies with high emission rates) to alter their operation system to be more environmentally friendly
 - b. Sunrise movement in the US
 - c. We can support these groups to strengthen their organisations e.g. accommodating their requests for meeting venues. Also as moral obligation to make students aware of these movements, to encourage for a better world
 - d. An article on how climate change encourage the spread of dengue fever; with special focus on today: General clean up day and the extension of the travel ban to the islands
 - e. Desmond Doulatram – experience of being part of this movement and the change of attitude to fight more for the cause of such movements
 - f. Request for FS President for Nik to draft a resolution which Nik agrees to.

7. Announcements: none

Meeting adjourned