

**College of the Marshall Islands**  
**Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023: 11:10 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Faculty Senate – Minutes of Discussion**

**Chair:** Alvin Page – FS President

**Deputy Chair:** Rebecca Raab – FS Vice President

**Minute Taker:** Alexander Velasquez – FS Secretary and Treasurer

**Quorum:** 27 required, 27 in attendance

1. Quorum was reached, and the meeting was called to order at 11:29 AM.
2. The College Mission Statement was read.
3. Review of the Minutes from December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  - i. The minutes were approved and seconded with one abstention.
4. New Business
  - i. Report on Email from Dr. Hamilton Regarding Observations
    1. President Page shared an email with the Faculty Senate with his response to Dr. Hamilton regarding her planned teaching observations for this semester.
      - a. In short, she is invited to speak to the Faculty Senate on January 27<sup>th</sup> about the expectations for observations this semester, how the observations will be scheduled, the purpose of the observations, and so on.
  - ii. Faculty Issues With SONIS
    1. Faculty say that SONIS has not prevented students, who have not completed all their prerequisites, from enrolling in advanced classes that they should not be able to enroll in.
    2. Faculty also discussed a multitude of issues they too were having with SONIS, such as some students not showing up in the system even though they were enrolled in the class.
      - a. Solution: John Villafania will be invited to the next Faculty Senate to address and, hopefully, solve the issues that faculty are having with SONIS.
  - iii. Students Being Removed Prematurely from Housing at MIR
    1. There were issues with students from Kwajalein being removed from MIR prematurely, as the dormitory housing was not yet ready at CMI. The issue even became political, as a senator came to talk to members of the business office to solve the issue.
      - a. One idea was to have a Google doc or letter drafted on behalf of the faculty body in a show of support for the students.
        - i. Motion: A motion was passed and seconded without abstention to have Mr. Doulatram draft the letter.
5. Adjournment
  - i. Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 PM.