College of the Marshall Islands Friday, February 24th, 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 made official at 11:47 AM.
- 2. The College Mission Statement was read.
- 3. Review of the Minutes from January 27th, 2023 and February 10th, 2023.
 - i. The minutes were approved and seconded without abstentions.
- 4. Special/Urgent Business
 - 1. MISSA Update
 - a. There was a motion to raise the issue at the Faculty In-Service Meeting on Monday, February 28th. The motion was seconded without abstentions.
- 5. New Business
 - i. Discussion of Faculty Calendar
 - a. There was a motion to raise the issue at the Faculty In-Service Meeting on Tuesday, February 28th. The motion was seconded without abstentions.
 - ii. Drafted Letter of Faculty Concern for Student Body
 - 1. Mr. Doulatram drafted a letter in a show of support for the students from Kwajalein who were removed from MIR prematurely, as the dormitory housing was not yet ready at CMI. (Please refer to the minutes from January 13th, 2023.)
 - 2. However, an idea was proposed by President Alvin to create a sub-committee with faculty representatives and student representatives so that faculty are caught up with student affairs, as students have various issues in the dormitories and instructors are often not aware unless they are told. It could be something like a residence life committee or an advisory committee.
 - a. This will be brought up at EC to determine if the Faculty Senate could move forward with the idea.
 - iii. Faculty Retreat and Foundation Week
 - 1. A motion to discuss this via email was passed and seconded without abstention.
- 6. Reports/Actionable Items as follows:
 - i. Anything important from committees should be emailed to all faculty.
- 7. Announcements
 - i. Litiana Nabukabuka was introduced to the Faculty Senate as a new faculty member of the Liberal Arts Department.
- 8. Adjournment
 - i. Meeting Adjourned at 12:03 PM.