

College of the Marshall Islands
Friday, August 23rd, 2024: 11:10 AM – 12:00 PM
Faculty Senate: Minutes of Discussion

Chair: Viviana Uriona – FS President


Deputy Chair: David Sinkey – FS Vice President

Minute Taker: Alexander Velasquez – FS Secretary and Treasurer


Quorum: 25 required, 31 in attendance.

1. Quorum was reached, and the meeting was made official at 11:25 AM.
2. Review of the Minutes from August 9th, 2024.
 - i. The minutes were approved and seconded with no abstentions.
3. Special/Urgent Business
 - i. Faculty Senate Representative Elections for the 2024-2025 School Year
 1. The following representative positions were filled by the faculty members below. Each member was either voted in or accepted nomination by being seconded without abstention by the faculty body:
 - a. **Representatives:**
 - i. **Executive Council:** David Sinkey and Alexander Velasquez (if neither FS President Viviana nor EC Representative David Sinkey is available)
 - ii. **Human Resources Committee:** Mylast Bilimon and Rosalinda Sumaoang
 - iii. **Curriculum Committee:** Linus Okoro* (Since faculty members are chosen from within the committee, CC will have the final say as to whether Linus is the representative.)
 - iv. **Institutional Effectiveness Committee:** Gade Maitokana
 - v. **Enrollment Management Committee:** Mellessia Crawford
 - vi. **Plant and Facilities:** Derick Debrum
 - vii. **Information Technology Committee:** Curtis Vila and Jennifer Poquita
 - viii. **Learning Services (LEAP):** This committee is made up of representatives from each department, but there is no direct representative for the Faculty Senate.
4. New Business
 - i. Proposal to Switch Faculty Senate Meeting Location
 1. One faculty member proposed to switch meeting locations so as to make the Faculty Senate more of a “safe space.”
 - a. Jennifer Seru and Alvin Page have volunteered to find a classroom for the Faculty Senate to meet.
 - ii. The Formation of a Subcommittee to Delineate Our Rights as Faculty
 1. There was a motion to create a subcommittee with at least three faculty members that would be responsible to search for and delineate our rights as faculty.
 - a. This way, faculty know who and where to turn to in the case that there are any legal conflicts with our employer or to just be informed as to what our legal and political rights are as faculty members of the College of the Marshall Islands.
 - i. The motion was approved and seconded without abstention.
 1. Mellessia Crawford volunteered to join the subcommittee.

- a. Any other faculty member who is interested may email Faculty Senate President Viviana to join the subcommittee.
 - iii. Faculty Job Description (Revision)
 1. This document was shared with all faculty by Human Resources Committee Representative Mylast Bilimon on August 22nd.
 - a. There were some changes and suggestions made to this document.
 - b. This document is also long overdue and needs to be finalized so as to be ready for the next HRC meeting.
 - i. There was a motion that was seconded without abstention to work on the document over the weekend and have it closed by end of Monday.
 1. The HRC Representatives will clean up the document and there will be a vote on Monday regarding the contents of the document.
 5. Meeting Adjourned at 12:17 PM.



Viviana Uriona
Faculty Senate President



Alexander Velasquez
Faculty Senate Secretary