



COLLEGE OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

Board of Regents Special Meeting

Board Conference Room

11:30 A.M. Friday, February 13, 2015

Minutes

The Board of Regents of the College of the Marshall Islands convened at 11:30 a.m. on February 13, 2015 in the CMI Board Conference Room.

Present: Chairman Ben Chutaro, Regent Joseph Bigler, Regent Jelton Anjain, Regent Marie Maddison, Regent Patrick Chen, Regent Ramona Levy-Strauss, Regent Evelyn Konou, and President Carl Hacker

Excused: Regent Gerald M. Zackios

Guest: Mike Rota

Staff in Attendance: Don Hess, William Reiher, Stevenson Kotton, Ruth Abbott, Bob Willson and Mary Van Auken (Faculty)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Opening Prayer

Stevenson Kotton opened the meeting with a prayer.

II. Remarks by Chairman

- Welcomed Mr. Mike Rota, with thanks, for his assistance in preparing for the approaching accreditation visit.
- The PPEC Trip Report was shared with the Board of Regents via e-mail.
- Chairman reported his correspondence with Dr. Theresa Koroivulaono; in answer to her questions and provided her CMI related documents.
- Chairman attended IPC meetings as requested by the committee to discuss the Strategic Plan.
- Dr. Theresa will be arriving Majuro on the first week of April to meet with the

- WASC Visiting Team. The March visit marks her first official trip to Majuro as the new CMI President.

December 12, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes will be entertained at the next meeting.

IV. President's Report

- The College of Micronesia (COM) Land Grant Board Meeting took place on February 4, 2015 in Majuro at CMI Board of Regents Conference Room. At their meeting the Board made a decision to provide \$150,000. The money will be utilized for construction work on the CRE/Land Grant lab at Arrak campus. The Minister of Education, Dr. Heine, has been informed of the Land Grant contribution. CMI will look at matching funds and at the same time William Reiher will work on a concept proposal for the initial cost. Hopefully it will be ready to present at the JEMFAC meeting next month. Minister Heine will work with the Cabinet on the matching funds. The concept proposal and the estimated cost will be provided to Dr. Singeru to pass it around to the researchers and the rest of the system for review and observations. The proposed two story building will house the lab and the researchers' office space on the ground floor. IT and other offices will be located on the second floor.
- DOI and CMI Meeting – February 18, 2015 at 9 a.m. The meeting will focus on the releasing of the Maintenance Fund from last year and this year. The maintenance fund is about half a million dollars. Another issue to discuss with Steve Savage is the possibility of matching funds for the proposed lab in Arrak. Stevenson Kotton, William Reiher and Don Hess will join the President at the meeting. Minister Heine was informed about the DOI meeting.
- WASC Report – CMI Letter of Response to WASC will be out on Monday, February 16. The President said CMI has moved well beyond the 18 month old information which WASC was looking at in terms of the Letter of Public Assurance.

- Work on the new Volleyball Court is underway. The Court is situated between the College Center and the Basketball Court.
- Solar Power A/C - the first of the solar powered air conditioners has been installed. More information will be coming from William Reiher if the air conditioners are working well and CMI needs to buy more for other classroom buildings.
- MEC – Small grant screen and small energy.
- The MOA between University of Maine Fork Kent (UMFK) and CMI for the Business Liberal Arts Degree has been approved and signed.
- PPEC trip – President Hacker met with Dr. Underwood of University of Guam. Their discussions on future collaborations went very well. Nursing Program and Business Studies were among other topics.
A UOG business study is a 2 year program and starts at 300 level courses (UOG Starts with course).
- ALO Meeting – April 24-26 in San Diego USA.
- The Divestment Walk from CMI to Delap Park starts at 5:00 P.M. today.

III. Old Business

1. Finance Report –

The President reported and discussed the Revenue and Expenditures (as of 2/11/2015), Fund Balance and the Contingency Fund trends (fy2008 to fy2014) as presented. The assets of the buildings and the endowment fund were also reported and discussed.

IV. New Business

1. Resolution for *Jined Kipped* Policy (HR)

A Resolution to Construct a Jined Kipped and adopt it as the Symbol of Authority of the President of the College. The handing over of the Jined Kiped will symbolize the transition from one president to another in a culturally relevant manner,

2. WASC/Accreditation (Mike Rota)

President introduced and welcomed Mike Rota to the Board and thanked him for the briefing on Accreditation.

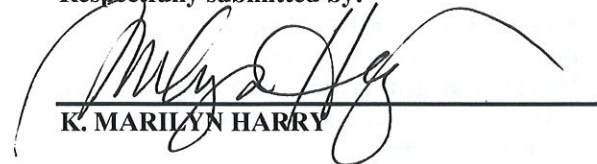
Mr. Rota's first traveled to the Marshall Islands in 1984. Rota has been working in the University of Hawaii and 7 Community Colleges in UH under PREL for 9 years on Accreditation. Also had working closely with MOE Minister, Dr. Hilda Heine in Hawaii.

Mr. Rota showed to the Board a power point presentation on accreditation while discussing the purpose, the requirements and the terms of the Accreditation. The BOR's responsibility and role were highlighted during the discussion.

The BOR is planning to have a retreat in 2 weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


K. MARILYN HARRY

Approved by:


BENJAMIN CHUTARO
CHAIRMAN

