



College of the Marshall Islands

Board of Regents Regular Meeting

Board Conference Room

9:00 A.M. Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Approved Minutes

The Board of Regents of the College of the Marshall Islands convened at 9:20 am on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 in the CMI Board Conference Room.

Present: Chairman Chutaro, Deputy Chairman Bigler, Regent Alfred, Regent Anjain, Regent Chen, Regent Korean, Regent Pinano, Student Regent Binejal, Regent Ned, Regent Relang, and President, Dr. Koroivulaono.

Apologies: Regent Maddison

Staff in Attendance: Executive Advisor to the President/Interim Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Melinda Nish and Chief Financial Officer Stevenson Kotton. Dean of Student Services Rachel Salomon, and Dean of Academic Affairs Vasemaca Savu-recording secretaries.

Guests: None

Call to Order

Chair Chutaro called the meeting to order at 9:20 am.

Remarks by Chairman

Chairman Chutaro welcomed everyone and thanked them for the good work that they do.

OLD BUSINESS

He discussed the Board of Regents (BOR) Corporate Plan (the Plan) still in draft form. He stated that the Plan is tied to the Meto Educational Master Plan and is designed to improve CMI's academic quality and institutional effectiveness.

NEW BUSINESS

President Dr. Koroivulaono discussed the graduation list in detail.

Regent Bigler moved to accept the CMI 2017 Graduation List as is while waiting for documentation, Seconded by Regent Anjain. The motion was passed unanimously.

President's Report

- February 7 & 8, 2017-key result areas for work plan

Programs approved by ACCJC

The four approved programs are: Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Special Education Certificate in Deaf Education and Special Education Certificate in Severe Disabilities Education.

The President introduced her report by starting with the removal of the WASC Accrediation warning.

Vice President Dr. Nish continued the President's report saying that substantial changes were taken to allow this return to good standing. The school plans to make additional substantive changes and report them to ACCJC.

VP Dr. Nish discussed the accelerated programs in detail, saying that the best indicators were HS Math and English scores and that students are being placed one level higher although completion rates are low.

VP Dr. Nish stated that the 8-week Summer 2017 Residential Accelerated Program will start with 60 students.

She reported that any Marshallese High School students can do dual enrollment at no cost. This is where they can start taking college courses while in grades 11 and 12. CMI implemented the dual enrollment program in response to feedback from and requests by members of the local community.

VP Dr. Nish briefly summarized the College's completion rates. She expressed concerns that being in DevEd for an extended period could cause students to run out of Pell resources before completing their programs. The Accelerated Program was created in response to these concerns.

President Dr. Koroivulaono reported collaborative initiatives with the University of Virgin Islands and Dr. Macintosh on Open Education

Resources. She reported that the Kwajalein Atoll Education Summit that took place in April will improve the quality of education on the island by allowing educators to collaborate and learn from each other. The President thanked the Board of Regents for their continued support. She also thanked VP Dr. Nish and her team for the successful implementation of the planned changes.

Regent Anjain thanked the President and her team for joining the Kwajalein Summit.

Board Committee Reports

Strategic Plan (Presented by President Koroivulaono)

The Institutional Planning committee is closely monitoring the Strategic Plan which ends in 2018. The new Strategic Plan will roll out in January 2019 and will be developed internally.

Finance Committee (Presented by CFO Kotton)

CFO Kotton reported that CMI continues to improve financially and that there are no major findings except recurring issues with financial aid. SIS will be improved for overall efficiencies through our electronic process. The CMI Budget was provided to the Board of Regents by the CFO. There is a resolution to open a Maintenance Fund at BOMI.

Academic and Student Affairs
(Presented by VP Dr. Nish)

VP Dr. Nish reported on accreditation actions taken, new programs, the Faculty Workload Policy, and change from full time, 12 credits per semester to read 15 units per semester. She discussed the NSSP tuition and fees for the first cohort and had requested enrollment and program completion rates.

Risk Assessment: (Presented by Chairman Chutaro)

Chairman Chutaro reported on the continuous struggle to get full subsidy from RMI and raised issues on the Endowment Fund. Among questions he raised, he stated that in 2023, the Compact of Free Association will end and wanted to know how robust is the Endowment Fund?

Institutional Set Standards
President (Presented by Dr. Koroivulaono). Requires Board approval.

Regent Anjain moved to approve the Institutional Set Standards, Regent Relang seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

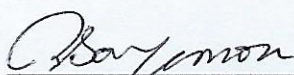
Regent Anjain moved to approve the new Tuition and Fees. Regent Chen seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Regent Relang moved to approve a resolution to authorize CMI to establish an investment account with BOMI for the Maintenance

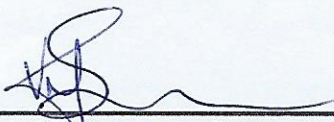
Fund. Seconded by Regent Bigler. The resolution was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.

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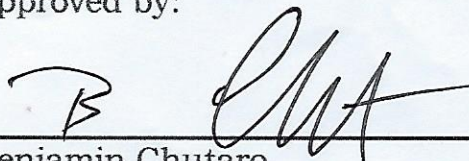


Dean Rachel B. Salomon
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Benjamin Chutaro
Chairman, Board of Regents