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Board of Regents Special Minutes - Approved October 06, 2020

Members Present:

Chairperson Kathryn Relang	Vice-Chairman Helmer Lang	Regent Harden Lelet
Regent Marie Maddison	Regent Julius Lucky	Regent Claire Loeak
Student Regent Jae Marie Mae Digno	Regent Stiffney Paul	Regent Kino Kabua

Apologies:

Regent Ione deBrum Regent Mark Stege

CMI employees in attendance:

Dr. Irene Taafaki, CMI President
William Reiher, Executive Vice President
Stevenson Kotton, Vice President for Administrative and Business Affairs
Stanley Lorennij, Vice President for Land Grant
Dr. Elizabeth Switaj, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
Agnes Kotoisuva, HR Director
Kelly Sebastian, Executive Officer/Executive Secretary for the CMI Board of Regents (ESBOR)

The meeting was called to order @ 9:19 AM

Agenda Items

1. Opening prayer, Roll call and call to order, and Welcome (Chairperson)
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Action items for approval
 1. Proposed Revision Policies
 - o 5.3.14 Recognition on Attainment of Degree
 2. Financial Aid Policy & Procedure
 3. 5.3.18 Hardship Differential Allowance Policy

Approval

1. A Resolution to Approve the Revised Recognition on Attainment of Degree Policy
 2. Resolution to Approve the Revised Financial Aid Policy and Procedure Manual
 3. A Resolution to Approve the New Hardship Differential Allowance Policy
4. Updates

Minutes



1. OPENING PRAYER, ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER, AND WELCOME (CHAIRPERSON)

- Chairperson Relang asked Vice-Chairman Lang to open the BOR meeting with a prayer, then called the meeting to order at 9:19 am.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- **Regent Kabua moved to approve the CMI Board of Regents Special Meeting Agenda with the added agenda item. Vice-Chairman Lang seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

3. ACTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

- Proposed Revision Policies - 5.3.14 Recognition on Attainment of Degree
 - The Board made some revisions in its last meeting, and the change has been made to Recognition on attainment of a higher degree qualification.
 - **Regent Kabua moved to approve the 5.3.14 Recognition on Attainment of Degree. Vice-Chairman Lang seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**
- Financial Aid Policy & Procedure
 - The President and VPBAA separated the policy and procedure statements. Also worked on the language on Section 6.4 that was requested by the Board in the last meeting. We moved Section 6.4.1 and rearranged them, so the language in the procedure supports the policy statement.
 - The FSM student received both national and state scholarships.
 - Several students in the BAEE are receiving RMI Scholarships.
 - **Regent Lelet moved to approve the Financial Aid Policy & Procedure. Regent Maddison seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**
- 5.3.18 Hardship Differential Allowance Policy
 - The policy is for the Distance Education Coordinator and full-time Instructors. It's an incentive for people to go to the Distance Education Centers.
 - Elmi Keju has transferred to Ebeye as the Distance Education Coordinator. He was the Director of the youth corp.
 - **Regent Maddison moved to approve the 5.3.18 Hardship Differential Allowance Policy. Regent Lucky seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

4. UPDATES

- Chairperson Relang
 - Homework for next week: look through the new policies.
 - Pending homework: ACCJC Certificate Online
- President Dr. Irene
 - The need assessment work for expanding the Ebeye scope center, that contract is given to EmmanED. They're developing their questions and



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- also will be going to Ebeye. If our Regent can assist or facilitate some of their conversations - private, public, and Kwajalein.
- CMI was invited to become Board for the Micronesian Center for Sustainable Transport, and we had discussions with the university partners: University College London and University of New South Wales.
 - Still waiting for DIDA to approve the TOR for the need assessment for the Maritime.
- EVP:
- There will be a task force set up to relook at the Institutional plans.
 - The Strategic Plan has been in implementation for a year now. There are many changes, how we operate, and the new NSP from the government—looking at realigning what CMI is doing institutional and those long-term plans to try to align it to the government's plan.
- VPBAA:
- We're waiting on the draft proposed findings, so we'll respond to them if we get it.
 - When we get it, we'll have the first draft of the audit for review and correction if needed and send it back.
 - The finding we know of is our lateness in submitting the trial balance. We don't anticipate conclusions repeated in most of the findings in the Financial Aid from previous years.
 - The trial balance for the current fiscal year is on track. We should be able to submit it in November.
 - We'll be releasing student Covid money starting this week.
- VPLG:
- The extension activities are ongoing, and we're moving toward our northern islands.
 - Regarding our research activities, they are slow because the researchers are working remotely from off islands with their team on the island. Two of which are stuck in Fiji.
 - The main core of the budget proposal to the Land Grant Board will be a stage of the art hatchery for aquaculture and storage facility, which will be around 1M.
- VPASA:
- Sixty-three attended the ISER retreat including students.
 - The standard committee chairs are very hard at work, incorporating the feedback that we got on the ISER into the draft and gathering the final piece of evidence.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:01 AM



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Reviewed & Approved by

Kathryn Relang
Chairperson, Board of Regents

Dec. 1, 2020

Date approved