



**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS
Regular Meeting
Friday, February 21, 2014
1:15p.m.**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chairperson Rabauliman called the meeting to order on Friday, February 21, 2014 at 1:45p.m. Seven members of the Board of Regents were present. A quorum was established.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Regent Frank M. Rabauliman, BOR Chairperson
Regent Elaine Hocog Orilla, Vice-Chairperson
Regent Maria (Malua) T. Peter
Regent Michaela U. Sanchez
Regent Elizabeth D. Rechebei
Regent Juan T. Lizama
Regent William S. Torres

Seven (7) members present, there is a quorum.

NMC Staff /Faculty Present:

Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D - Executive Secretary to the Board of Regents/NMC President
Helen B. Camacho - Board Secretary (Recorder)
Daisy M. Propst, Acting Dean of Student Services
Tracy M. Guerrero, Chief Financial Officer
Barbara Merfalen, Dean of Academic Programs & Services
Chris Timmons, HR Director/NMC Legal Counsel
Jackie P. Che, Institutional Effectiveness Director

Legal Counsel:

Jesus C. Borja, NMC Board of Regents Legal Counsel

Members of the Public:

Junhan Todeno, Marianas Variety News Reporter
Moneth Deposa, Saipan Tribune News Reporter

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES OF ORDER

Regent Lizama motioned to suspend the rules of order to allow the Chairperson to apply his privilege to make comments and seconded by Regent Orilla. Chairperson Rabauliman congratulated everyone for achieving Accreditation Reaffirmation. Members of the Board also echoed the same sentiments and congratulated the NMC Staff, Faculty, and Students for their commitment and hard work.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Regent Peter motioned to adopt the meeting agenda and seconded by Regent Rechebei with some amendments to delete Board Policy No. 2004 - College Surveys; Board Policy No. 7012 – Fees and Refunds; and Board Policy No. 7013 – Student Activity Fees. And add several items to the agenda: Policy No. 2003 – Institutional Values; Miscellaneous item; Executive Committee Report. Regent Rechebei requested the Standing Committee Reports in the following order: Personnel Committee; Fiscal Committee; Program Committee, and Executive Committee. All members voted yes, the motion passed.

MEETING MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Regent Orilla motioned to adopt the October 14, 2013 continued October 15, 2013 Regular meeting minutes and seconded by Regent Peter. After much discussion, Regent Orilla withdrew her motion and all of the members agreed to table the meeting minutes for further review.

1. October 14, 2013 Continued October 15, 2013 Regular Meeting – Tabled
2. December 06, 2013 Continued December 16 & 17 2013 Regular Meeting – Tabled.
3. January 17, 2014 Regular Meeting – Tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Individuals may orally testify on items on the agenda during the Public Comment Period. Written testimony is also accepted. Testifiers are requested to limit their testimony for five (5) minutes. – There is no public comment.

REPORTS AND ACTION FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:

Regent Lizama, Personnel Committee Chair provided a committee report. He indicated that his committee met on February 03, 2014. His committee reviewed the Salary Adjustment but no action was taken.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

Regent Torres, Fiscal Committee Chair provided a committee report. He highlighted the following. Other recommendations are reflected in the committee report and incorporated in by reference in the minutes. The committee recommends action on the fiscal committee report.

1. NMC's proposed Option No. 1 on salary adjustments
Recommendation: Committee will recommend action and support of the NMC's proposed Option No. 1 on salary adjustments.
2. WASC Senior

- Recommendation:** The Committee in its own review of the proposal to change its Accreditor of Record from ACCJC to the Senior Commission supports this action.
3. CW Fees
Recommendation: There was a recommendation from the committee that the CW Fees be proportionately invested in Tinian and Rota.
 4. NMC Foundation

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT:

Regent Rechebei, Program Committee Chairperson provided an update. She highlighted the following:

1. College Completion Agenda: A Call to Action
Recommendation: Committee will recommend support.
2. NMC 2015-2020 Strategic Plan
Recommendation: Committee will endorse this action.
3. Program Committee Work plan
Recommendation: Committee will accept the work plan dated as of February 21, 2014.
4. Initial Accreditation with WASC Senior
Recommendation: Committee endorses this action.
5. Board Policy No. 3006 – Articulation
Recommendation: Committee will endorse this action.
6. Board Policy No. 2003 – Institutional Values
Recommendation: Committee will recommend second reading.

NMC 2015-2020 Strategic Plan:

Regent Orilla motioned to adopt the NMC 2015-2020 Strategic Plan and seconded by Regent Sanchez.

Yes – Regent Orilla
Regent Sanchez
Regent Peter
Regent Rechebei

No – Regent Torres
Regent Lizama

Initial Accreditation with WASC Senior:

Regent Orilla motioned to endorse the WASC Senior Self Study Report under Pathway B and seconded by Regent Sanchez. Regent Torres added that the Fiscal Committee is also endorsing this action. All seven members voted yes, the motion passed.

Board Policy No. 3006 – Articulation:

This policy is adopted for first reading only and it is with the committee for further review.

Board Policy No. 2003 – Institutional Values:

This policy is adopted for first reading only and it is with the committee for further review.

NMC’s proposed Option No. 1 on salary adjustments:

Regent Lizama motioned to endorse Option No. 1 on salary adjustments and seconded by Regent Sanchez. All seven members voted yes, the motion passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairperson Rabauliman provided an update on a recent meeting with all of the Committee Chairpersons. He highlighted the following:

1. Calendar of Events
2. Student Management System – Dr. Hart indicated that the college would be implementing this new system in the fall of 2014.
3. BOR Portal is ready for the Board’s use.
4. President’s Travel
5. Board’s Travel
6. Board Retreat

NMC EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President’s Report:

Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., NMC President informed the board that her report is in the packet. She added that there is going to be a huge Reaffirmation Celebration and all are invited to attend. Additionally, she apprised the board on the status of the WASC Senior Substantive Change for a new Baccalaureate program in Business.

Chief Financial Officer Report:

Tracy M. Guerrero, Chief Financial Officer Report provided an update of the fiscal status of the college. She highlighted the following:

1. FY2014 YTD Consolidated Statement of Revenues and Expenditures (Unaudited as of January 31, 2014).
2. FY2014 YTD Revenues over Expenditures
3. FY2014 YTD Revenue by Type
4. FY2014 YTD Functional Expenditures by Type
5. FY2014 YTD Operations Budget Variance
6. \$500,000 Shortfall

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Frankie M. Eliptico, External Relations Director provided an update on legislative matters (handout provided). He highlighted the following:

1. The House of Representatives and the Senate has introduced a Resolution congratulating NMC for achieving Accreditation Reaffirmation.
2. Joint Legislative Meeting with Education Committee set for March 5, 2014 in Building D-1 from 9am – 12pm (located directly across from the NMC Bookstore).
3. Annual Report (17-47) to be provided to the legislature.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Action Items need to be provided in advance.
2. Committee meetings need to be way in advance of the Regular meetings;
professional resources.
3. Monthly Board meeting

BOARD PLANNING SESSION

Schedule Next Meeting

March 31, 2014 – Regular Meeting

March 5, 2014 – Joint Legislative Meeting with Education Committee

Post the Annual Calendar on the Portal

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 5:50p.m.