STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Campus Location: Building J
Phone: 237-6788

Associated Students of Northern Marianas College (ASNMC) is the official student governance body of the Northern Marianas College. Founded on the principles of unity, leadership, and service, ASNMC strives to foster effective communication between students and the rest of the campus community to address student issues and concerns, thus maintaining and improving the quality of education and student life on campus.

ASNMC was chartered on September 12, 1986, pursuant to NMC Board Policy 5007-Student Services and Governmental Affairs. One year after of its charter, ASNMC implemented the first student focus planning committee that ratified the governance body’s constitution to include the establishment of the first internal student clubs and requested that the board include a non-voting member to the Board of Regents. ASNMC has chartered over 35 student clubs in the past with membership applications for club organization increasing every semester. Some of the most popular and most recently chartered student clubs include the Proa Rhetoric Circle, the PROA Canoe Club, the ‘Till the Day Mission Bible Study Club, and the Micronesia Club. These new clubs come in addition to very active and popular student clubs such as the PROA Music Society.

ASNMC is a cooperative and student-driven governance body that shapes the core of student leadership. Its executive cabinet comprises four students who are elected at large by the student body and serve a one-year term in office. The positions are the President/Student Regent, Vice-President/Inter-Club Council Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. Additionally, three senators are elected at large to represent the student body at NMC while a collective governing body of club representatives that forms the Inter-Club Council acts as the main advisory council to the executive cabinet.

Past successes for ASNMC include co-chairing the 2006-2008 college charter day, hosting numerous forums for CNMI-wide issues, hosting two forums that increased awareness on how students can positively impact their college community, and actively participating in the College's governance meetings. ASNMC officers are members of the College's internal governance bodies that shape the college’s views on student perspectives and concerns. The bodies include the Board of Regents, the College Council, the Recruitment Committee, the Graduation Committee, the Charter Day Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee, and the Council of Presidents.

ASNMC was instrumental in student-related functions such as the International Education Day, which showcases numerous student talents and cultural. In addition, ASNMC has continuously worked in partnership with the Office of Student Activities and Leadership (OSAL), along with chartered clubs as part of the Inter-Club Council, in developing a Student Affairs Committee that supported all student leadership functions and events.
STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP
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The Office of Student Activities and Leadership (OSAL), in coordination with the ASNMC Student Government and various departments, faculty, and staff, promotes student activities that enhance personal, cultural, social, recreational, and leadership skills. Students at NMC are highly encouraged to participate in student activities to attain a well-rounded college education and to add to their overall college experience. Some of the wide array of student activities offered includes debates, sporting events and tournaments, musical and dance performances, and student workshops and seminars.

SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM
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The Service Learning Program offers students the opportunity to enrich their classroom learning through the experience of service in the community, thereby promoting civic engagement and responsibility. Funded by a grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service through Campus Compact National Center for Community Colleges, this program is available at the main campus and the instructional sites.

STUDENT CLUBS
Students may join or establish a wide variety of clubs, organizations, and groups on campus. Club membership is an excellent way to meet other students who share the same interests. Students interested in forming a new club, or those who would like information on existing clubs on campus, should contact the ASNMC Student Government or the Office of Student Activities and Leadership.

2012-2013 Registered Student Organizations:

- The Anime Club
- Criminal Justice Student Organization
- Delta Sigma Omicron
- Dramatize
- Environmental & Natural Resources Organization (ENRO)
- Korean Student Committee of NMC
- LITS Campus and Career
- Micronesian Club
- Nursing Club
- Proa Music Society (PMS)
- Proa Rhetoric Circle
- Saipan Gospel Fellowship
- School of Education Club
- Till the Day Mission (TDM) - Pacific
- Women Empowerment Club

HONOR SOCIETY: PHI THETA KAPPA
Phi Theta Kappa, the national community/junior college honor society, recognizes student academic excellence and leadership potential and gives members the opportunity for involvement in leadership, travel, and campus and community service activities. An annual Honors Institute is held each June at university campuses around the nation. The
honors theme is reflected in programs developed by the various chapters. Students must have a 3.5 grade-point average to be eligible for Phi Theta Kappa membership.

**PROA NEWSLETTER**
PROAnews is the official newsletter of the Northern Marianas College. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide timely and relevant NMC news and information to students, faculty, staff, and the community. It is published by the Office of Institutional Advancement’s Marketing and Public Relations Office. It is distributed via email to all students, NMC employees, and members of the community on Mondays. To receive PROA news, please send an email to pr@nmcnet.edu with your name and email address.

**STUDENT CENTER**
The NMC Student Center is considered home to many NMC students. It’s the place to meet old and new friends and take part in a game of billiards, darts, chess, checkers, or cards. You can also relax and watch DVD movies or surf the Internet with free wi-fi. The NMC Student Center is where most student activities and events take place. Students may reserve the Student Center for special events by submitting a reservation form to the Office of Student Activities and Leadership.

**STUDENT EMAIL**
New Students are required to sign-up for an email address during registration. Students unable to obtain an email address during the registration process must visit the Computer Lab Supervisor's Office located in Building W to obtain one. New Students must present their registration forms to the Computer Lab Supervisor as proof of their enrollment status. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Computer Lab Supervisor at 237-6828.

**Student Email for Official Correspondence with Students**
NMC Student Email serves as a tool for official college communication with NMC students. Official email communication serves both the academic and administrative needs of the college. The college has the right to expect that such communication will be accessed and read in a timely fashion.

**Student Responsibilities Regarding Use of Email**
Students are expected to access and read their email on a regular basis to stay current with College-related communication. Students have the responsibility to perform routine maintenance of their email account content to avoid exceeding maximum storage limits. Students also have the responsibility to recognize that certain communication may be time-critical. “I didn’t check my email”, error in forwarding mail, or email returned to the College with “Mailbox Full” or “User Unknown” are not acceptable excuses for missing official College communication via email.

**Redirecting of email**
Redirecting email does not absolve a student from the responsibilities associated with official communication sent to their NMC Student Email account. If a student wishes to redirect email from their official NMC Student Email address to another email address (example: @yahoo.com), such forwarding is done by the student, and at the student’s own risk. Faculty and others may still require that student use their official NMC Student Email account for submitting email correspondence.

**Academic Uses of Email**

NMC Email and NMC Online (course management system) provide tools for electronic communication between faculty and students. Faculty will determine how such communication is used as part of their courses. Student responsibilities detailed in this “NMC Student Email Policy” allow faculty and other college officials to reasonably assume that NMC Student Email will provide an expedient means of communication with students and that email communication can be used as a part of course-related requirements.

**STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

Student names and email addresses are designated as “Public” or “Directory” information and may be used in the NMC Student Email Directory. Students have the right to restrict disclosure of ANY or ALL of this information. A form for the purposes of restricting directory information is available to students from the Office of Admissions & Records. Northern Marianas College assumes the failure on the part of any student to specifically request the withholding of public information indicates individual approval for disclosure.

**AUXILIARY SERVICES**

**BOOKSTORE**

The NMC Bookstore carries textbooks, school supplies, magazines, paperback books, and casual clothing items. The Bookstore is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with expanded hours during the semester when classes start.

**SNACK BAR**

Hot lunches, sandwiches, soba, fresh fruit, local treats, other snack items, and beverages are available at the NMC Snack Bar on the Saipan campus.

**HOUSING**

NMC does not provide student housing. All available housing is located off-campus. Students may inquire with the Dean of Student Services for a recommendation of housing available on Saipan or in the vicinity of the As Terlaje campus. There are numerous housing options available ranging from single rooms in apartment/hotel complexes to 2 and 3 bedroom houses. Students are responsible for finding accommodations and negotiating lease/rental rates on their own.