



Northern Marianas College

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Standard Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2013
01:00 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.
Building N-5

Type of Meeting: Open Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Chenglong (Alex) Shen

Invitees: ASNMC Officers, Senators, and all Regular Members

Present:

1. President Chenglong (Alex) Shen
2. Vice President Lani Russell (came in about ten minutes after call of order)
3. Secretary Jian Joyner
4. Treasurer Riya Nathrani
5. Senator Ervin Cruz
6. Senator Justine Mallari
7. Senator Faithful Mendiola
8. Lawrence Camacho (came in about five minutes after call of order)

I. Call of Order

The meeting opened with President Alex giving the call of order at 1:06 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present during roll call:

1. President Chenglong (Alex) Shen
2. Secretary Jian Joyner
3. Treasurer Riya Nathrani
4. Senator Ervin Cruz
5. Senator Justine Mallari
6. Senator Faithful Mendiola

III. Adoption of Minutes

No minutes of previous meeting.

IV. Public Opinion/Comment

After roll call, President Alex moved on to number four of the agenda, where he asked whether or not the public had any comments or concerns. A few of the officers brought up a few things they had heard or talked about with other students of NMC:



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- Online registration would be much easier (Riya)
- Complaints over staff bonus (Ervine)

About five minutes after the meeting had begun, Mr. Lawrence came in and joined us. The first comment he had was that the location of the meeting was not on the agenda; therefore, he had to go “looking all over.”

- Meeting room not on agenda (Lawrence)
- Get a hold of student fees (Lawrence)

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. ASNMC Advisor candidacy

ASNMC Advisor Candidacy Nominations:

1. ~~Tim Baker~~
2. ~~Tracy Guerrero~~
3. Barbara Hunter (4)
4. **Ajani Burrell (2)**
5. Chris Todd (3)
6. **Manny Castro (1)**
7. ~~Charlotte Cepeda~~
8. ~~Dr. Grace Turner (?)~~

ASNMC is required to have two advisors. We came up with eight possible candidates, narrowed it down to four, and then selected our top two choices: Manny Castro and Ajani Burrell. Senator Faithful said, “We need someone that’s here who already knows the process of everything around here on campus, and then we need someone new, a different perspective from other universities.”

During the meeting, Senator Ervin contacted Mr. Castro via phone, and Mr. Castro said he is willing to be an advisor for ASNMC. I highlighted his name to show that he is a confirmed candidate. As for Mr. Burrell, Treasurer Riya and Senator Faithful have agreed to both ask him whether he would be willing to be our advisor.

B. Distribution of committee responsibility



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“There are different committees that the student government is participating in, so let’s distribute the workload right now,” said President Alex. Because this is his second year in office, he briefly explained what each committee is to the other members, and members were nominated or volunteered to represent that committee.

NMC COLLEGE COMMITTEES	
Committee	Representative
Management Team	ASNMC President
College Council	ASNMC President & Justine Mallari
Academic Council	Riya Nathrani
Budget & Finance Committee	Riya Nathrani
Program Review Outcome Assessment Committee	Lani Russell
Recruitment Committee	Justine Mallari
Registration Committee	Ervin Cruz
Graduation Committee	Faithful Mendiola
Charter Day Committee	Faithful Mendiola & Lani Russell
SAIL Team	Faithful Mendiola

ACCREDITATION STANDARD TEAMS	
Standard	Representative
I.A: Mission	Alex Shen
I.B: Improving Institutional Effectiveness	Alex Shen
II.A: Instructional Program	Riya Nathrani
II.B: Student Support Services	Faithful Mendiola
II.C: Library and Learning Support Services	Faithful Mendiola
III.A: Human Resources	Justine Mallari
III.B: Physical Resources	Justine Mallari
III.C: Technology Resources	Justine Mallari
III.D: Financial Resources	Riya Nathrani
IV.A: Decision-Making Roles and Process	Alex Shen
IV.B: Board and Administrative Organization	Alex Shen
Senior Commission: School of Education	Ervin Cruz

C. Establish goals for the year 2013 – 2014



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D. Review and amend ASNMC Constitution (attached)

President Alex assigned the rest of the ASNMC officers to read through the ASNMC Constitution at home and come with proposals at the next meeting. Here, we discussed whether to have weekly meetings instead of biweekly (which was decided later on).

a. Review revised proposed amendments from year 2012 – 2013 (attached)

President Alex then moved on to looking through the Proposed Amendments, where everyone (including Mr. Camacho) reviewed and made some changes to a few of the articles:

Important Key: “Underline” is addition to the original text.
 “*Italicized*” is revision to original text.
 “~~Strikethrough~~” is deletion to the original text.
 “(Parenthesis in red)” is the result since last discussion.

Amendment #1: (Motion to adopt by Riya, Ervin second; everyone agreed)

Amendment #2: “during the first two *weeks* upon announcement...”
 “qualification confirmation” wording

(Move for revision by Faithful, Riya second)

Amendment #3: “*Regularly elected ASNMC Student Government officers shall be sworn in within one week of the elections. New officers shall assume office at the beginning of summer semester.*”

(Motion to revise by Faithful, Ervin second; everyone agreed)

Amendment #4: (Motion to adopt by Justine, Riya second; everyone agreed)

Amendment #5: (Motion to adopt by Riya, Justine second; everyone agreed)

Amendment #6: “electronic or ~~verbal~~ hard-copy”

(Motion to adopt revision by Riya, Faithful second; everyone agreed)

Amendment #7: concern from Lawrence (disagreed)

(Motion to adopt by Jian, Ervin second; all officers agreed)

Amendment #8: (hold for Lani to review)

(Motion to review next meeting by Jian, Justine second; everyone agreed)

VI. ASNMC Committee Update/Announcement

ASNMC has decided to have weekly meetings.



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VII. Adjournment

Senator Justine motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Treasurer Riya second. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.