

Northern Marianas College
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
Minutes of August 4, 2009

DATE: August 4, 2009

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: BOR Conference Room

Voting Members Present:

Mark Haag, Chair, L & H Dept., AC Vice Chair

Pasquana Calvo, Acting Chair, Nursing Dept.

Frank Sobolewski, Chair, SSFA Dept.

Leo Pangelinan, Director, CPS

Pam Buckingham, Acting Director, SOE

Non-Voting Members:

Rosaline Cepeda, Director, OAR

Others Present:

Joyce Taro, Recorder

1) Review and Adoption of August 4, 2009 Agenda

Under Course Guide Review:

Cancellation: add BE110. Modification: add CM101, CM102, HI121, HI101. New: add BE111.

Motion to adopt the agenda with changes M/S: Frank/Pam. Motion carried.

2) Review and Adoption of the following Minutes:

a) May 29, 2008, June 26, 2008, August 7, 2008, September 11, 2008

b) November 20, 26 2008

c) December 23, 2008

d) January 5, 16, 2009

e) March 6, 13, 20, 2009

f) April 3, 9, 24, 2009

g) May 8, 15, 2009

h) June 5, 12, 24, 2009

i) July 1, 8, 28, 2009

Meeting minutes tabled.

3) Announcements

a) Professional Development Days (PDD) – **(Tabled)**

4) Old Business

a) New Immigration Requirements **(Tabled)**

b) Math Placement and Exit Exams (data & analysis) – SMHA – **(Tabled)**

c) Maximum Enrollment for Classes **(Tabled)**

d) Student Evaluation of Courses (Glenn & Cynthia) **(Tabled)**

5) Department Request to Place Program(s):

a) *On Inactive Status*

6) Individual Certificate Program (ICP) Revisions

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7) Individual Degree Program (IDP) Revisions

a) Rehabilitation and Human Services Program (RHSP) – **(Tabled)**

8) Course Guide Review

a) Cancellations

i) **BE110** (added): BE 110 was cancelled and is now replaced by BE111.

(1) Moved to cancel BE 110. M/S Leo/Pam. Motion carried.

b) Modifications

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c)

- i) NU 107
- ii) NU 207
- iii) NU 212
- iv) TS 103
- v) CM 101: It was recommended that the purpose be changed to reflect not only Chamorro speaking people but also include anyone who is interested.
 - (1) The purpose of this course is to promote awareness and the use of Chamorro as an indigenous language in the Mariana Islands.
 - (2) Motion to adopt CM 101 course guide as amended. M/S: Leo/Pam – Motion carried.
- vi) CM 102: Purpose should be changed. Must be the same as in CM 101. Motion to adopt CM 102 Course Guide as amended. M/S: Leo/Pam: Motion carried
- vii) HI121: Frank recommended to raise the English Placement Level to EN 101. Pam feels that this raising the English Placement Level may be a problem for our students. Readability should not be the only factor that determines how students learn in the course.
 - (1) A recommendation was made for Frank to get data on the grades in HI 121 of the EN 093/094 level students to determine if there is data to support raising the English Placement Level. No action was taken pending gathering data on HI 121 students in Fall 2007 and Fall 2008.
- viii) HI 101. No action was taken.

d) New

- i) RH 130 (**Tabled**)
- ii) RH 150 (**Tabled**)
- iii) RH 210 (**Tabled**)
- iv) RH 220 (**Tabled**)
- v) RH 230 (**Tabled**)
- vi) RH 250 (**Tabled**)
- vii) BE 111: In the last AC meeting, there were some changes recommended. Frank presented the Course Guide with the recommendations incorporated.
 - (1) Motion was made to adopt the BE 111 Course Guide without any additional changes. M/S Leo/Pam. Motion carried.
 - (2) BE 111 is a required course for any student who is taking MA 088, MA 089, or MA 091.

9) New Business

a)

10) Adjournment

Meeting was recessed at 10:50am and will reconvene on Thursday, August 6, 2009 at 9:30am.

“In order to foster a better informed and cohesive college community, NMC faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend.”