

## FINAL Academic Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: June 26, 2006  
TIME: 11:00 am to 12:30 pm  
PLACE: Room N-5

### AGENDA

- 1) Review and Adoption of June 19, 2006 Meeting Minutes
- 2) Review and Adoption of June 26, 2006 Agenda
- 3) Old Business
  - a) WASC related issues
  - b) Course Guide N:Drive and web templates
  - c) Course guide reviews:
    - i) CT 190
    - ii) CT 191
    - iii) CT 192
    - iv) AR 216
  - d) List of Health & PE courses (all Stop Outs):
    - i) PE 105
    - ii) PE 110
    - iii) PE 129
    - iv) PE 141
    - v) PE 145
    - vi) PE 150
    - vii) PE 165
    - viii) PE 202
  - e) Reading levels for NDU math
  - f) Marine Tech Program
- 4) New Business
- 5) Other Issues
- 6) Schedule of next meeting

**Members present:** Glenn Keaton – AC Chairperson, Sciences, Math & Technology; Felicitas Abraham – Rehabilitation & Human Services; Jeanette Villagomez – ALO; Larry Lee – Business; Lynne Curtis – Nursing; Michael Nurmi – Languages & Humanities; Michael Reber – School of Education; Sam McPhetres – Social Sciences & Fine Arts

**Members absent:** Doris Aldan-Atalig – Office of Admissions & Records; Kathy Pohl's representative – Counseling Programs & Services; ASNMC's representative

**Others present:** John Furey; Donna Leong-Aguon – Recorder

The Academic Council Chair Glenn Keaton called the meeting to order 11:14am.

- 1) Review and Adoption of June 19, 2006 Meeting Minutes  
The AC **moved, seconded and unanimously adopted the June 19, 2006 Meeting Minutes as is.**
- 2) Review and Adoption of June 26, 2006 Agenda  
The AC **moved, seconded and unanimously adopted the June 26, 2006 Agenda as is.**
- 3) Old Business
  - b) Course Guide N:Drive and web templates – nothing new reported
  - c) Course guide reviews:
    - i) CT 190 - **tabled**
    - ii) CT 191 - **tabled**
    - iii) CT 192 - **tabled**
    - iv) AR 216 - **tabled**
  - d) List of Health & PE courses (all Stop Outs):
    - i) PE 105
    - ii) PE 110
    - iii) PE 129
    - iv) PE 141
    - v) PE 145
    - vi) PE 150
    - vii) PE 165
    - viii) PE 202

The AC **moved, seconded and unanimously approved the Stop Outs of PE105, PE110, PE129, PE141, PE145, PE150, PE165 and PE202.**
  - e) Reading levels for NDU math – **tabled**
  - a) WASC related issues  
Dean Jeanette reported she did not receive the team listing for October's comprehensive site visit. The only appointment we know of is Dr. Guy Lease as team chair.

The draft for NMC's newest catalog will be out this week. Dean Jeanette stated each Department Chairperson will receive one copy. She asked that everyone look over their section and other sections as well. When asked by Glenn about the printing schedule for the catalog, she hoped to receive 5 copies from the printers by July 21<sup>st</sup> to accompany the Self-Study Reports to WASC.

When reviewing the draft catalog, Dean Jeanette said not to worry about the Table of Contents. She asked that sections pertaining to the grading system be

given a look over, and stated there are discrepancies in the listings of IDPs. Regarding the directory at the back of the catalog, rather than list the college by departments or programs, she alphabetized the employees' names with their titles and degrees/credentials.

f) Marine Tech Program

John Furey informed the AC members that they took the boat out on a sea trial; it was needed as part of the procurement process. Twenty-two people rode the boat to Tinian; the boat ride was great, there were no problems. He also mentioned a trip to Managaha.

Larry asked about the maintenance of the boat, and John informed him how much grant money was available. Larry asked who captains the boat, and John said there will be a pool of captains, including NMC's own Robert Suzuki. John also stated he will have a grant for a Marine Tech Coordinator position, but this certain person would not be allowed to captain this boat. Larry asked if the boat would support our biology classes, and John answered a large percentage of science classes would benefit, including Natural Resources Mgmt, earth science, physical science, general biology, Sam's history classes, etc.

Tee asked how often the boat could be used, and John said once a week. She asked where the boat would be stored, and John stated the boat has a marina slip in prime location at Smiling Cove. Larry asked about insurance, and John said he has that estimate which can be paid from grant money, grant savings, or the grant's indirect costs (which he spoke to Raaj about).

John mentioned he may get two to three more grants for PauPau Center. He also talked about three major public attractions that could generate money to help with costs. Two of the attractions include the skeletal bones of the baleen whale from Tinian, and the grow-out program (giant clams) currently in progress.

Glenn asked about the deadline for giving back money, if necessary, to the federal government, and John said September 30, 2007. Tee did not think NMC should worry about money being taken away immediately. She stated that in her 20 years of contacts with the federal government, she had found them willing to allow grantees to work out problems rather than take the money back.

Some AC members want to academically endorse the boat so discussion followed on the contents of the letter of endorsement. It will be addressed to NMC's President and the Board of Regents. It should state that the Academic Council recommends the purchase of the San Isidro catamaran for use in NMC's science programs and the PauPau Center. It should state John Furey's vision statement because it ties into NMC's programs. It should mention that

the boat will enhance several of NMC's academic programs. John explained the grant was written as a science improvement grant to improve NMC's programs and increase students' interest.

Larry explained he was not against the boat, but he, like everyone else, was concerned about the economy and people lay-offs. Tee said everyone supports the program, but money is a concern. John stated he would not tap into NMC money and the boat would be totally operational between 3.5 to 5 years. Tee asked when the Center would be open, and John said three to five years, and also stated the products from the Center's store will be a source of income.

Michael Reber explained the on-going eco-camp in Rota and the desire for it to be long-term. He said that program (or a man in that program) has and is using a boat for this camp. The man intends to use tourist fees to help recover fuel costs.

Tee did not want NMC money used on the boat; she had reservations. She asked about the cost benefits between leasing a boat versus buying a boat. John responded that a one-week trip to Pagan costs \$25K. If NMC owned a boat, this same trip could cost \$8K to \$9K. John also stated the students would not be charged.

John explained the opt-out option; NMC is able to sell the boat if needed. University of Guam has three boats, and their Marine Tech program was outstanding, until Guam was hit by a typhoon. Palau was also said to have a marine tech program.

After this long discussion, the matter was put to vote: The Academic Council endorses the Marine Science Center including the purchase of a boat on the basis of its academic value. There were three aye votes and two nay votes.

- 4) New Business – **none**
- 5) Other Issues – **none**
- 6) Schedule of next meeting  
Next Monday, July, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00am in Room N-5.

The Academic Council Chairperson Glenn Keaton adjourned the meeting at 12:05pm

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