I. Call to Order: 2:00 p.m.

II. Chairman’s Remarks and Preliminary Matters

A. Present

1. BOR members: Fermin Atalig, Teresa Taitano, Kimberlyn King, Eloise Furey, Vince Seman, Galvin Deleon Guerrero

2. NMC Staff and Faculty: President, Vice President, Chas Algaier, Al Santos, David Atalig, Al Johnson, Kohne Ramon, George Pangelinan, Danny Wyatt, Vince Riley, Ed Camacho, Doris Platevega, Vince Merfalen.

3. Students: Christopher Cabrera, ASNMC Vice-President and Patricia Borja, ASNMC Student Representative.

4. Other Visitors and Guests: Daniel Nielsen, Special Assistant to the Governor, Mat Rabago (Saipan. Tribune), Joseph O’Rayeh (SGI), Yaeko O’Rayeh (SGI), Lean Webber (SGI).

B. Welcome/Introduction to new regents, Mrs. Eloise Furey and Mr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero. Mr. Nielsen conveyed Governor’s appreciation and welcome.

C. Agenda was reviewed and approved.

D. Minutes of 05/15/01 – motion to approve carried unanimously.

E. The Chair congratulated the President and Staff for this year’s Graduation.

III. The joint session between the Board of Regents and the NMC Foundation Board was tabled due to the Foundation not making quorum. Reschedule to a time convenient for the Foundation members. Next week preferred.

IV. Reports

A. Fiscal/Legislative – Vince Seman

1. Update on Great Plains software. Consultant and company representative is assisting with the installation and training. By next F/L Committee meeting we should get accurate financial reports.

2. PELL draw-down and disbursement are up-to-date.

3. A/R: collections continue but still over $ 2 million. Asked staff to get assistance from credit bureau. Dan Nielsen suggested to contact Department of Finance to hold tax
rebate for those with debt to the government. NMC is a government agency even if it is autonomous.

B. Personnel Committee – Fermin Atalig

President evaluation above satisfactory… Chairman congratulated the President on the renewal of his contract.

C. President – (Written Report submitted)

1. Budget Call FY2002 Operations Funds – Priorities are aligned with the institution’s strategic master plan. The alignment with strategic goals and objectives conform to accreditation standards.

2. Sea Grant Consortium met earlier this month in Majuro. Participants were presidents of the different universities and colleges of this region. At the meeting, a proposal was made to NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) to establish a separate Sea Grant Status for our area of the Pacific.

3. Summer enrollees currently 264 or 352 FTE’s.


5. PPEC meeting/conference will be in June on Guam.

6. Regent Seman asked about the status of the drug-free policy.
   a. Policy approved without procedures is not enforceable. The CNMI policy is being used and has good results. Why are we not progressing towards implementing policy?
   b. President and Mr. Ramon explained that a committee is working on finalizing the procedures. When they complete their work the President will present it to the BOR. Regent Hines asked what is the estimated time to completion… Mr. Ramon estimates 2 weeks to the Management Council reviewing the final draft.
   c. Regent Seman emphasized the point that procedures are necessary.

7. Regent Furey asked for an explanation of the budget process; the President explained.

8. Chair asked for an orientation for the new BOR members.

9. Regent Hines asked about orientation for adjuncts. Dr. Moir explained that Department Chairs provide every adjunct with an orientation.

10. Regent Hines asked about a problem with an adjunct instructor from Tinian. Vice-President Moir reports that it is being worked on… willing to meet separately with Regents to discuss details.

11. Chair asked about updates to current NMC policies. President explained the plan for a total policy review and upgrade. A CD copy of current policies will be provided to the new regents.
12. Chairman declared the policy review and the drug-free procedures a high priority.

D. Faculty Senate

1. The Senate recently had an election of officers.

2. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate is fall.

3. Chair reported that he has reviewed the issues and concerns raised at Professional Development; a written report was sent to the Faculty Senate President.

E. Associated Students of NMC

1. Mr. Chris Cabrera gave a summary of the year’s activities.

2. Mr. Cabrera, the Vice-president is the only officer remaining; all others resigned their position due to personal reasons.

3. Regent Seman asked how the BOR could better serve the needs of the students. Ms. Patricia Borja responded with her visions and expectations for ASNMC. She also reported that she, on behalf of ASNMC, meets frequently with President Sablan.
   a. Advanced placement and testing… currently being worked on with Dr. Moir.
   b. Expanded language program… working with the Languages Department on this already.
   c. Orientation of ASNMC officers. Program under development.
   d. New facilities are desired (Saipan).
      i. The student center in not being maximized by the total student population.
      ii. Many students “hang out” at different locations on campus. Future plans should include budgets to make improvements and additions these student areas.

4. Regent Seman asked the Legal Council about the legality of appointing a student member to the BOR like the University of Guam. Mr. Borja explained. Law dictates the BOR composition. Legislation is necessary in order to add a student position. On the other hand, the BOR can decide to

V. Old Business

A. Higher Education Licensing and Certification. Chairman gives an update. Draft Certification and Licensing Policy will be ready by the 2nd week of June. This will be in advance of the established deadline of July.

B. BOR Policy 5002, Residency: Tabled till the next BOR meeting

VI. New Business
A. BOR Policy 3010, Academic Integrity: Assigned to the Program Committee for review and recommendation.

B. Dr. Ikeda by Mr. Joseph O’Rayeh and Ms. Lean Webber.
   1. President introduced Mr. Joseph O-Rayeh and Ms. Lean Webber. Mrs. Webber had earlier met with the BOR Chairman, the NMC President and Congressman Dino Jones. At the meeting, they requested an "Honorary Professorship" be granted to Dr. Ikeda in order to formalize relations with the Soka schools. NMC has already established other “sister schools”. The Soka University and Colleges could be a “sister school” of NMC.
   2. Mr. O-Rayeh presented a summary of Dr. Ikeda’s work and the recognition has received throughout the world. The University of Guam awarded Dr. Ikeda the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters in January 2000.
   3. An opportunity for NMC to get worldwide publicity and recognition through Dr. Ikeda’s work the Soka University and the Soka College.
   4. A relationship with NMC will open up a student exchange program with the Soka schools.
   5. Ms. Webber gave a brief history and origin of the philosophy that Dr. Ikeda is promoting.
   6. Dr. Moir expressed concern that NMC does not normally grant “Professorships”, therefore, an honorary title may not be within the NMC authority.
      a. Mr. Dan Nielsen recalled an honorary title given by NMC several years ago. Precedence may have already been established which may support this request.
      b. Dr. Ikeda has over 200 books written in over 20 languages for donation to NMC. A couple of books and videos have already been donated to the NMC library for everyone’s review.
   7. Regent Seman assured everyone that the BOR would look further into the request and find a solution that will satisfy all.
   8. BOR Chair asked Dr. Moir and the Legal Council to conduct the research and report back to the BOR not later than next week.

C. Election of BOR officers: Tabled

VII. Adjourned to 11 June 2001; 4:00 p.m.