Call to Order: 3:10 p.m.

I. Present


B. NMC Staff and Faculty: Dr. Barbara Moir (Interim President); Mr. Jess Borja, Esq.; Chas Algaier, David Atalig, Bruce Johnson, Kohne Ramon, Al Johnson, and Vince Merfalen.

C. Other community members and guests: Agnes McPhetres, Dr. Christian Wei, Mr. Herman Sablan, Mr. Jess Taisague, and Gemma Cassas (reporter, Marianas Variety).

II. Preliminary Matters

A. Agenda was reviewed and approved.

B. Minutes of 4/4/02 were reviewed and approved.

III. Miscellaneous – Public Input

A. Chairman Atalig presented to the members of the Board, a letter from the CNMI Board of Education to the Board of Regents. The subject of the letter is opinion that the College Lab School (CLS) is a public school of the CNMI.

1. Mr. Algaier, Director of the School of Education, explained a legal opinion, dated March 1999.

   a. The legal opinion, in answer to the question, states that the CLS is not part of the CNMI Public School System as defined by the Commonwealth Constitution or statute.

   b. The purpose of the CLS is to train teachers. Educating student who attend the CLS is a by-product of the NMC teacher training program.

   c. In signing the document to enroll students at the CLS, parents and legal guardians agree to pay the tuition and fees approved by the NMC Board of Regents.

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2. Ms. Agnes McPhetres, former NMC President, provided a verbal history of the CLS and the process of its establishment. She emphasized that PSS was involved in the design of the CLS standards and curriculum at the time it was established.

3. Regent Seman recommends to the Board to meet with the BOE and to have Ms. McPhetres and Legal Counsel present when they do so. Dr. Moir expressed support of the recommendation and offered to draft a response for the BOR Chair as well as to coordinate and arrange for the meeting.

4. Regent Seman suggested that the meeting with the BOE be the start of a regular event in which the two boards discuss education issues. Dr. Moir will suggest this in the Chair’s letter. Ms. McPhetres and Regent Cabrera recall a monthly collaboration meeting of the two agencies and their boards. The practice stopped just over 4 years ago.

B. The Chair opened the floor for public opinion and comments; none made.

IV. New Business:

A. Request for license – EUCON International College. Regent Guerrero presented the report and recommendation of the Program Committee.

1. **Motion:** to grant the EUCON International College a seven month Provisional License with an upgrade to a full license upon completion of the following four items:
   a. Shipment of library materials to Saipan and assimilation into the EIC library;
   b. Actual arrival of faculty members as stated in the application for licensure;
   c. A BOR visit to the EUCON International College;
   d. BOR assessment of the EIC degree programs: AS in Science, BA in Bible, and BS in Education; and
   e. That no additional programs be implemented during the provisional period.

2. Discussion:
   a. Dr. Wei explained that the plan to implement a Nursing degree program is on hold until the requirements of the Board of Nurse Examiners are met. EIC currently has a request to the BNE to establish a nursing program. EIC will continue to offer preparatory courses for the NCLEX. The NCLEX prep is not a degree or certification program.
   b. Individuals seeking to take the NCLEX examination in the CNMI must get approval from the BNE. The EIC has no obligation to
ensure that any of its students obtain the BNE approval. BNE policy and procedures were provided by the Special Assistant to the Board... Legal Council confirms that the burden to meet BNE requirements for the NCLEX is on the individual seeking to take the test.

c. The previous nursing students will be pursuing alternate degrees such as an AS in Science.

d. Regent Guerrero emphasizes that the BOR intends to work with EUCON in a more collaborative manner than it did when the last EUCON license was under review. Collaboration should be the norm with all other applicants.

e. Regent Guerrero explains the reasoning behind the seven month period. A seven month period will run through the end of December 2002 or the completion of one regular college semester. It is anticipated that the requirements for an upgrade to a full license are clearly stated and easily achieved within a few weeks. Seven months should be ample time for EUCON to respond to the BOR in order for an upgrade in license to occur.

3. **Motion carried by a majority vote of 6 in favor and 1 opposed.**

B. Policies review and update

1. Proposed amendment to BOR Policy 4920 (No Smoking) to include a title change and inclusion of language to prohibit the use of chewing tobacco and betel nut inside college building and vehicles.

   a. **Motion to approve the proposed changes to BOR POLICY 4920 as submitted by the BOR Personnel Committee.**

   b. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2. Proposed amendment to BOR Policy 5007 (Student Government) to make minor change in grammar and language of paragraph 2 for the purpose of clarity.

   a. **Motion to approve the proposed changes to BOR POLICY 5007 as submitted by the BOR Program Committee.**

   b. Discussion: the word “state” in paragraph 2 should be changed to “Commonwealth.”

   c. **Motion carried unanimously with the change in paragraph 2 of the word “state” to “Commonwealth”**

3. Proposed change to BOR Policy 5011 (Graduation) to add a paragraph allowing the early certification of students who have filed a petition to graduate.
a. **Motion to approve** the proposed changes to BOR Policy 5011 as submitted by the BOR Program Committee and the addition of the words “and Comptroller” in the first sentence of the new paragraph.

b. Discussion: adding the Comptroller to the process emphasizes the need for students to meet financial obligations to NMC before an early certification is granted.

c. **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. Proposed change to BOR Policy 5715 (Student Rights and Responsibilities). BOR Policy 5715 is a 21-page document that is an extract of a section of the current NMC Catalogue. The proposal changes the existing policy by separating it into its five major sections and forming five separate policies (5715, 5716, 5717, 5718, and 5719).

a. **Motion to approve** the proposed changes to BOR Policy 5715 and adopting the new policies numbered 5716, 5717, 5718, and 5719.

b. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Proposed change to BOR Policy 6130 (Credit Cards). Referred to the BOR Fiscal and Legislative Committee

V. **Old Business:**

A. Request for License – Joy Pacific International University: Regent Guerrero reported that the Program Committee of the Board evaluated the Joy Pacific request for license and determined that important information was still lacking or pending before the Committee could recommend approval of a license. The Joy Pacific General Manager agreed to table the matter until all items are complete.

B. Request for License – CNMI International Business and Professional College

1. Motion to grant a provisional license with the following conditions:

   a. That IBPC clarify and declares their intent to establish and offer certification programs;

   b. That, if the intent is to offer certification programs, then, submit to the BOR Program Committee, a list of instructors and detailed descriptions and requirements of each program.

   c. That if the intent is not to offer certification programs, then to delete all reference to “certification” from IBPC documents.

2. Motion carried unanimously.
C. Search – Position of President: Regent Hinds reported that there are 18 complete applications received of which 7 qualified. The BOR will be finalizing their schedule for interviews with the Director of Human Resources facilitating the process.

VI. Executive Session

A. Adjourn: 5:30 p.m.