Call to Order: 3:30 p.m.

I. Preliminary Matters

A. Roll

1. **BOR Members:** Chairman Vincent Seman, Abelina Cing-Cabrera, Galvin Deleon Guerrero, Eloise Furey, Kimberlyn K. Hinds, Margarita Olopai-Taitano, honorary student member Jack Kiyoshi, and honorary faculty member Vincent Riley.

2. **Legal Counsel:** Jesus C. Borja, Esq.

3. **NMC Staff & Faculty:** President Kenneth E. Wright, Nathan Sablan of ASNMC, Al Johnson, John Griffin, Jack Sablan, Larry Lee, David Atalig, Tony Guerrero, Melody Actuoka, and Larrisa Savares as recorder.

4. **Other Community Members & Guests:** Janet Heineken.

B. **Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed and approved with no changes made.

C. **Minutes of January 30, 2002:** Minutes were reviewed and approved with changes.

II. Old Business -- no items on the agenda.

III. New Business

A. **Designation of Use of Public Domain Land on Rota** -- Dr. Kenneth E. Wright reports.

The Rota Delegation has $1 million to build a facility to accommodate the Corporate Recreational English Language Institute (CRELI) program. The current plans for the facility include labs, general classroom space, and offices for instructors. The Department of Public Works is holding back because a public designation has not been done yet. Last year, former Chairman Fermin Atalig wanted fee simple terms for the land.

**Motion:** To discuss and approve the designation of use of public domain land.

**Discussion:**

a. Operation costs of the facility will be covered by revenue generated by international student enrollment.

b. NMC will own the building but not the property.

c. The money will be used for construction of a new building with 10 classrooms.

d. The mayor is interested in building a convention center next door.
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e. There is a concern that NMC is getting a license and can get "kicked out" at any time. The contract states the terms for eviction.

f. Regent Hinds will contact the Tinian delegation regarding this matter.

**Action:** The motion was withdrawn and the item is tabled until the next meeting of the Board of Regents.

**B. Acquisition of New NMC Campus --** Regent Deleon Guerrero reports.

This item was deferred to executive session.

**C. OPA Report --** Regent Seman reports.

This meeting was called to allow the Board to choose the position it would like to take on the final report of the Office of the Public Auditor. The report was reviewed by all of the Board members. Board members, the NMC legal counsel, and the NMC President discussed all recommendations made by the OPA, as well as areas of concern.

**Discussion:**

a. 18 pages telling NMC how bad NMC did, but that the President followed all contract terms.

b. OPA exceeded its mandate from the Legislature.

c. A press conference should be held to clear up mistakes made by OPA.

d. Several House members have stated that NMC's reliance on Legislature for funding makes NMC partially autonomous.

e. OPA and PSS both receive funds from Legislature and continue to remain autonomous.

f. According to Article 15 Section 2a of the Constitution, NMC shall have autonomy in the administration of its own affairs.

g. Report came about from the Legislature trying to satisfy its constituents because no laws were broken.

h. Words such as "Assuming that", "If", "Should", "Fair", used throughout the report.

i. ASNMC feels that a strong response is needed for the benefit of the college. A hard tone would show that the Board was not lax. "Climate of fear" among students is an assumption that is wrong.

j. Faculty Senate Representative feels that stance should be like a "velvet hammer" -soft on the outside, but steel on the inside.

**Action:** A press conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

**IV. Miscellaneous**

A. Meetings between the PSS Commissioner of Education and NMC President Kenneth Wright have been occurring regularly to develop a seamless educational program from Kindergarten through the Baccalaureate level. Both see a need for a joint meeting of the
two agencies boards. An agenda is being developed. Also, there is a program that the Commissioner is interested in developing which involves inviting gifted and talented students to college for month of January of 2005 as first date of implementation.

B. The program to recruit Asian nationals to attend NMC has been accelerated by Rota's interest in the Corporate Recreational English Language Institute (CRELI) program. NMC Rota is interested in an ESL and nursing examination program as well. NMC Rota would like to have this in place by Fall 2003. There is a need to recruit a person for accent reduction and the NCLEX examination preparation program. Janet Heineken, President Kenneth E. Wright's wife, is a candidate for position at cost of $1 a year.

**Discussion:**

a. Also may want to consult with instructor Pat Layne, as this is one of her areas of expertise.

b. Assigned to Program Committee for review to determine if it is possible to do this and also to check for any conflict of interest.

V. **Executive Session:** All except honorary members, Legal Counsel Jesus Borja, President Kenneth Wright and Larrisa Savares were asked to leave the room.

A. At 4:50 p.m., the Regents entered into Executive Session.

B. Upon returning to the open meeting at 5:20 p.m., Chairman Seman announced that confidential matters regarding the OPA report and the acquisition of new NMC campus. Official action was not needed during the session, therefore official action does not need to be taken at this time.

VI. **Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Approved By:

Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero
BOR Secretary/Treasurer

Date