MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
of the
Board of Regents
Thursday, March 19, 2008
3:45pm

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

PRESENT:
Board of Regents: Acting Chairman Joey P. San Nicolas, Regent Elaine Orilla, Regent Agnes McPhetres, Regent Malua Peter, Regent Charles V. Cepeda, and Regent Linsa Lizama.
Absent/Excused: Chair Dr. Rita Inos

College Staff and Faculty: NMC President Dr. Carmen Fernandez, Honorary Faculty Regent Frank Sobolewski, Honorary Staff Regent Joyce Taro, Honorary Student Regent Ivan Mereb, BOR Special Asst. Mark Mendiola, Business Dept. Chair Eric Plinske, Acting Dean for Academic Programs Dr. Debra Cabrera, CFAO Raaj Kurapati, Student Services Dean Daisy Villagomez-Bier, Office of Institutional Effectiveness Director William Castro and Dean of COMPASS Tee Abraham.

Others: None.

I. OPENING PROCEDURES
A. Welcoming Remarks by Acting Chairman Joey P. San Nicolas.
B. Roll Call: Acting Chairman Joey P. San Nicolas called roll call. Six members of the Board of Regents were present. Chair Dr. Rita Inos is excused absent.
C. Public Comments/Miscellaneous
  □ No comments from the public at this time.

II. OLD BUSINESS
A. WASC Update
   The President presented a draft of the Exigency Resolution to the Board of Regents as promised at the last meeting of the Board. The Exigency Resolution was recently approved by the College Council for submission to the Board for further review.

   President Fernandez apprised the Board on her meeting with Rep. Ralph Torres Rep. David Apatang, Secretary Eloy Inos and Speaker Arnold Palacios where funds of $380,000 were approved and guaranteed for immediate renovations and
repaired by Secretary Inos. Rep. David Apatang intends to introduce a Saipan local bill for the remaining $1 million required.

Regent Agnes McPhetres talked about providing the Board with a comprehensive plan. Regent McPhetres would like the comprehensive plan to have the following information: A detailed plan on how the recommendations made by WASC will be addressed, term of accomplishment, and a schedule for each recommendation. The deadline to submit the report to the Board is at its April 2008 meeting.

President Fernandez responded that a draft schedule of actions on each respective WASC recommendation is being finalized and will be provided to the Board.

III. NEW BUSINESS
A. Accreditation Recommendation 1, 2, 4, and 6 – Facilities and Education Master Plan

Motion: Regent McPhetres motioned that the President submit to the Board of Regents a detailed Comprehensive Action Plan designed to guide all the activities aimed at addressing each recommendation presented in the action letter of January 31, 2008.
Second: The motion was seconded by Regent Cepeda.
Vote: There were no objections, the motion passed.

Further Discussion: Regent McPhetres would like the President to also include a compensation plan for the extra load that is needed to work on accreditation issues.

President Fernandez assured the Board that employees that are working overtime are being compensated properly as governed by the policies and procedures of the college.

Acting Chair San Nicolas apprised the Board that he has appointed Regent McPhetres to be the Chairperson of the Program Committee.

5 minutes recess
Back from recess

After careful review of the Exigency Resolution, Regent McPhetres made the following motion.
Motion: Regent McPhetres motioned to adopt the Exigency Resolution relative to the ACCJC Show Cause Order.
Second: The motion was seconded by Regent Cepeda.
Discussion: Several changes were recommended by Counsel Borja and Honorary Regent Sobolewski on the language to be used in the Exigency Resolution.

5-minute recess
Back from recess

Continuation:
At this time, Acting Chair San Nicolas informed the audience that the Board is still discussing the motion to adopt the Exigency Resolution relative to the ACCJC Show Cause Order. In addition, there have been at least six recommended changes.

Further Discussion: Dr. Cabrera apprised the Board that the upcoming visit by Dr. Beno is not a show cause visit. This is an informal visit and it is not necessarily directly tied to the Show Cause status, therefore, it should not be included in the Exigency Resolution.

Recommendations made by Counsel Borja & Honorary Faculty Regent Sobolewski: Whereas the Commission advised NMC that a Special Report showing resolution of the findings of the 2006 Audit Findings be submitted on March 15, 2008 for review by the Commission at its’ June 2008 meeting, with a possible May 31, 2008 deadline for the submission of Supplemental information; and Whereas the Commission has asked that the College submit a Show Cause report by October 15, 2008 with a planned visit by the Commission Representatives prior to its January 2009 meeting, with a possible December 31, 2008 deadline for the submission of Supplemental information;

Exigency Resolution No. 08-01
The Acting Chair reaffirmed the motion as earlier stated to adopt BOR Resolution No. 08-01 as amended. After much discussion, the Exigency Resolution was adopted with the changes.

IV. WASC FUNDING REQUIREMENT
Regent Cepeda, Fiscal Committee Chairperson, apprised the Board that at the committee meeting, CFAO Kurapati presented the funding requirements for WASC Compliance. He recommended that every member of the Board of Regents study and review the funding requirements that was presented by the Administration and should anyone have any questions, the President should be able to address them. The funding information provided is solely for information purposes only at this time.

The Acting Chairperson felt that it would be prudent for the Board to move into executive session to discuss some matters that require the Board’s immediate attention.

Executive Session called at 5:30pm
Back at 6:00pm
V. BOARD MATTERS

Motion: Regent McPhetres motioned that the Acting Chairman of the Board appoint a Special committee comprised of the Chair, President, and the Legal Counsel to prepare a response letter to Dr. Barbara Beno which will be first reviewed by the entire Board of Regents.

Second: The motion was seconded by Regent Lizama.

Discussion: None.

Vote: There were no objections and the motion passed by a majority voice vote.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.