MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
of the
Board of Regents
April 10, 2008
Thursday, 4:27 p.m.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

PRESENT:

Board of Regents: Acting Chairman Joey P. San Nicolas via VTC Tinian NMC, Regent Elaine Orilla, Regent Agnes McPhetres, Regent Malua Peter, Regent Linsa Lizama,

Absent/Excused: Regent Dr. Rita Inos, Regent Charles Cepeda

College Staff and Faculty: NMC President Dr. Carmen Fernandez, BOR Special Asst. Mark Mendiola, Honorary Faculty Regent Frank Sobolewski, Honorary Staff Regent Joyce Taro, Honorary Student Regent Ivan Mereb, Legal Counsel Jesse Borja, Office of Institutional Effectiveness William Castro, Student Support Services Janice Tenorio, Dean of Student Services Daisy Villagomez-Bier, and Business Department Chair Eric Plinske.

Others: None.

I. OPENING PROCEDURES

A. Welcoming Remarks by Acting Chairman Joey P. San Nicolas.

1. Roll Call: Acting Chairman Joey P. San Nicolas called roll call. Five members of the Board of Regents were present.

B. Public Comments/Miscellaneous

1. Mark Mendiola, Special Asst. to the Board, announced the following activities of the college:

   April 11, 2008
   9:00am – Proclamation signing to kick-off the Charter Day Activities
   9:30am – Rededication ceremony for the Olympio T. Borja Memorial Library
   10:00am – CREES Open House (Fresh Shrimp for Sale)
   3:00pm – Charter Day Fundraising Activities NMC South Field

   April 14-18, 2008
   Career Discovery Week
2. Regent Lizama inquired about looking at revamping the international student tuition policy. She has been approached by students who have been living on the island for many years and wish to be considered for resident tuition.

Regent McPhetres recommended submitting this matter to the Fiscal committee for review.

Honorary Regent Frank Sobolewski informed the Board that the College Council is considering the recommendations from the registration committee for revising tuition rates in regards to non-resident students. However, it is not confirmed whether or not this matter has been submitted to the President for her review. But, if you are going to re-examine the issue, this proposal should be brought back to the table as one possible revision.

After much discussion, this matter was referred to the President and Fiscal Committee for review and consideration.

II. NEW BUSINESS
A. Letter to ACCJC
Motion: Regent McPhetres motioned to rescind previous motion during the Special Meeting appointing her to work with the President and the Chief Financial Officer.
Second: The motion was seconded by Regent Peter.
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous voice vote. There were no objections and the motion passed.

Motion: Regent McPhetres motioned to rescind the previous motion so that it would allow the Chair to do as he pleases in terms of letters to be sent to the ACCJC.
Second: The motion was seconded by Regent Peter.
Vote: There were no objections, the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
Discussion: None.

B. Ratify Request of President
Motion: A motion was made to Acknowledge the request of President Fernandez for Charter Day activities in the amount of $2,000 from the NMC Foundation.
Second: The motion was seconded by Regent Orilla.
Discussion: Regent McPhetres recommended that the legal counsel review the NMC Foundation Charter and the By-laws.
Vote: There were no objections and the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

C. Election of Treasurer
Nomination: Regent McPhetres nominated Regent Cepeda as Treasurer.
Second: The motion was seconded by Regent Orilla.
Vote: There were no objections and the motion passed by a majority voice vote.

III. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.