I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Attendance:

Board of Regents: Chairperson Charles Cepeda, Vice-Chairperson Maria (Malua) Peter, Regent Dr. Rita Hocog Inos, Regent Elaine Hocog Orilla, Regent Janet Han King, Honorary Faculty Senate Regent Frank Sobolewski, Honorary Staff Senate Regent Joyce Taro, Honorary Student Regent Ivan Mereb.

Excused/Absent: Regent Agnes McPhetres

Students: Dolaina Taman, Lena Wabol, ASNMC Secretary; Colin Kileleman, Jose Castro, Arnold Atalig, Johmar Untalan, Vincent Reyes, Jolene Naputi, Blaren Castro, Bo Yamada and Jose Tudela, ASNMC Vice-President.

College Staff and Faculty: Dr. Carmen Fernandez, NMC President; Frankie Eliptico, Acting OIA Director; William Castro, Director Office of Institutional Effectiveness; Leo Pangelinan, Acting Dean of Student Services; Dr. Debra Cabrera, Accreditation Liaison Officer/Dean of Academic Programs; Rogelio Madriaga, CFAO; Maria H. Aguon, NMC Tinian Administrator (Via VTC in Tinian); Martin Mendiola, NMC Rota Administrator (Via VTC in Rota); Skep Palacios, OIE; Cynthia Deleon Guerrero, SOE Director; Janice Tenorio, Director of Student Support Services; Tee Abraham, Dean of COMPASS; Adrian Atalig, IT Director; Manny Castro, Enrollment Manager; and Helen Camacho, Office of Institutional Advancement (Recorder).

Others: Jesse Borja, NMC Legal Counsel

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order on January 28 2009, at 3:43 p.m., in the BOR Conference room, Northern Marianas College.

A. Roll Call

Chairperson Cepeda called roll call. Five members of the Board of Regents were present.

Excused/Absent: Regent Agnes McPhetres

B. Review and Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Regent Dr. Inos moved to adopt the agenda.

Second: Regent Peter seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous.
C. Adoption of Minutes – December 30, 2008 Regular Meeting

Motion: Regent Orilla moved to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2008 Regular Meeting.

Second: Regent King seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/MISCELLANEOUS

A. Honorary Faculty Regent Frank Sobolewski indicated that the Spring 2009 enrollment has increased from Fall 2009. He took the opportunity to thank Loly Kingzio, Hera Ogo, Mona Camacho, Joyce Taro, Mark Haag and Glenn Keaton for their support during the registration/advising period.

B. BOR Chair Cepeda took the opportunity to welcome the students who were present in the conference room and thanked them for taking an interest in attending the board meeting.

III. REPORTS

A. ASNMC Report

Honorary Regent and ASNMC President Ivan Mereb highlighted some events and made some announcements (handout provided).

B. Staff Senate

No report.

C. Faculty Senate Report

Honorary Regent and Faculty Senate President Frank Sobolewski indicated that the Faculty Senate elections are ongoing (handout provided). He briefly talked about the insufficient faculty members being represented in faculty senate. He explained how he has already begun meeting with the NMC President, Dean of Academic Programs & Services, and some of the department chairs concerning this issue.

D. CFAO Financial Report

CFAO Roger Madriaga outlined (handout provided) the College’s current financial position. His report included the following highlights:

1. NMC will have a projected balance of $52,105 at the end of the fiscal year.
2. Tuition and Fees for FY2009 will have a projected revenue of $3.1 million.
3. The Smith Barney summary report indicated a gain of $164,443 for the period ending December 31, 2008.

E. President’s Report – WASC Accreditation Update

President Fernandez made some announcements. She indicated that the College Community is anxiously waiting the Commission’s response on the status of the college. She is hopeful that the news will be in the College’s favor. President Fernandez indicated that she had received a notification about the submission of a midterm report, which may be a positive indication of the Commission’s decision. President Fernandez also mentioned that the NMC Academic department
heads will be attending a training sponsored by WASC (Student Learning & Assessment) in Honolulu this week. The BOR Chair mentioned that during the meeting with the Commissioners, he noticed a positive reception to the College’s presentation and is confident that the College will get reaffirmed.

F. BOR Standing Committees

1. Fiscal Committee – BOR Action
   B. FY2010 Local Budget
      Motion: Regent King motioned to approve the FY2010 Local Budget with amendments that were distributed in a handout and to also accept the PL10-66 Annual Report.
      Second: Regent Peter seconded the motion.
      Vote: All four (4) members voted unanimously to approve the FY2010 Local Budget and to also accept the PL10-66 Annual Report.
   C. Approval of Signatories
      Motion: Regent King motioned to approve BOR Resolution No. 2009-01.
      Second: Regent Peter seconded the motion.
      Vote: All four (4) members voted unanimously to approve BOR Resolution 2009-01.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

   No executive session was called.

V. ADJOURNMENT

   The meeting adjourned at 4:15pm on January 28, 2009.