MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS
Special Meeting
Thursday, February 10, 2011
3:37 p.m.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Attendance:

Board of Regents: Regent Maria Paz C. Younis, BOR Chairperson; Regent Elaine Hocog Orilla, Regent Frank M. Rabauliman, Regent Maria (Malua) T. Peter, Regent Andrew Orsini, and Regent Juan T. Lizama.

Honorary Members: Antonio Tiples, ASNMC President; Clarice Arriola, Staff Senate President; and Larry Lee, Faculty Senate President.

College Staff and Faculty: Lorraine T. Cabrera, Interim President; Dawn Chrystal Revilla, Acting CFAO; Anita Camacho, PPMO Director; Galvin Deleon Guerrero, OIE Director/Accreditation Liaison Officer; Matthew Pastula, Library Services Director; Dr. Joe Peters, SOE Director; Bobbi Merfalen, Dean of Academic Programs & Services; Frankie Eliptico, OIA Director; Joyce Taro, APS Admin. Manager; and Helen Camacho, Office of Institutional Advancement (Recorder).

Others: Jesse Borja, NMC Legal Counsel; Agnes McPhetres, community member; Jack M. Sablan, community member; Moneth Deposa, Saipan Tribune News Reporter; Junhan Todeno, Marianas Variety News Reporter.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 3:37p.m., in the BOR Conference Room at the Northern Marianas College, Saipan campus.

A. Roll Call

BOR Chairperson Maria Paz C. Younis called roll. Six members of the Board of Regents were present.
B. Review and Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Regent Peter moved to approve the agenda with changes to move the Presidential Search Committee up to III. (b) and move the Ad-Hoc Committee Recommendations update under IV. (b).
Second: Regent Orilla seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/MISCELLANEOUS – None

III. New Business

A. BOR Resolution No. 2011-01: Relative to Declaring Exigency Relative to ACCJC Continued on Show Cause Order.

Galvin Deleon Guerrero, OIA Director/Accreditation Liaison Officer and Interim President Cabrera explained that although the intent of the board resolution is very commendable, the staff is concerned with the nature of the resolution and how the commission will view its passage. The staff believes that the commission might view the passage of the resolution as reactionary on the part of the College. The staff does not support the adoption of BOR Resolution No. 2011-01: Relative to Declaring Exigency Relative to ACCJC Continued on Show Cause. The staff recommends that the board forego the adoption of the resolution.

The board extensively discussed the concerns, points of views and recommendations presented by the administration as well as the members of the Board of Regents. After much discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: Regent Orilla moved to not adopt BOR Resolution No. 2011-01: Relative to Declaring Exigency Relative to ACCJC Continued on Show Cause Order.
Second: Regent Lizama seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business

A. WASC Accreditation Update – Interim President Cabrera provided a verbal report on recent events. She noted the following events:

1. WASC/ACCJC Action letter – Continued Show Cause January 31, 2011; NMC has until March 15, 2011 to submit a Show Cause Report and to be followed by a team visit.
2. Galvin Deleon Guerrero, OIE Director/Accreditation Liaison Officer provided a timetable and an analysis of the Continued on Show Cause order.
3. A draft report will be provided to the members of the board a week before its due date of March 15, 2011.
B. NMC Procurement Policy & Procedures

Anita Camacho, PPMO Director presented the final version of the procurement policies and procedures for the board’s review and approval. Regent Rabauliman, Fiscal & Legislative Committee Chair, informed the board that the committee met recently to review the proposed procurement policies and procedures and is ready to make a recommendation. The action is as follows:

ATTORNEY GENERAL’S RECOMMENDATION:

**Motion:** Regent Rabauliman moved to adopt the recommendation made by the administration to accept and incorporate the comments made by the Attorney General to lower the threshold amount from $25,000 to $10,000.

**Second:** Regent Peter seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Motion did not pass (2: yes – 4: no)

1. Yes – Regent Rabauliman
   - Regent Peter

2. No – Regent Orilla
   - Regent Younis
   - Regent Lizama
   - Regent Orsini

PROCUREMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

**Motion:** Regent Lizama moved to adopt the proposed NMC Procurement Policies and Procedures in its entirety as presented by the college administration.

**Second:** Regent Orilla seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Unanimous

1. Yes – Regent Orilla
   - Regent Peter
   - Regent Lizama
   - Regent Orsini
   - Regent Rabauliman

V. Executive Session

(At any time during the scheduled meeting the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential)

**Motion:** Regent Peter motioned to go into executive session at 5:31 p.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2011.

**Second:** Regent Orilla seconded the motion.
Vote: Unanimous

Regents called for a break at 5:25p.m. on February 10, 2011.

Break ended at 5:30p.m. on February 10, 2011.

For the record, executive session ended at 6:20p.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2011. The board did not take any action after the executive session.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting recessed at 6:25p.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2011 and was scheduled to resume on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 2:00p.m.

VII. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Attendance:

Board of Regents: Regent Elaine Hocog Orilla, Regent Frank M. Rabauliman, Regent Maria (Malua) T. Peter, Regent Andrew Orsini and Regent Juan T. Lizama.

Honorary Members: Clarice Arriola, Staff Senate President

Excused Absent: Antonio Tiples, ASNMC President; Larry Lee, Faculty Senate President.

College Staff and Faculty: Lorraine T. Cabrera, Interim President; Skep Palacios, President’s Office; Galvin Deleon Guerrero, OIE Director/Accreditation Liaison Officer; Farah Younis, Marketing Manager; Bobbie Hunter, Human Resources Office; Joyce Taro, Academic Programs and Services; Bobbie Merfalen, Dean of Academic Programs & Services; Frankie Eliptico, OIA Director; Dr. John Griffin, Vice-President for Faculty Senate and Helen Camacho, Office of Institutional Advancement (Recorder).
Others: Jesse Borja, NMC Legal Counsel; Moneth Deposa, Saipan Tribune News Reporter; Junhan Todeno, Marianas Variety News Reporter.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 2:00 p.m., in the BOR Conference Room at the Northern Marianas College, Saipan campus.

A. Roll Call

Acting BOR Chairperson Elaine Hocog Orilla called roll. Five members of the Board of Regents were present.

VIII. Executive Session

(At any time during the scheduled meeting the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential)

Motion: Regent Peter moved to enter into executive session at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2011.
Second: Regent Rabauliman seconded the motion.
Vote: Unanimous

For the record, the executive session ended at 3:16 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2011. The board did not take any action after the executive session.

IX. Adjournment

Motion: Regent Peter moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:17 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2011.
Second: Regent Rabauliman seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 3:17 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2011.