



**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS
Regular Meeting
Friday, May 23, 2014
9:30a.m.**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chairperson Frank M. Rabauliman called the meeting to order on Friday, May 23, 2014 at 9:30a.m., BOR Conference room, Saipan Campus.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Regent Frank M. Rabauliman, Chairperson
Regent Michaela U. Sanchez
Regent Juan T. Lizama
Regent William S. Torres
Regent Elizabeth D. Rechebei

EXCUSED ABSENT

Member Excused absent:

Regent Elaine Hocog Orilla
Regent Maria (Malua) T. Peter

NMC Staff/Faculty Present:

Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., Executive Secretary to the Board of Regents/NMC President
Helen B. Camacho, Board Secretary (Recorder)
Chris Timmons, HR Director/Legal Counsel
Barbara Merfalen, Dean of Academic Programs & Services
Daisy M. Propst, Acting Dean of Student Services
Amanda Allen, Accreditation Liaison Officer

LEGAL COUNSEL

Mark Scoggins, Board of Regents Legal Counsel

Members of the Public Present:

Moneth Deposa, Saipan Tribune News Reporter
Junhan Todeno, Marianas Variety News Reporter

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Regent Sanchez motioned to adopt the meeting agenda and seconded by Regent Rechebei. All members voted yes, the motion passed.

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

March 31, 2014 – Regular Meeting

Regent Torres motioned to adopt the meeting minutes for March 31, 2014 and seconded by Regent Rechebei. All members voted yes, the motion passed.

April 29, 2014 continued April 30, 2014 – Regular Meeting

Regent Torres motioned to adopt the meeting minutes of April 29, 2014 continued on April 30, 2014 and seconded by Regent Rechebei. So noted, to make reference on the reporting dates. All members voted yes, the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Torres motioned to move into executive session and seconded by Regent Sanchez. Executive Session called at 9:38a.m. Regent Rechebei motioned to rise out of Executive Session and seconded by Regent Sanchez. Executive session ended at 10:15a.m. Upon convening the meeting, no actions were taken. Chairperson Rabauliman called the meeting back to order.

REPORTS AND ACTION FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Time was reserved for Board members to report on any meetings they have attended.

Fiscal Committee Report – Regent William S. Torres, Committee Chairperson provided an update. He highlighted the following:

1. Outstanding matters brought to the committee since February was addressed.
2. Board Policy No. 7012 – Tuition and Fees placed on second reading.
3. Discussions on the Proposed MOU with Daito Bunka University; clarifications made that there are no cost implications; cost and credit arrangement of the participating students. Committee has no concerns.
4. Outstanding request with respect to the Foundation that will be coming up in August.
5. Net Instructional Costs analysis forthcoming in August.
6. Policy imperative for the uses of foundation funds forthcoming in August.
7. Learning environment at NMC – Facilities need upgrade and further focus.
8. Focus on Proposed Alternative financing.
9. Reflected on other revenue generating possibilities.
10. Debt Exploration paper on how to finance the overall facility for the college.
11. Budget Hearing set for May 30, 2014 at 9:00a.m, House Chamber. The college has put together an analysis packet for this meeting.

Regent Torres concluded his report.

Personnel Committee Report – Regent Juan T. Lizama, Personnel Committee Chairperson provided an update. He noted that there are some items coming from the Personnel Committee to the full board for action. Chairperson Rabauliman indicated that they are listed on the agenda. Regent Lizama requested to be excused at this time.

Program Committee Report – Regent Elizabeth D. Rechebei, Committee Chairperson provided an update (handout provided). Regent Rechebei highlighted the following:

1. College Completion Agenda – Benchmarks
2. College Completion Agenda – Full Time 15 Credits
3. Board Policy No. 3006 – Articulation
4. MOU with Daito Bunka University
5. Title IV Federal Financial Aid Requirements on all Institutions –impact in the CNMI.
6. Course offerings for Online and Onsite.
7. Review of existing policies and future policies to conform to WASC Senior.

Chair Rabauliman called for a short break. Break ended and Chair Rabauliman reconvened the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Policies for Consideration (Third Reading)

1. Board Policy No. 3006 – Articulation:

Regent Rechebei motioned to adopt Board Policy No. 3006 – Articulation and seconded by Regent Sanchez. All four members voted yes, the motion passed. There were no objections and Board Policy No. 3006 – Articulation is adopted.

2. Board Policy No. 5004 – Drug Free Workplace, Smoking:

Regent Rechebei motioned to adopt Board Policy No. 5004 – Drug Free Workplace, Smoking and seconded by Regent Sanchez. All four members voted yes, the motion passed. There were no objections, Board Policy No. 5004 – Drug Free Workplace, Smoking is adopted.

3. Board Policy No. 6000 – Compensation:

Tabled for reasons that the language that's contained in Board Policy 6000 is a restatement of what's already contained in the Administrative Procedures Act. After much discussion, the board tabled Board Policy No. 6000 for further review.

NEW BUSINESS

1. MOU with Daito Bunka University:

Consent/Informational only.

2. Establish Tuition and Fees for Fall 2014:

Regent Torres, Fiscal Committee Chairperson motioned to defer this item until further notice. There were no objections, this item remains with the Fiscal Committee.

3. Board Policies for Consideration (First Reading)
 - a. Board Policy No. 7012 – Tuition and Fees – This item is tabled and remains with the Fiscal Committee.
 - b. Board Policy No. 1004 – Compensation of Board members – Tabled for Executive session.

NMC EXECUTIVE REPORTS

1. President's Report:

Time was reserved for President Hart to provide an update on the following items:

- a. WASC Accreditation Update
- b. Benchmarks for the coming year.
- c. Policy on Independent Governing Boards – Assigned to the Executive Committee and consult with Legal Counsel.

2. Chief Financial Officer Report:

President Hart provided an update on behalf of Tracy Guerrero, CFO (handout provided). She outlined the college's current financial position. The report included the following highlights.

- a. Collaboration with OMB
- b. Compact/Impact funds
- c. Contingency Funds

3. Legislative Updates:

Frankie M. Eliptico, External Relations Office Director provided an update. He indicated that NMCs budget hearing has been scheduled for May 30, 2014 at 9:00a.m., in the House Chamber.

UPCOMING BOARD ACTIVITIES

1. Nursing Pinning Ceremony was held at the World Resort. The event was truly a success.
2. Graduation Ceremony – Saturday, May 24, 2014 at 4:30p.m.
3. Agricultural Fair on Saipan. CREES is a major component of the fair.
4. Agricultural Fair on Tinian is next week.
5. Regular Board Meeting in July.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was called at 12:25p.m. Executive Session ended at 1:05p.m. Upon convening the meeting, Chairperson Rabauliman indicated that no actions were taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Sanchez motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Regent Rechebei. The meeting ended at 1:06p.m.