



# College Council

THE DULY RECOGNIZED PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF THE  
NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE

## **DRAFT Minutes**

Friday, November 6, 2020, 9:00 a.m.  
via Zoom <https://marianas.zoom.us/j/92913226010>

### **The following members were present:**

Vice-Chair Ryan Calvo, Patricia Coleman, Dr. Mary Tabarsi Tsang, Geraldine Rodgers, Malysa Castro, and Maia Pangelinan

**Absent:** Polly Masga, Dr. Laura Taylor, Dr. Yunzi Zhang, Victoria Matsunaga

**Guest:** Roland Merar

**A. Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Ryan at 9:05AM with roll call.**

**B. The table below summarizes action concerning the agenda and minutes of the past meeting.**

#### ***Adopt today's agenda:***

- Motion to adopt by Geri with changes of moving the adoption of membership to New Business and tabling [\*\*\*BOR Policy 8007: Digital Content Accessibility Policy\*\*\*](#).
- Seconded by Mary.
- Agenda adopted with changes unanimously.

#### ***Adopt minutes, [\*\*\*October 23\*\*\*](#):***

- Motion to adopt by Patty.
- Seconded by Maly
- Minutes adopted unanimously.

**C. Ryan opened the floor to public comments, but there were none.**

**D. The table summarizes actions taken for old business:**

**Adoption of [College Council Bylaws](#).**

- Patty: There is no final date for the initial meeting to begin revising the IE Guide, but it will likely be scheduled before the end of November.
- Patty moved to table the adoption of bylaws per request of the Leadership Team until the IE Guide revision is completed to be sure that the bylaws are consistent with the IE Guide.
- Seconded by Mary.
- Motion carried unanimously.

**Election of officers: Ryan opened the floor to nominations:**

- Geri clarified according to the [bylaws](#) each officer position must be represented by the different constituency groups. Because Ryan represents the Staff Senate, then neither Geri nor Maly could be nominated for office. Nominations for the office of chair and secretary should be directed toward faculty, student, or administrator.

Nominating Person:	Nominee & Officer Position	Action by Nominee
Ryan	Patty for secretary	Declined
Ryan	Mary for secretary	Accepted with the condition that she begin duties in January 2021.

**Vote Mary as Secretary, effective January 2021 (Geri to serve as interim secretary until then):**

- Motion by Maly
- Seconded by Patty
- Motion carried unanimously. Mary will serve as secretary for College Council for AY 2020-2021, effective January 2021.

- *There was discussion to nominate Polly, but it was brought up from the minutes of the last meeting that she would decline all nominations. Geri displayed the minutes from October 23rd confirming this.*

Nominating Person:	Nominee & Officer Position	Action by Nominee
Ryan	Maia for chair	Accepted, but under the condition that Polly be asked first.

- Geri made a motion to table the election of chair until the next meeting, but later rescinded the motion since Patty was communicating with Polly via Whatsapp and accepted the nomination for Chair.

Nominating Person:	Nominee & Officer Position	Action by Nominee
Maia	Polly for chair	Accepted via text message, communicated to Patty, who

		announced the news to members.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Patty asked on behalf of Polly if Polly's previous term would affect her serving as chair. Geri brought up the point that since we did NOT adopt the amended bylaws, which do specify term limits for administrators, we would have to go by the <a href="#">"old" bylaws</a> which indicate that administrators do not have term limits.</i></li> </ul>		
<p><b>Vote Polly as Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion by Maly</li> <li>● Seconded by Maia</li> <li>● Motion carried unanimously. Polly will serve as chair for College Council for AY 2020-2021</li> </ul>		

**E. The table summarizes actions taken for new business:**

<p><b>Adoption of College Council Membership List</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion to table accepting the <a href="#">membership</a> list until the next meeting by Patty.</li> <li>● Seconded by Maia.</li> <li>● Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>
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**F. The table summarizes comments and announcements:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ryan: HRO is asking for members to share topics for the Spring PD. He also asked the specific dates, to which Mary responded January 6th &amp; 7th.</li> <li>● Mary: Asked if there were any details for the graduation on December 17th. Members had no updates.</li> <li>● Maia: ASNMC is spear-heading Toys for Tots with multiple drop-off locations around the island and a possible drop-off point at HRO.</li> <li>● Geri asked when the next meeting should be scheduled. Members discussed potential dates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Motion by Patty to select December 4th</li> <li>○ Seconded by Maly.</li> <li>○ Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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**G. Adjournment:**

- Motion to adjourn by Mary.
- Seconded by Maly.
- Vice-chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at ~10:13AM.