



Executive Council
11:10am March 24, 2021
Board Conference Room

MINUTES

Present:

Dr. Irene J. Taafaki	Chairperson/President
William Reiher	Executive Vice President
Dr. Elizabeth Switaj	Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
Stevenson Kotton	Vice President for Business and Administration Affairs
Stanley Lorennij (Not Present) Excused	Vice President of the Land Grant
Adedayo Ogunmokun	Faculty Senate President
Desmond Doulatram (Not Present) Excused	Faculty Representative
Ruthy Maun	Management Group President
Balos Balos (Not Present)	Staff Senate President
Melina Riklon (Not Present) Excused	SBA Representative

The Executive Council’s *second* meeting for the month of March 2021, was called to order by the Chairperson/President Dr. Taafaki at approximately 11:10 a.m., followed by an opening prayer from the Faculty Senate President.

MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting on March 3, 2021 were reviewed.

Approval:

There being no corrections, a motion was made by the VPASA to approve, seconded by the VPBAA. The motion was carried out by the majority with no abstentions.

UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

1. REGIONAL

- a. The President referred to the signature by the US President of the [American Rescue Plan of 2021](#), which will allocate \$40 billion dollars for higher education.
- b. The President also informed the Council that CMI, however, has not received the second part of the CARES ACT II, which is in regards to the institutional funding.
- c. PPEC
 - i. Due to the ACCJC’s virtual visit last week, the President was unable to attend the meeting but will be present at the meeting called for April 7.



- d. ESCAP
 - i. The President attended the launch of the Asia and Pacific SDG Progress Report 2021, which took place on March 16, 2021, a copy of which has been shared in the EC folder.
- e. NASA Includes Proposal Development
 - i. The President and the VPASA attended a meeting with UH and the other donor partners on March 12, 2021.
 - 1. The next meeting is March 25, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.
 - ii. The VPASA is working with WAVES in regards to CMI's part in the Planning Grant which involves pre-engineering Physics for a small group of CMI students.
- f. WICHE (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education)
 - i. The RMI Scholarship Board has become a member of the Western Regional Education Compact.
 - 1. As a result, a tuition fee reduction will occur for RMI students who attend universities in the U.S. Western States that are members of WICHE.
 - 2. The U.S. Department of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs is considering offering technical assistance funding for the WICHE membership fee for all the U.S. Territories and Freely-Associated States for FY 2022.
 - 3. More detailed information can be found at: <http://www.wiche.edu/>
- g. APIA
 - i. The President also updated the Council on CMI's APIA application, which has been submitted by the VPASA.
 - ii. More information can be found at: [Guided Pathways at Rural Colleges: Using Data to Launch Large-Scale Reform](#)

2. NATIONAL

- a. Special Budget Appropriation Committee
 - i. The President and the VPBAA attended the Public Hearing with RMI's Budget Appropriation Committee on March 10, 2021.
 - 1. After their presentation and deliberation with the Appropriation Committee, CMI's application and request was successfully received by the Committee, though the Supplemental Budget has yet to pass through the Nitijela.
- b. Meeting with Secretary Kijiner of the Ministry of Works, Infrastructure, and Utilities
 - i. The President reported to the Council that the site of a proposed seawall and landfill of Biker-Att and Lotodik was discussed during this meeting.



- ii. The Director of the Physical Plant will work closely with MoWIU's engineers in developing a plan to be presented to the Cabinet, in regards to the proposed landfill project.
- c. WB RMI Education and Skills Strengthening Project
 - i. The VPBAA attended the MIMRA Board Meeting and discussed CMI's long-existing proposal submitted to the Embassy of Japan of a Maritime Center, which was submitted in 2013.
 - 1. The World Bank, however, has accepted CMI's proposal, in assisting with its Maritime Program.
 - ii. CMI's working closely with NTC in addressing the need assessments for the Maritime Program.
- d. Improving the Quality of Basic Education (IQBE)
 - i. The President shared with the Council her meeting with the IQBE on March 22, 2021.
 - 1. The Council was informed by the President that CMI has received 2 years of budget out of a 3-year project.
 - 2. A discussion on the actual funding Math Lab is in progress.
 - ii. The CMI IQBE Team will be meeting on Friday, March 26, 2021.
 - iii. The Technical Meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2021.
- e. Arrak
 - i. The President reported to the Council of CMI's meeting with the MoHHS, NDC, and the OCS in regards to the Arrak Campus.
 - 1. CMI is on track in regards to transitioning back to Arrak.
 - 2. The President also emphasized and reassured the RMI Government Team of the availability of the Arrak Campus should RMI go into lockdown.
 - 3. The meeting occurred on March 19, 2021.

3. INTERNAL

- a. Accreditation Visit
 - i. The President repeated her appreciation to the CMI Community, especially the ALO, for their hard work and cooperation during the ACCJC's Virtual Visit on March 16th - 19th 2021, and expressed special gratitude for the work of the ALO and all departments that collaborated to ensure success.
 - ii. The President also informed the Council of her attendance in a webinar with the ACCJC this morning, March 24, 2021, which described the plans for future Peer Review Visits and the review and redesign of Standards.
- b. Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting
 - i. The President reminded the Council of the first quarter meeting for the Board of Regents, which is scheduled for March 30, 2021.
- c. Kwajalein Campus Development
 - i. As per the President, the project is progressing and moving forward.



- d. Education Alliance Partnership Agreement with Grand Canyon University
 - i. CMI's still waiting for GCU to sign the agreement.
- e. Meeting with the LNO for the US Embassy and Corps of Engineers
 - i. As per the President's meeting with the US Embassy and Corps of Engineers, there's a possibility of assistance to repair our sports facilities by the military.
- f. CCAMPIS Program
 - i. CMI is in coordination with a consultant in developing a proposal to apply for the CCampis Program before the deadline, which is June 1, 2021.
 - ii. For more information: <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/campisp/index.html>

ACCREDITATION UPDATE FROM THE ALO/VPASA

1. The ALO commended the CMI Community, especially the IT Director and Team, for CMI's ACCJC's Virtual Peer Review last week.
2. The official decision will be announced during the Commission's meeting that's scheduled for June 9th – 11th 2021.
3. The ALO also informed the Council of the re-development of the Accreditation Steering Committee in carrying out the next phase of the accreditation cycle.
 - a. The Accreditation Steering Committee is to work on the Improvement Plan Standards, recommendations, follow-up reports, etc.
4. As per the ALO, the next review will be in seven years.
 - a. The new standards are expected to be approved in June 2023.
5. 2021 Partners in Excellence Virtual Symposium registration is now opened. For more information: <https://accjc.org/partners-in-excellence-2021-vs/>

INFORMATIONS AND ISSUES

1. SBA

- a. Students are on their Spring Break

2. Executive Vice President

- a. The EVP reminded the Council in submitting the Prioritization Process Exercise that's due on March 31, 2021.

3. Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

- a. The VPASA reminded the Council on the need for individuals for the Disciplinary Panel.
- b. As per the VPASA's written report, the PRs from groups 1-2 are signed and submitted, except for the Nuclear Institute, ASP and the Business Studies.
 - i. The Co-Curricular Outcomes document has been approved by the EMC.
 - ii. The Youth Corp is offering basic construction and carpentry skills training programs that will lead them to an employment opportunity at PII.



- iii. As per the VPASA's written report, CMI will have its graduation at Delap Park.
 - iv. The old student's files are in the process of being scanned.
 - v. For the ongoing assessment of the Enrollment Management Wappepe, please refer to: <https://datastudio.google.com/u/0/reporting/dc4acaae-2218-4d55-9390-29eb082666e6/page/Key3B>
 - vi. An assembly for students will be held next week.
- 4. Vice President for Business and Administrative Affairs**
- a. The VPBAA informed the Council that he's currently working with the Director of the Plant and Facilities and the Director of Safety and Security in developing policies, such as the Facility Usage Policy, in collaboration with the Associates Dean of Student Equity and Engagement.
- 5. Vice President for Land Grant**
- a. Not Present
- 6. Faculty Senate**
- a. The Faculty Senate President reported to the Council that the draft for the Government Accounting Courses was approved by the Faculty Senate.
- 7. Staff Senate**
- a. Not Present
- 8. Management Group**
- a. Besides updating the Council on the unity of the Management Group with the Staff Senate, there was no issue for the Management Group.

MATTERS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The Human Capital Wappepe

- a. After a final review, with minor modifications, the VPASA made a motion to approve the Human Capital Wappepe. The VPBAA seconded the motion and the motion was carried out unanimously by all with no abstention.

DECISION

The Human Capital Wappepe was approved, with the minor modifications, as presented.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

1. The Governmental Accounting Program and Courses

- a. After a summary was given by the VPASA, and was thoroughly reviewed by the Council, the EVP moved to approve the Governmental Accounting Programs and Courses. The motion was seconded by the VPBAA, and the motion was carried out unanimously by the majority with no abstention.

DECISION



The Governmental Accounting Program and Courses was approved as presented.

2. Recognition of Prior Learning Policy

- a. After deliberation by the Council, the Faculty Senate President moved to approve the Recognition of Prior Learning Policy, and was seconded by the VPBAA. The motion was followed through by the majority with no abstention.

DECISION

The Recognition of Prior Learning Policy was approved with the minor modification.

3. Course Waiver and Substitution Policy

- a. After a thorough review, the VPBAA moved to approve the Course Waiver and Substitution Policy. The motion was seconded by the EVP and was successfully carried out by the majority with no abstention.

DECISION

The Course Waiver and Substitution Policy was approved as presented.

4. Academic Calendar

- a. After a final review, the VPBAA made a motion to approve the Academic Calendar 2021-2024, seconded by the EVP. The motion was followed through successfully by the majority, with no abstention.

DECISION

The Academic Calendar AY 2021-2024 was approved as presented.

OTHER MATTERS

1. EC RSA AY 2019-2020 Review

- a. The Chairperson asked the Council to review the matter before EC's next meeting on April 7, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT



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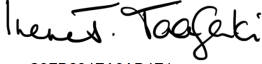
The Executive Council's *second* meeting for the month of March 2021 was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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April 7, 2021

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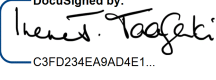
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