



Executive Council
11:10am July 21, 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 via Zoom

Vice President of the Land Grant

Adedayo Ogunmokun

Faculty Senate President

Desmond Doulatram

Faculty Representative

Ruthy Maun

Staff Senate President

Christian Nipp

SBA Representative

The Executive Council's *second* meeting for July 2021, was called to order by the Chairperson/President Dr. Taafaki at approximately 11:20 a.m., followed by an opening prayer from the Faculty Senate President.

MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting for July 7, 2021 were reviewed.

Approval:

A motion was made by the VPASA to approve the minutes of the July 7 meeting, with minor modifications. This was seconded by the EVP. The motion was carried successfully by the majority with no abstentions.

I. UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A. Federal

1. The student debts were discussed and possible opportunities for CMI to assist students with them. For more information, students should seek assistance from the Financial Aid Office and the Business Office.

B. Regional

1. ACCJC



- a) The President and the ALO met with the Board of Regent's Chairperson on Friday, July 16, 2021, to discuss CMI's way forward in preparation for ACCJC's next visit on October 1, 2022.

- (1) The ALO is to present to the Board of Regents CMI's strategies during its 3rd Quarter Meeting in August 2021.

2. PPEC

- a) A meeting was held on July 14, 2021.
- b) The President shared with the Council updated informations from the following educational institutions:

- (1) NMCC: New President Dr. Galvin Guerro (Dr. G.) has now officially joined Northern Marianas CC. Dr. Eliptico, who has been acting for almost 3 years, resumes his former position as Vice President for Administration & Advancement.

- (2) ASCC

- (3) PCC

3. REL

- a) Math Transition Coaching

- (1) CMI's in the process of completing the terms from the 2019 MOU.

- (a) The President met with the STEM faculty discussing the future of the project and the status of the faculty's promised stipends.

- (a) A proposal will be submitted today, July 21, 2021, to MoEST, and will be later discussed with the Secretary of MoEST on Thursday, July 22, 2021.

- (2) The President shared with the Council the improvement of students in the program.

- (a) Last year, 21% of the the students in the REL program were able to place at the credit level math courses at CMI

- (b) This year, 35% of the students in the REL program were able to place at the credit level math courses.

C. National

1. The President and the VPBAA met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade on Monday, July 19, 2021.

- a) The annual JEMFAC is scheduled for July 30, 2021.

- b) CMI was commended during this meeting for accommodating the budget cuts.

2. The President met with the MoHHS and the NTC on Monday, July 19, 2021, to discuss the Nursing Internship Program.



3. The President shared with the Council the Public Announcement and the Repatriation link.
4. Arrak
 - a) The Public Relations Officer was to meet this morning, July 21, 2021, with Attorney David Strauss in regards to the Arrak MOA.
 - (1) The targeted date to settle the Arrak MOA is August 1, 2021.

D. Internal

1. The FY 2021-2022 Budget has been submitted to the BCC, but has not reached Cabinet yet.
2. The CMI Maritime WB's search for a Curriculum Specialist was closed on July 14, 2021, receiving 2 applications.
3. The President shared with the Council that the possible 3rd Quarter Meeting date for the Board of Regents is either August 31st or September 7, 2021.
4. The President informed the Council of receiving the official transfer notice of the Weaving Revival Program to CMI from USP.
5. The President conveyed her congratulations in completion of their UH Master's Program, to the UB Director, Mr. John Zedkaia and one of CMI's Student Advocates, Ms. Risi Karben.

II. MATTERS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. Application for Recognition of Prior Learning Form

1. With no modifications, the VPBAA moved to approve, seconded by the Faculty Senate President. The motion was successfully passed by the majority with no abstentions.

DECISION

The Application for Recognition of Prior Learning Form, was approved.

B. Grant Manual's Flowchart

1. Concept Summary Form

- a) After a thorough review, the Grant's Manual Flowchart was deferred to include the suggested recommendations carefully discussed and recommended by the Council members.

III. NEW MATTERS ARISING

A. Course Waiver and Substitution Procedures

B. Application for Course Waiver of Substitution

1. After a final review, the VPBAA moved to approve the Course Waiver and Substitution Procedures and the Application for Course Waiver of



Substitution, seconded by the Staff Senate President. The motion was approved by the majority with no abstentions.

DECISION

The Course Waiver and Substitution Procedures was approved as presented.

DECISION

The Application for Course Waiver of Substitution was approved.

C. Internship, Apprenticeships, and Career Opportunities Taskforce

- 1. Deferred to give EC members their "first read" of the document.

IV. OTHER MATTERS

- A. The President recommended that the SBA needed a laptop for upcoming student projects, activities, committee meetings, etc.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The Executive Council's second meeting for July 2021 was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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President Dr. Irene J. Taafaki
Chairperson, Executive Council

Approval Date:

August 4, 2021