Institutional Planning Committee (IPC)

Minutes

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Chair: Cheryl Vila

Recording Minutes: Nik Willson

Present by Invitation: Carl Hacker

President Hacker facilitated a Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats (SWOT) analysis with the IPC (attached). Based on the SWOT analysis, the committee drafted these four institutional goals in:

- 1. resources
 - a. financial and human sustainability
 - b. endowment
 - c. budget
- 2. student success
 - a. academics
 - b. student services
 - c. IT
 - d. physical plant
 - e. etc.
- 3. stakeholder relations
 - a. new buildings
 - b. new equipment
 - c. maintenance
- 4. effective practices
 - a. academics
 - b. climate change

SWOT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- capacity and relationships between CMI and HS staff and faculty
- recovery plan
- academic programs
- Marshallese language and culture expertise/knowledge
- high impact practices
- Micronesian Collection, Nuclear Institute and CLLC

WEAKNESSES

- BA Elem. Ed.
- a new degree in STEM in general sciences
- retention rates
- graduation rates
- faculty turnover
- endowment fund
- oversight in Voc Ed administration
- absence of credible organizational effectivness evidence
- classroom space and enrollment rates
- connection to community
- lack of communication about business certificates to the community
- lack of Marshallese faculty

OPPORTUNITIES

- relationship between CMI and HS staff and faculty
- integrate language and culture teacher ed
- including community to inform cultural programs (e.g. advisory board)
- BA Elem. Ed.
- a new degree in STEM in general sciences
- student preparedness programs w MoE
- donor funding

THREATS

- USP accreditation
- outmigration
- climate change
- revenues in PELL
- change in Presidency
- underpreparedness in HS students
- cost of energy
- lack of gov't support
- lack of sufficient adjunct pool
- perception of "College in the Marshall Islands" (vs. "of the Marshall Islands")