

College of the Marshall Islands
Friday, April 14th, 2023: 11:10 AM – 12:00 PM
Faculty Senate – Minutes of Discussion

Chair: Alvin Page – FS President

Deputy Chair: Rebecca Raab – FS Vice President

Minute Taker: Alexander Velasquez – FS Secretary and Treasurer

Quorum: 26 required, 27 in attendance

1. Quorum was reached, and the meeting was made official at 11:22 AM.
 - i. A moment of silence was had for the late Mr. Michael Koroi.
2. The College Mission Statement was read.
3. Review of the Minutes from February 24th, 2023
 - i. The minutes were approved and seconded without abstentions.
4. Special/Urgent Business
 - i. Collection of Money for Foundation Week
 1. Faculty is contributing to Foundation Week—\$10 to be collected from each faculty member.
 - a. A spreadsheet will be emailed to all faculty with every faculty member's name along with their contribution to keep track of all contributions and the total amount raised.
 - b. Please give all contributions to Secretary Alexander whenever convenient to have your donation added to the spreadsheet.
5. New Business
 - i. Faculty Senate Retreat
 1. The Faculty Senate retreat to Bokanbotin Island has been rescheduled to May 23rd, two days before graduation, so as to avoid any scheduling conflicts with scheduled class times and to have the retreat during a period where the final grades have already been submitted and there is no more school-related work for faculty to do.
 - ii. Academic Calendar
 1. The calendar for the academic year 2023-2024 has been made official; thus, faculty can only suggest changes from Fall 2024 onwards.
 - a. Faculty should aim to push the registration for Fall 2024 to the middle weeks of August for instructors who teach summer and are not afforded a break if the Fall semester begins too soon.
 - iii. PMS Scores
 1. Angie is working on finishing the scores, but nothing official has been heard.
6. Reports/Actionable Items as follows:
 - i. Executive Council & Executive Officers' Report
 1. Update from the Presidential Report
 - a. Stuart Dawrs, Senior Librarian at the University of Hawaii, Manoa, briefed the College on the archive of resources on the Pacific, and the Marshall Islands in particular, that are available online. These include online e-books developed from PI studies and designed especially for undergraduate courses.
 - i. To date there are six online books.
 - ii. The collection also includes an archive on Nuclear Testing, the Trust Territory Archives, the Ben Finney, Jack Tobin and Bo Keist papers, reports, and photographs.
 - iii. The library also offers one-on-one conversations with instructors to assist identify the resources appropriate for CMI courses.

