

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

Chair: Alvin Page – FS President

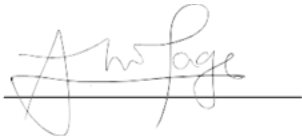
Deputy Chair: Rebecca Raab – FS Vice President

Minute Taker: Alexander Velasquez – FS Secretary and Treasurer

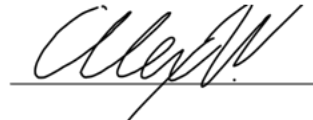
Quorum: 26 required, 34 in attendance

1. Quorum was reached, and the meeting was made official at 11:15 AM.
2. The College Mission Statement was read.
3. Review of the Minutes from April 14th, 2023.
 - i. The minutes were approved and seconded without abstentions.
4. Special/Urgent Business
 - i. Dean Va Special Announcement
 1. Dean Va thanked departing faculty members and distributed gifts on behalf of CMI to four faculty who were leaving at the end of the semester including: Rebecca, Darren, Luciana, and Ernest.
 - a. Thank you all for your service and commitment to the College.
5. New Business
 - i. Changing the 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. But there is no ACCJC policy to explain why the semester is so long.
 - i. Via conversation with the Vice President (VP), it was revealed that the academic calendar was inherited, but there is no official policy justifying the length of the semester.
 1. For Example: There is no spring break provided for faculty.
 - b. On behalf of the Faculty Senate, we need two or three members of faculty to get together with the VP to have discussions and redesign the academic calendar.
 - i. Faculty Senate will send out an email for volunteers to take up the task.
 - ii. Dr. Sandra's Initiatives Regarding FS Budget
 1. Bokanbotin has been booked for May 23rd, and the Microix has been sent off to the VP.
 - a. The lunch quote is almost complete, approximately \$1,800.
 - b. The trips to the island and back are approximately \$850.
 2. Everyone should bring their own drinks and beach towels.
 3. The rest of the money from the Faculty Senate budget will go to Dr. Sandra's initiatives.
 - iii. Honors Program Plans
 1. There were students surveyed who felt they were not challenged enough.
 - a. Thus, the honors program will be piloted with two classes in the Fall: ENG 111 and MATH 111
 - b. Students will need to complete fifteen credits before they graduate to qualify for the honors program.
 - iv. Placement and Registration of New Students – Summer 2023
 1. For students to apply for Summer Semester, they must submit their transcripts as part of the enrollment process.
 - a. But many high schools will have their graduation in late May/June.

- i. Thus, we will have around 80 students coming in as freshmen, and there may be students who will have not completed their enrollment process and may not be in class for the first two days.
 - 1. This will be mostly prevalent in the Developmental Education and Credit English classes.
 - a. Instructors should note this and accommodate the students who will be joining late.
- 6. Reports/Actionable Items as follows:
 - i. Executive Council & Executive Officers' Report
 - 1. The President's Report will be shared.
 - ii. Human Resources Committee
 - 1. The severance policy was shared two weeks ago.
 - 2. The PMS bonus payout is still subject to the availability of funds.
 - a. Please see note 6.ii.1 from the April 14th minutes for the HR policy and a more detailed explanation.
 - iii. Curriculum Committee RSA
 - 1. Please comment on the Student General Complaint Policy.
- 7. Announcements
 - i. "Strike-Out Volleyball" today from 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM at Sgt. Solomon Basketball Court.
 - ii. Blood Drive is happening today for those interesting in donating blood.
 - iii. Tuesday, May 16th from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM: All CMI 101 sections will be at the courtyard sharing their student learning experiences. It will be the first CMI 101 showcase.
- 8. Adjournment
 - i. Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 PM.



Alvin Page
Faculty Senate President



Alexander Velasquez
Faculty Senate Secretary/Treasurer