

College of Micronesia – FSM

Committee Minutes Reporting Form

Committee or Working Group			<i>Curriculum Committee (Special Meeting)</i>		
Date:		Time:		Location:	
November 7, 2011		1:00 p.m.		President's Conference Room	

Members Present				
Titles/Reps	Name	Present	Absent	
Committee Chair	Kathy Hayes	X		
Committee Vice-Chair	Taylor Elidok	X		
Secretary	Resida Keller	X		
National Faculty Rep.	Snyther Biza	X		
National Faculty Rep.	Mike Dema	X		
National Faculty Rep.	Paul Dacanay	X		
National Faculty Rep.	Mariana Ben Dereas	X		
National Faculty Rep.	Faustino Yarofaisug	x		
National Faculty Rep.	Susan Moses	X		
National Faculty Rep.	Madalena Hallers	X		
National Faculty Rep.	Joseph Felix Jr	X		
Cooperative Research Extension (CRE) Rep.	Jackson Phillip		X	
Chuuk Campus Faculty Rep.	Alton Higashi	X (via Email)		
Kosrae Campus Faculty Rep.	Nena Mike	X		
National Campus staff Rep (IRPO)	Raleigh Welly	X		
National Campus staff Rep	Lore Nena	X		
Pohnpei Campus Faculty Rep.	Gardner Edgar	X		
Pohnpei Campus Faculty Rep	Debra Perman	X		
Pohnpei Campus Faculty Rep	Shirley Jano	X		
Pohnpei Campus Staff Rep	Maria Dison	X		
FMI Campus Faculty Rep.	Kasiano Paul	X		
FMI Campus Faculty Rep.	Alex Raiuklur		X	
Yap Campus Faculty Rep.	Joy Guarin	X		
Kosrae Campus Student Rep	Henry Benjamin		X	
Kosrae Campus Faculty	Rosalinda Bueno	X		

Additional Attendees: Grilly Jack, DVCCE, Karen Simion, Acting VPIA

Agenda/Major Topics of Discussion:

I. New Business

1. Review of VPIA's proposal to increase the admission criteria for ACE
2. Next meeting : Monday Nov. 14, 2011

Discussion of Agenda/Information Sharing:

- 1.) Kathy opened the meeting by informing the committee that the main item for discussion was the ACE proposal to increase admissions criteria in the program. Time was turned over to Karen Simion to explain the details of the proposal. Karen explained that after one year of administering the ACE program at state campuses, the program has not been successful. She shared completion rates which showed that student performance in the program is low college wide and explained that the proposal to increase admissions criteria is to help set a higher standard for students in preparing them for college. Sue

asked for clarification on what it meant to “pass” in the ACE program. The passing score was the degree entrance criteria which is 40 on the Essay; 10th grade reading level and an MS 100/99 Math placement. Current entrance criteria into the ACE program is Essay 28-36 and a 6th grade reading level with Math not being considered as part of the admissions criteria.

Mike Nena joined the discussion from Kosrae and asked about the difficulties of implementing ACE scheduling and the rationale for having two sessions of ACE. Karen asked that he call her so that they could discuss Kosrae’s concerns about the program. Maria wondered if the committee should discuss the financial impact of this proposal. Kasi asked if students were not achieving high enough, won’t higher entrance criteria put more burdens on the state campuses? Maybe the program should be eliminated from the college. Karen responded that this may be because the program has low entrance ability but too high expectations. This change will also increase the entrance exam scores for Certificate programs. Grilly mentioned that we need to take into consideration the depleting funds and suggested that we need to either make the change now or wait for funding sources to take away funding; this could also allow the college to work with bridging programs and the high schools. Kathy reiterated the fact that what we know is that there are low completion rates so it is not working, and there may be a loss of revenue, loss of the need for overloads or adjuncts and may address the problem with classrooms. Gardner asked if the ACE program could be modified into two levels close to college levels and be assessed that way; The program is already in two levels and ACE was actually designed for the Academic track. Grilly suggested that we do not differentiate between the vocational and academic as most students will be moving on to further their studies. Following the discussion, Gardner moved that the CAC adopt and accept the recommendation proposal to increase entrance criteria in the ACE program as is being proposed by Karen. Mariana seconded the motion: all present voted in favor except for one abstain (Kasi of FMI). The motion passed. To end Karen reminded the CAC that the committee will still need to prioritize the criteria by recommending a weighting and ranking of the criteria. Faustino added that by doing this, we will be able to focus on the quality of the programs to help with the setting of the priorities and funding will then be allocated.

2.) Next meeting is **scheduled** for Monday November 14, 2011

Handouts/Documents Referenced:

1. ACE Proposal Document for increasing entrance criteria into program

College Web Site Link:

Prepared by:	<i>Resida S. Keller</i>	Date Distributed:	<i>11/16/11</i>
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Approval of Minutes Process & Responses: Minutes distributed for comments 11/16/11
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Submitted by:	<i>Resida S. Keller</i>	Date Submitted:	<i>11/16/11</i>
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Summary Decisions/Recommendations/Action Steps/Motions with Timeline & Responsibilities

1. Motion by Gardner E. to accept/approve the recommendations to increase the admissions criteria for ACE as proposed by VPIA; motion seconded by Mariana; all members present voted yes except for one abstain vote from FMI (Kasiano Paul); Motion carried.
2. Next meeting: Monday Nov. 14, 2011 at 1pm