

College of Micronesia – FSM

Committee Minutes Reporting Form

Committee or Working Group <i>Finance Committee</i>		
Date: 10/11/12	Time: 4:00 p.m.	Location: President's Conference Room

Members Present			
Titles/Reps	Name	Present	Absent
Committee Chair	Marian Medalla	X	
Committee Vice-Chair	Adleen Shed	X	
Secretary	Stacy E. Tadlock	X	
National Staff Rep.	Eugene Edmund		X
National Staff Rep.	Sylvia Henry		X
National Faculty Rep.	John Ranahan	X	
National Faculty Rep.	Nasako Madsen		X
National Faculty Rep	John Haglegam		X
Pohnpei Campus Faculty Rep	Stacy E. Tadlock	X	
Pohnpei Campus Faculty Rep	Phyllis Silbanuz	X	
Pohnpei Campus Staff Rep (Bus. Office)	Twyla Poll	X	
Pohnpei Campus Staff Rep	Adleen Shed	X	
Chuuk Campus Faculty Rep	Roger Arnold	X	
FMI Staff Rep	Clotilda Dugwen	X	
Yap Staff Rep	Rosemary Manna	X	
CRE Rep	Sonny Padock	X	
Kosrae Staff Rep	Alik J. Phillip	X	
Ex Officio Member	Danny Dumantay	X	
National Staff Rep (Business Office)	Juvilen Mariano	X	
National Staff Rep (Business Office)	Doman Daoas		X
National Staff Rep (Business Office)	Pelma Palik		X

Additional Attendees:	President Joseph Daisy, Joe Habuchmai, Jimmy Hicks, and members of the Planning and Resource Committee (PRC).
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Agenda/Major Topics of Discussion:
<p>I. The 2014 Budget Assumptions</p> <p>II. Possible Change in the Payroll date</p>

Discussion of Agenda/Information Sharing:
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I. The 2014 Budget Assumptions

Our meeting was brought to order by our Chairperson Marian Medalla after we had established a quorum and our first order of business was to welcome our special guests to our first joint meeting of the FC/PRC committees. As mentioned above, our special guests included our President Joseph Daisy, Vice President Joe Habuchmai, Jimmy Hicks of the IRPO office, and the members of the PRC committee. President Daisy spoke at length about the topic of planning and how our guided assumptions were not integrated into our five year master plan until recently when we completed it for the first time. Our projections were based on our assumptions which he said we struggled with but so long as they were reasonable we could change them later if needed. The assumptions and projections were approved by the Board of Regents (BOR). He stated that the ACCJC gave us the extra time we needed to make these changes because we had completed this master plan and had the written support of the President of the FSM Manny Mori and that this support was for the present and the future. He mentioned that the FSM had restored \$700,000 to the college budget. He said that there is an assumption that the Congress will fund the remainder of the decrement over time if we show them that we are being fiscally responsible in our budget.

He said that we need to look at our priorities and find out what is working and what isn't working in order to maintain our level of quality education. Even if a program is expensive, if it is working well and efficiently, then the money is being well spent. President Daisy wanted to go into Congress with the best assumptions we can come up with but be able to show them that we need this money because of our great programs and budget plans. He didn't want to create alternative budget plans that did without large sums of money for fear that if we show that we can do without it then Congress wouldn't give it to us.

Richard Womack of the PRC expressed concern that we won't be able to get the money from Congress because they won't be able to state for sure whether or not they can give us the support they promised us.

John Ranahan of the FC committee expressed concern that the college needs to look at alternative sources of funds for the time when the money will not come and then the assumptions will have to change to meet this change in funding.

Our discussion then turned to alternative ways to generate funds like raising tuitions and fees or cutting back programs. Other ideas included starting international programs and getting students from other countries to come here either in person or via technology, and getting grants and forming partnerships with other colleges either in the US or other places. He concluded his speech by saying that he wants to be the champion of the assumptions and work with what they want and be able to show that we need and should get this funding because we can spend it in a fiscally responsible way.

Vice President Joe Habuchmai spoke after the President concluded his speech and left and he said that an Ad-Hoc committee was created so that we can provide them with comments and input as to which of the four assumption scenarios we wanted to choose so they can be put into the 2014 budget.

Jimmy Hicks of the IRPO spoke on the impact of change on the students if increases in tuition and fees were improved by the BOR at this time. He said that the impact on the students was based on many factors such as population, enrollment, and retention. He mentioned that 40% of first year students were on probation within the first year of

college.

Joe Habuchmai said that he hoped there would be a gradual increase in the price of fees and not a huge increase that would impact the students lives even more.

Jimmy Hicks said that fee increases have a huge effect on dorm students.

We, as members of either committee weren't really able to choose an assumptions at this time of this meeting because we ran out of time and we wanted more time to look at all the information that we were given. A wiki page was created with all the assumptions and a place for your questions and comments. We adjourned at this time.

II. Possible changes in the Payroll date

We ran out of time to discuss this topic so it was tabled until our next meeting.

Handouts/Documents Referenced:

College Web Site Link:

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Approval of Minutes Process & Responses:

Submitted by:	<i>Stacy Tadlock</i>	Date Submitted:	<i>24 October 2012</i>
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Summary Decisions/Recommendations/Action Steps/Motions with Timeline & Responsibilities