

COM-FSM Chuuk Campus  
**SBA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

<b>Date:</b> 10/21/12		<b>Time:</b> 11:20-12:22		<b>Location:</b> Conference Room	
<b>Members Present:</b>				<b>Absent:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frankie Harris</li> <li>• Xilfred Robert</li> <li>• Nenson Cholymay</li> <li>• Atson Atnis</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leyann Simina</li> <li>• Konain Narruhn</li> <li>• Priscilla Sappa</li> <li>• Soster Tither</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atlast Setile</li> <li>• Dunevich Sefich</li> <li>• Magar Oster</li> <li>• Franko Alafanso</li> </ul>	
<b>Agenda/ Major Topics of Discussion</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Call to Order, Opening Prayer,</li> <li>II. Attendance</li> <li>III. Minutes of the Previous Meeting</li> <li>IV. Treasurer’s Report</li> <li>V. Announcements</li> <li>VI. Old Business<sup>(1)</sup></li> <li>VII. New Business<sup>(2)</sup></li> <li>VIII. Adjournment</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1)</li> <li>(2) Accreditation</li> <li>Additional Fee</li> <li>Visiting Teams</li> <li>Questions</li> </ul>			
<b>Discussion on Agenda/ Major Topics of Discussion</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. <b>Call to order:</b> Frankie opened the meeting.</li> <li>II. Roll call (or Attendance): See above.</li> <li>III. <b>Minutes</b> of previous meeting 10/18/12 were approved, as circulated.</li> <li>IV. <b>Treasurer’s Report:</b> None.</li> <li>V. <b>Announcements:</b> None.</li> <li>VI. <b>Old Business:</b> None</li> <li>VII. <b>New Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. <b>Accreditation:</b> Frankie talked about accreditation and the 2.8 million to be taken by JEMCO and to be given to KG-12 grade. She explained that the college is facing financial crisis because of the college’s probation. She also mentioned a requirement for accreditation: the college must have a solid financial stability.</li> <li>B. <b>Additional Fee:</b> Frankie mentioned that there will be an ‘additional fee’. The purpose for this fee is to set aside for Reserves or Fund Balance, money reserved for the college in case of emergencies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Government involvement:</b> The government is trying to kick-in to support the college. They suggested that the college also charge the students from their Pell grants, instead of them paying all the money.</li> <li>2. <b>JEMCO</b> is telling the college to have just one campus. Because of the financial crisis, staffs are not having raise payment.</li> </ul> </li> <li>C. <b>Visiting Teams:</b> A visiting team will be visiting campuses to check on College status, student reports, services, etc. Frankie will let the campuses know when they will be visiting.</li> <li>D. <b>Questions/Concerns from Students:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Activity fee:</b> Students asked why the student activity fee was being cut down to \$7,000. They wanted to know how it is being used, and why left over money cannot be used again. VPIEQA has asked the comptroller at the National Campus about the cut and she hasn’t received an answer. She said she will go back to National and will post it on the college website for transparency. But as for the left over money, VPIEQA explained that every fiscal year there’s a budget and its cut line; if not used, it goes back to FSM Congress.</li> <li>b. <b>Tech fee:</b> Students asked about how the tech fee is being spent. VPIEQA will inquire information on that and will post on website for transparency.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>					

- E. Health fee:** Students asked questions concerning health fee—why can't they bring medicines to home? Why does staff/faculty have access to the medications on campus? Are they also paying for health fee?
- F. Scholarship funds:** Students asked why it took so long to receive scholarship funds and refunds almost at the end of semester.
- G. Laptops purchase:** Students find it unfair that only the National and Pohnpei campuses are selling laptops in their bookstore. Is there a way that students here can purchase laptops from local bookstore?
- H. Work-study:** A student shared a complaint about why work-study started so late in the semester. Why not start early so they can receive income earlier within this semester to assist them financially.
- I. Transportation:** Students are complaining why securities are driving the buses to do personal errands. They also ask if it's possible that the buses could transport students. VPIEQA suggest that students request donors or government officials to donate to the college.
- J. Cafeteria:** Students asked if the college can provide a place where students can eat and relax without being disturbed by the dust. VPIEQA explained that JEMCO has cut the budget for facilities, meaning there's no more money for buildings; but there is money for maintenance.
- K. Less majors:** A student shared a concern regarding less majors available. How come the national has more majors offered but not here on Chuuk campus? VPIEQA explained the problem about fewer faculties, no money for class facilities, wage for the staff and more expenses.
- L. Graduating w/out accreditation:** Students asked if they can graduate but not accredited. VPIEQA answered yes, but they might retake classes if they transfer.

**Next Meeting:** To be announced.

**Hand-Outs/ Documents Referenced:** None.

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| <b>Summary/ Recommendations/ Action Steps/ Motions with Timeline/ Responsibilities</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VPIEQA recommended students to share with Campus Dean their concerns so they can discuss more during campus meetings so those who share the same concern can hear and understand well.</li> <li>•</li> </ul> |