

College of Micronesia FSM

Committee Minutes Reporting Form			
Committee or Working Group		<i>Student Success Committee</i>	
Date	Time	Location	
02/20/15	13:00	Board Conference Room	
Members Present			
Titles/Reps	Name	Present	Absent
Chair	Mike Ioanis		Personal leave
Vice Chair	Taylor Elidok	X	
Secretary	Dana Lee Ling	X	
Chuuk campus	Wilson Bisalen	X	
Chuuk campus	Ben Bambo Sr.	X	
FSM-FMI	Alex Raiuklur		
FSM-FMI	Augustino Sanemai		
National campus	Faustino Yarofasig	X	
National campus	Marlene Mangonon		
National campus	Patrick Werthog		
National campus	Ringlen Ringlen	X	
National campus	Mark Kostka		
Pohnpei campus	Cindy Edwin		ACE tutoring
Pohnpei campus	Kathryn Maloney		
SBA representative	Beverly Billy	X	
Yap campus	Cecilia Dibay		BOR Yap
Yap campus	Gertrude Mangarwen		
Ex-Officio: Dean Academic Prog	Maria Dison	X	
Ex-Officio: Director Student Life	Vacant at meeting time		
Ex-Officio: Acting VPSS	Joey Oducado		BOR Yap
Additional Attendees			
Agenda/Major Topics of Discussion:			
Approval of minutes of 23 January First year experience update (FoE Liaison Dana Lee Ling) Early warning briefing (Dean Academic Programs?) Founding Day Plans (Chief of Staff/Chair founding day committee?) Briefing, if any is possible, on budget impacts on resident student life on Palikir site (in the absence of a DSL, VPSS?). Other matters Announcements			

Discussion of Agenda/Information Sharing:

Quorum 13:07, VoIP static, white noise, some screechiness. Speakers far from the microphone could not be heard. Post-meeting the director of information technology suggested that remote site mute their microphones when not actually speaking.

Approval of minutes from 23 January 2015. Moved, seconded. Motion to approve carried.

Foundations of Excellence first year experience report. Demonstration of Foundations of Excellence technology platform. The committee was informed that the missing current practices inventory items were holding up moving into the dimension groups phase were four subgroups examine two dimension of the college and the relationship of those dimensions to the first year and transfer student experience. Chuuk campus members requested logins to the technology platform.

Third item early warning briefing. Only two faculty reported early warnings up to Dean of Academic Programs. Reporting is no longer required at the national campus, faculty were advised to work directly with their students. Data is essentially not available. Of the two faculty who did report, both reports had many students with a D or F, failing to succeed in their courses.

Faculty at Pohnpei campus were more proactive. Faculty email the advisors the early warning. Thus an advisor at national campus received email notification from the counselor at Pohnpei campus of two of his advisees who were failing at Pohnpei campus.

A member asked why don't faculty at national campus send out early warning emails to respective advisors? The response was that national campus the faculty were advised to deal directly with the students or send a warning to advisor. The faculty has the choice in the matter.

Not early warning, but related. Two students were given incompletes for fall 2014. A week short of midterm spring 2015 the students have not come in to complete the course work. Instructor sent emails to students, to no avail. Instructor will send notice to advisors.

Chief of staff is in Yap, no Founding Day working group report.

Comments from the VPSS were read to the committee regarding the cessation of picnic trips to islands such as Nahlap and Black Coral. This decision, apparently taken as a result of the need to pull money from other areas to fund the shuttle bus - which is either costing more than budgeted or was not budgeted for - out of the maintenance budget, affected the residence hall students. The secretary read the following into the minutes of the meeting:

"I convey my profound and immense concerns about the recommendations — such recommendations should have predicated out of a dialogue between sectors and units (most especially my Office) of the college community, and options should have been considered in lieu of just a recommendation to cancel or suspend the services. Note well that especially under the current approved budget, the department does not claim the entire amount of contributions or fees paid by students on student activities; in stead only a portion of the amount collected out of student activities. The rationale is that there are services that we seek and are provided by our

department and/or [other] units.

If our priority focus is on student success — then this should not be treated as primarily “academics” — it should also include co- and extra curricular activities and other student activities approved by the department.”

The committee concurred with student success as being more than academics. The student representative also noted that trips to the movie theater were not actually cancelled, but the requirement that there be at least 14 people signed up for the Friday evening movie trip and the failure to achieve that number of signups meant the trips have not happened. The bar of 14 signups effectively cancels the movie trips. Residence hall members are left to take taxis, which is a known security risk.

Other matters.

Suggestion from student representative Ms. Beverly Billy. Can the representative look for more volunteers for tutoring? Volunteers willing to work without pay to help with tutoring.

Chuuk campus also hopes to secure volunteer tutors. The Dean of Academic Programs said that she felt the plan was a good plan, she noted the need to work with existing tutoring services. The volunteers might be in conflict with the existing paid tutors schedule. They should work together to complement each other. That is her only area of concern. Another member expressed the opinion that volunteer tutors are a good idea, the college should support them in terms of providing facilities for the tutoring. At present there are no tutors for social sciences, Micronesian studies. Tutors in those areas would be helpful.

The question arose as to who might need to be consulted for Ms. Billy to proceed? The counselors and their tutoring services should be communicated with, coordination should exist. That said, if the tutors were working privately on their own time, the college probably has no particular role to play. Students can gather to study such as a study group. The Student Success Committee gave a "green light" for Ms. Billy to proceed with the effort.

Next meeting March 20th. The Dean of Academic Programs said that CAC will be meeting with the ALO on 20 March and that she would be unable to attend SSC. The SSC secretary noted that the work of participatory governance is dependent in part on the administration not scheduling conflicting meetings. Committees such as SSC only meet once month.

Adjourned at 13:57.

Documents Referenced

None

College Web Site Link:

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Approval of Minutes Process & Responses:

Submitted by:	Dana Lee Ling	Date Submitted:	01/26/2015
Summary Decisions/Recommendations/Action Steps/Motions with Timeline & Responsibilities			
Next meetings: Friday 20 March 2015 Friday 17 April 2015 Friday 15 May 2015			