College of Micronesia – FSM Social Science Division Monthly Report October 2015

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Emphasize academic offerings in service to national needs	 The chairperson of SS division started the search for part-time instructors to teach law courses for the Trial counselors program. So far, 2 people have confirmed to teach. The program still needs 2 more people to teach the 4 proposed coursed as per schedule. The focus of the program still targets in-service individuals in law-related fields.
Be financially sound, fiscally responsible, and build resources in anticipation of future needs	• SS club has proposed to do fundraising to get supplemental funds to assist activities proposed for 2015-2016 school year.
Invest in and build a strong capacity in human capital	• The social science division continues to seek opinions of students and the labor market about demands to make necessary changes.
Become a learning organization through	Hosted forum for PNI candidates to Governor and Lt. governor seats.

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guided by learning leaders	
Evoke an image of quality	• Semester-evaluation of part-time instructors were completed in October and submitted to VPIA office.