

COM-FSM Chuuk Campus  
**ALL-CAMPUS MEETING MINUTES**

<b>Date:</b> Wednesday, 09/04/13	<b>Time:</b> 12:07 – 12:40 pm	<b>Location:</b> Student Center
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**Present:** 13 faculty, 15 staff, 4 special contract, and 45 students  
 [NOTE: Attendance was very poor, particularly among students: 72% faculty, 56% staff, 31% special contract, and 14% students.]

<b>Agenda / Major Topics of Discussion</b>	<b>Issues and Concerns</b>
I. Call to Order II. Announcements III. Department News IV. Old Business V. New Business VI. Adjournment	

**Discussion on Agenda / Major Topics of Discussion**

- I. **Call to Order:** by Instructional Coordinator Mariano Marcus.
- II. **Announcement:** None.
- III. **Department News:**
  - A. **Administration:** Dean Kind Kanto went to Palikir for a meeting.
  - B. **Instruction:** A schedule of upcoming dates was presented – 9/16 early warning deficiency reports due from faculty, with tutorial assignments to help students with academic needs; 10/1 Chuuk Constitution Day holiday; 10/11 mid-term deficiency notices from faculty; and 10/24 United Nations Day holiday.
    1. In addition, IC Mariano explained that, in the absence of a computer-lab monitor, Akius Herman has been temporarily assigned to fulfill this task.
    2. A reminder to students was made – that an instructor has the authority to withdraw students who do not comply with classroom attendance policy.
    3. Students were further advised that the IC Office is available for students’ xeroxing needs; however, such service must be limited or restricted.
  - C. **Student Services:** Reminders to students were presented by Acting Student Services Coordinator Memorina Yesiki. First, students who expect to graduate at the end of this fall semester should go to OAR and fill out their “graduation applications”. Second, the peer counseling services are now available, and interested students should seek assistance from peer advisors. Third, offices were advised that, if they want CWSP student aides, they should get in touch with the Financial Aids Office.
    1. Student Activities Coordinator Lucille Sain explained, regarding the upcoming SBA officers election, that nomination papers must be signed, according to the National Campus’ SBA by-laws, by 50% to 75% of all students. In effect, given a total of 318 students this semester, a student’s nomination paper must be signed by up to 238 student supporters.
      - a. Questions were immediately raised. For one thing, why should Chuuk Campus comply with the National Campus’ SBA by-laws when, in fact, Chuuk Campus’ SBA by-laws were in effect prior to any approval of the National Campus’ by-laws. Any such compliance is a direct violation of “ex post facto” in the FSM National Constitution.
      - b. Also, there is a sense of absurdity in getting more than 50% of students to nominate an officer, inasmuch as at least 50% is an effective “de facto” election. The procedures for nomination and election seem inconsistent with logic and reasoning.
      - c. Lucille’s statements need to be reviewed and corrected.
    2. Questions were also raised regarding financial aids, particularly “What would happen to a student’s FAFSA (Pell Grant) if he/she receives an F for 1-2 courses?” It was explained that such student remains in good financial aid status if he/she passes at least 67% of the credits in course, not the number of courses.

- a. For instance, if a student is enrolled in 4 courses (12 credits) and fails one course (3 credits), then he/she passes 9/12 credits, or 75%. Since  $75\% > 67\%$ , such student remains in good financial aid status.
- b. However, if a student is enrolled in 12 credits, including 5 credits in one course (such as MS095, MS096, or MS099), and gets an F in such course, then he/she passes 7/12 credits, or 58%. Since  $58\% < 67\%$ , such student enters financial aid probation.

D. Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE Land Grant): None.

E. Student Body Association (SBA): None.

IV. **Old Business:** None.

V. **New Business:**

A. Snack Bar: A question was raised: *“When will the snack bar re-open?”*

- 1. It was noted that, at last week’s Management Council meeting 8/23/13, a Student Services sub-committee composed of Memorina (SS), Roger (Inst CTE), Marie (Business Office Admin), and Nenson (SBA) was to develop a plan of action to re-open the snack bar by Friday, Aug 30. The sub-committee failed to achieve its assignment, as directed by Management Council. This non-achievement is not acceptable, inasmuch as it sends out a message to students that achievement of assignments by administration/faculty/staff/SBA is not essential.
- 2. Sub-committee members are directed to re-open the snack bar without further delay.

**Next Meeting:** to be announced.

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

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**Summary Decisions / Recommendations / Action Steps / Motions with Timeline/Responsibilities**

- Student Services sub-committee on snack bar: to re-open snack bar as soon as possible.
- Student Activities Coordinator: to conduct SBA election in accordance with Chuuk Campus’ by-laws, not with National Campus dictum.