

Founding Day Committee
13:22 meeting start

Chair Morehna Rettin-Santos.

Present: Universe Yamase, Penselynn Sam, Castro Joab, Bastora Loyola, Edwin Sione, Dana Lee Ling.

Absent: Roldan Laguerta, Eugene Edmund, Warren Ching, Benina Ilon, Jim Alexander, Juan Paulo Santos, Jeff Arnold.

Founding day debriefing meeting. Chair thanked the members for their work.

The invitations were all sent out but the invitations went out late. Nineteen invited guests. Two embassies and three FSM departments were represented. Four of nineteen were represented. Board of Regents were inadvertently omitted from the invitation list. The cause was related to the use of a list from graduation ceremonies. This is a second year that this oversight occurred.

The invitation should have said 9:00 A.M., not 8:00 A.M. This was also an oversight.

The delay in the start was due to the one princess having gone to town to have her hair down. Each prince and princess received a \$25 gift certificate at the bookstore.

Bouquets were forgotten – overlooked. Ushers would have been able to fulfill this role. Ushers should be selected in 2016.

Were there insufficient subcommittees? Could work have been delegated? Was the chair overloaded as a result? One recommendation is to ensure that subcommittees are utilized effectively, that subcommittee tasks and responsibilities are clear. The coronation as an activity might need its own subcommittee.

The coronation Master of Ceremonies choices were questioned by some people. Students were utilized. Should this be retained or changed? The choice of MC was made late in the process.

Lee Ling presented the sports rubric concept he had outlined in an email.

Place	Fundraising	Volleyball	Basketball	Softball	Easy Dizzy	Coconut Husking	Coconut grating	Tug-o-war
First	100	20	20	20	10	10	10	10
Second	90	18	18	18	9	9	9	9
Third	80	16	16	16	8	8	8	8
Fourth	70	14	14	14	7	7	7	7
Fifth	60	12	12	12	6	6	6	6
Sixth	50	10	10	10	5	5	5	5
Seventh	40	8	8	8	4	4	4	4
Eighth	30	6	6	6	3	3	3	3
Ninth	20	4	4	4	2	2	2	2
Tenth	10	2	2	2	1	1	1	1

Another member suggested that sport team members meet a specified (to be determined) minimum GPA.

The location, the use of the national site, was deemed to be a success. The committee suggests remaining on campus in 2016.

There were some transportation difficulties for students from Kitti and Madolehnihmw. Recommendation is to set pick-up points and bring them in from those points. This had been planned but was not executed due to the shortness of time available. Recommended for implementation in 2016. Taxis are problematic, especially out in Madolehnihmw.

There was a perception of differing quality of take-outs.

Should Pohnpei campus take the lead in organizing the 2016 games?

The committee should identify people to work with the students. Group advisors should be leaders. A lot of students did not know what was going on. Student leaders were not active.

What happens when a group has an ineffective inactive president? Since presidents are responsible for attending SBA meetings and as groups are officially registered college organizations, can the college set something like an attendance policy for group presidents. An inactive, non-attending president would be subject to dismissal/removal and replacement. A group would be told that the president is no longer eligible to serve due to absences.

The games went to 8:00 P.M. - too long. Consider doing only the basketball championships on Founding Day. The nature of the sports led to the longer day than anticipated.

The volleyball championships could be held on an evening before down at Pohnpei campus gym. This would allow the community to participate, watch. The championship could not be on the evening before due to FSM culture day, Pohnpei culture day (Rahn en Tiahk).

What about bringing students in from other sites? Only ever done once under the moniker "Good Will Games."