

**COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM
Committee (Working Group) Minutes Reporting Form**

Committee or Working Group	Student Success Committee
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Date: February 19, 2016	Time: 1:00 PM	Location: Board Conference Room
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Members Present:

Titles/Reps	Name	Present	Absent
Chair	Mike Ioanis	X	
Vice Chair	Taylor Elidok	X	
Secretary	Dana Lee Ling		X
Chuuk Campus	Wilson Bisalen		technical
Chuuk Campus	Ben Bambo Sr.		technical
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Kosrae Campus	Arthur Jonas	X	
Kosrae Campus	Rosalinda Bueno	X	
Kosrae Campus	Murphy Ribauw	X	
National Campus	Patrick Werthog	X	
National Campus	Mark Kostka	X	
National Campus	Yen-Ti Vergin	X	
National Campus	Francis Alex		X (delivered packages to the airport)
National Campus	Jothy John	X	
National Campus	Timothy Mamangon	X	
National Campus	Bastora Loyola	X	
National Campus	Nixon Soswa	X	
National Campus	Morehna Santos		X
Pohnpei Campus	Ernest J. Paul		X
Pohnpei Campus	Cindy Edwin	X	
Pohnpei Campus	Deeleean Daniel	X	
Yap Campus	Cecilia Dibay	X	
Ex-Officio: Director Student Life	Castro Joab	X	
Ex-Officio: Director IRPO	Jimmy Hicks	X	
Ex-Officio: Director Academic Program	Maria Dison		X

Additional Attendees:

Agenda/Major Topics of Discussion:

1. Update from the Executive Committee (EC) meeting on the definition of student success
2. Continue discussions from the January meeting
3. Action on issues identified in the last meeting
4. Miscellaneous

Discussion of Agenda/Information Sharing:

SSC Chairman Mr. Ioanis opened the meeting at 1:10 PM. Mr. Kostka reported that he was absent from the last SSC Meeting because the time for the meeting was in conflict with one of Agriculture Division's activities. He asked the committee to input the reason for his absence in the last minutes. A motion was made to adopt the January minutes with the changes made by Kosrae Campus. The committee adopted the minutes.

1. The committee continued the discussion from the last meeting.

Kosrae Campus requested to make a statement before adopting the January minutes. The statement was to ask if the Information Technology division could put up a list of prerequisite courses online one semester prior to registration. The prerequisite list will help students and advisors plan and align course sequences strategically so that the student can graduate in a timely fashion.

On Kosrae campus the impact of decisions on courses taught as overloads has meant that students have had to wait for another semester to take prerequisite courses.

Kosrae campus asked whether a student is who taking MS 099 in the current term can register during early registration for MS 100.

Kosrae Campuses made a motion for state campuses to have the capacity to override the SIS prerequisite system and register students for classes assuming they pass prerequisite courses. Committee voted on the motion and the motion was adopted.

2. Update from the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive committee discussed the definition of student success. EC requested that members bring input back to EC in early April. EC will further discuss the definition of student success in an April meeting. If the definition is amended, then the definition will be returned to the Student Success Committee for their consideration.

3. Issues from the January meeting:

Kosrae campus brought up the issue of the “across the board” cancellation of courses that were being assigned as instructional overloads. The campus noted that the state campuses have fewer instructors. Overloads are a mechanism by which the state campuses provide required courses to students.

As a result of the course cancellations, students were not able to obtain the courses they need to graduate on a timely fashion. The Student Success Committee currently considered timely graduation as a hallmark of success. Thus a decision made on budgetary grounds negatively impacted success, and occurred without the necessary lead time for academic units at the state campuses to plan for and attempt to accommodate the loss of these courses.

Kosrae campus requested that the Student Success Committee look at the issue and find ways to resolve the issues surrounding course cancellations due to overload budget considerations or to find ways to work with the administration to allow overloads at the state campuses.

One member recommended that the Student Success Committee to look at having more classes rather than overloads. Another member asked the committee to invite the appropriate personnel to the next SSC meeting to address this issue.

4. Miscellaneous [none]

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM			
Documents Referenced			
None			
College Web Site Link:			
Prepared by:	Nixon Soswa	Date Distributed:	2/23/2016
Approval of Minutes Process & Responses:			
Submitted by:	Nixon Soswa	Date Submitted:	
Summary Decisions/Recommendations/Action Steps/Motions with Timeline & Responsibilities			
No motions were made other than the motion to adjourn. Next Meeting: 02/19/2016			