

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

Committee or Working Group	Student	Success	Committee
Date: February 17, 2017	Time: 1:00 PM	Location:	President's Conference Room
Members Present:			
Titles/Reps	Name	Present	Absent
Chair	Taylor Elidok		In ad hoc
Vice-Chair	Morehna Santos	X	
Secretary	Dana Lee Ling	X	
Ex-Officio: Director Acad. Prog.	Maria Dison	X	
Ex-Officio: Director Student Life	Krystilyn Atkinson		Forum host
Ex-Officio: Director Inst Eff			
Chuuk Campus	Wilson Bisalen	X	
Chuuk Campus	Ben Bambo Sr.	X	
FSM-FMI	Rufus Yaisolug		X
Kosrae Campus	Arthur Jonas		X
Kosrae Campus	Meryulyn Livae		X
Kosrae Campus	Rosalinda Bueno	X	
National Campus	Mike Ioanis	X	
National Campus	Mark Kostka		X
National Campus	Francis Alex	X	
National Campus	Jothy John	X	
National Campus	Timothy Mamangon		X
National Campus	Bastora Loyola		Entering COMET data
Pohnpei Campus	Sebastian Tairuwepiy	X	
National Campus SBA elect			
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National Campus	Benina Ilon		
Pohnpei Campus	Cindy Edwin	X	
Pohnpei Campus	Deeleean Daniel	X	
Yap Campus	Cecilia Dibay		Off island
Yap Campus	Julie Waathan		X
Additional attendees:	Director Mason Wiley	X	

Rent-A-Text	Brandon Taiwermal	X	
Rent-A-Text	Tokamarewe Tibaua	X	

Agenda

1. Adoption of minutes of January 20, 2017
2. Concern in regards to Service and Programs (Yap) [tabled as Yap representative administering COMET off-island]
3. Presentation of Deficiency (IRPO)
4. Presentation of Rent-A-Text (Mason) [moved ahead of 3]
5. Concern on Attendance (Chuuk) [Withdrawn, being resolved internally]
6. Announcements
7. Adjournment

Minutes

Quorum at 1:10. Meeting start.

1. Adoption of minutes of January 20: Unanimously adopted.

4. Entrepreneurship Center presentation on Rent-a-Text. Rent-A-Text is gathering on a database of students who want to rent and which text they would want to rent. The source would those who already have the textbook. The business wants to be able to charge the Pell refund. The business tried promissory notes, but once a rentee received their Pell refund, they did not then pay off the promissory note. The company wants to directly bill Pell to resolve the issue.

The business charges rent on texts. Rent-A-Text does not own any texts, their database matches up students who have a text they are not currently using with students who need that same text. 50% of the rental charge goes to the rentor who supplied the text, 50% to the business. The books are rented for about 30% of the retail price.

If successful, would this be replicated on other campuses? Yes. The core business is the database that matches book owners with book renters. This could be done on any campus.

The business will be licensed in Sokehs under Brandon Taiwermal, with the business corporately held 50/50 between Ms. Tibaua and Mr. Taiwermal. The original idea was from Ms. Tibaua.

Two members noted that the committee would likely favor the proposal, the concern might be “on the other side” - whether a for profit business can tap into the Pell grant. One member noted a need for the business to future proof against college texts increasingly move to online texts, open text.

A motion was made to endorse Rent-A-Text. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

3. Midterm deficiency report 2016. IRPO shared document with 48% on midterm deficiency. 60% would not successfully complete the course. A 12% loss above and beyond the 40% deficient at midterm.

A member noted that the original question was probably centered on what are the deficiency rates and what does the college then do with that data. The member noted that work done in Engrade (no longer available) a few years ago suggested students start failing a course as early as the second week. “Surfacing” this information this early in the term is not possible with current processes and procedures at the college. While Engrade provided free access to an administrative dashboard, in Schoology that dashboard is accessible only in the non-free institutional version. At least on the national site Schoology has been the dominant replacement for Engrade. Access to that administrative module could provide counseling, tutoring, and administrative services early warning of students failing to succeed.

A state campus member noted absences are a problem.

The Vice-Chair suggested that the next meeting take up the possibility of recommending that the college adopt a learning management system such as Schoology to gain that early access to student success data.

Adjournment moved, seconded, and voted upon at 2:08 PM.

Documents Referenced				
College Web Site Link:				
VOIP: 4516 2854				
Prepared by:	Dana Lee Ling	Date Distributed:	17 Feb 2017	
Approval of Minutes Process & Responses:				
Submitted by:	Dana Lee Ling	Date Submitted:	2/28/2017	
Summary Decisions/Recommendations/Action Steps/Motions with Timeline & Responsibilities				
Next regularly scheduled meeting: 13:00 Pohnpei time, 17 March 2017.				