

COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM  
Committee Minutes Reporting Form

Committee		<b>Recruitment, Admissions, and Retention</b>		
Date: April 14, 2021		Time: 1-2 PM	Location: Zoom Meeting	
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#### Additional Attendees

1.	Doman Daoas	Registrar
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#### Major Agenda or Topic of Discussion

##### AGENDA

1. Welcome all members
2. Moment of Silence
3. Reading of Mission Statement (Mr. George)
4. Roll Call (Secretary)
5. Adoption of March meeting minutes
6. COMET Results
7. Review COMET Content relating BP4100
8. Miscellaneous
9. Adjourned

#### 1. Handouts/Documents Referenced

1. Committee meeting started at 1:06pm, members were welcomed by the chair and the vice chair.
2. A moment of silence was done
3. The colleges mission statement was read by the Vice Chair.
4. Roll was called by the secretary with 14 members present; notifications received from other members who were not able to attend today's meeting. A quorum was declared.
5. Adoption of March minutes. No comments, corrections or changes to the minutes was done. The Vice Chair moved to adopt the minutes and was seconded by another member. Motion carried.

## **6. COMET results review and approval.**

The Chair opens the discussion on COMET results, sharing her thoughts why there are schools with zero or poor number of students who took the COMET. It was discussed that due to some schools not re-opening after they closed at the beginning of the pandemic in 2020 and most probably due to some uncertainties in the pandemic time, students did not continue their schooling. Other issues discussed by the committee was the validity of the test, and the possibility of students who placed on ACE, certificate and non-admit to retake the COMET. It was explained that the results of the COMET can be used for 2 years, and if the student chooses to retake the test, whichever higher score may be selected as their final placement.

The registrar explained the COMET results relating to BP 4100 (COMET Entrance Criteria). The spring 2021 COMET result showed a higher rate of non admits compared to prior years. The registrar explained the main entrance criteria used in the exam and the alternate criteria. One extra criterion was added using the essay -15, reading comprehension -12, and Math 96; compared with original criteria of essay 20, reading comprehension 14, and MS 96. With the added criteria, this would move up 109 placed as non-admit to certificate level bringing the percentage of non-admits closer to prior year's non-admit rate. The registrar further explains the reasons why we need to use the alternate criteria, as this year, these are the senior students who were affected by the early closing down of schools due to the pandemic during their junior year and adopting to new normal style of having classes during their senior year. Using the added criteria would be up to the committee's decision to use or just remain using the original criteria.

The math placement of MS 095 was discussed by members that it was already being evaluated to be removed and only 100 level math shall be given to students. At this time, the comet math placements are not affected and will remain with the MS 095 until such time that changes to the math courses are officially approved and started to be implemented by the college.

Further, discussion brought out was for the committee to think of alternative admission criteria like using a student's high school cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 to admit into certificate programs. No action or decision was made by the committee on this.

Members from National Campus moved to endorse the COMET result with the added criteria which will be used only for this test due to the pandemic situation. The motion was seconded and unanimously voted by the members.

## **7. Review of COMET content.**

The chair continued to facilitate the review on the COMET sections and of BP 4100. It was discussed that the essay and math sections are regularly updated and revised once or twice a year. The reading comprehension test has been used for more than eight years and may be up for review by the committee if it is still valid to use or changed or updated. The reading test being used has updated versions and the committee may decide to still use the old version, the newest version or seek other alternative reading tests.

The need to make a comparison on the reading test was suggested in order to know the issues and effectiveness of the test. Questions on the difficulty level of the new Nelson Denny Ready Test was

discussed which is of the same difficulty level with the previous editions but with different content and stories. It was discussed that newer versions used in the US may not be suitable for the FSM but further clarified that extended time was being used in the COMET which is suitable for ESL students.

Before the committee decides on any changes to the test, it was decided that the new version or other reading test should be tried out on a certain population first to test its reliability and validity.

The committee decided to table the topic for the next meeting to have enough time for members to research and gather information.

8. Miscellaneous discussed were schedule on the last meeting, election of new set of officers, email will be sent for nominations.
9. Meeting adjourned at 1:58pm

1. [BP 4100-](#)
2. [Spring 2021 COMET Results](#)

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**Approval of the Minutes and Response**

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<b>Summary Decisions/Recommendations/Action Steps/Motions with Timelines and Responsibilities</b>				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">BP 4100</a> COMET Entrance Criteria</li> <li>2. <a href="#">BP 4201</a> Special Consideration</li> </ol>				
<b>Actions by the President</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Disapproved</b>	<b>Disapproved with Conditions</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
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