



**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
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Board of Regents

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**Special Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2019**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the University of Guam (UOG) Board of Regents (BOR) was called to order by BOR Chairperson Christopher Felix on October 16, 2019 at 3:07 p.m., in AV Room #1, Robert F. Kennedy (RFK) Library, Tan Siu Lin Building. Notice of such meeting have been duly and regularly provided by the BOR.

Chairperson Felix noted that the purpose of the special meeting is to vote on two resolutions related to the proposed adjustments in the UOG tuition and student fees. He stated the audience is welcome to attend and listen. He added that it is a discussion among BOR members only to consider the proposals and input received from the public hearing and the Joint BOR Committee meeting that was held earlier today. He further stated that any audience member who is being disruptive will be removed from the meeting in order to continue in an orderly manner. He then thanked the audience for their professionalism and decorum at the earlier meeting.

QUORUM:

**Christopher Felix
Mari Flor Herrero
Elvin Chiang
Liza Provide
Sandra McKeever
Lesley Leon Guerrero
Francis Hezel
Mebric Navisaga**

**Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
Member
Member
Member
Member
Member
Member**

ABSENT:

Jerold Filush

Treasurer

ALSO PRESENT:

**Thomas W. Krise
Anthony Camacho
Christine Mabayag
David S. Okada**

**Executive Secretary
Legal Counsel
Recording Secretary
CPO/Acting EAP**

2.0 NEW BUSINESS

2.1 Resolution No. 19-41, Relative to Approving the Proposed Adjustment of the University of Guam Tuition, Effective Fanuchånan (Fall) 2020

Chairperson Felix introduced Resolution No. 19-41, Regent McKeever moved to approve, seconded by Regent Hezel.

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Regent Navisaga made a motion to amend the tuition rate from 10% to 2.5% each semester, beginning Fanuchánan 2020, seconded by Regent Leon Guerrero. Brief discussion followed.

Regent Herrero stated that 2.5% is very little and we would like to find a way where everyone can benefit, but the University needs the monies and that it will have to come from somewhere. If the administration or the legislature will provide the funds, then there will not be a need for an increase, but for now it is needed.

No further discussion, Chairperson Felix called for the vote on the amendment. The amended motion failed by majority vote (1 – Yes, 7 – No).

Regent Herrero then made a motion that the BOR amends the resident tuition increase not to exceed 5% per semester, beginning Fanuchánan 2020 and thereafter totaling 30%, seconded by Regent Navisaga. Discussion followed.

Regent Hezel inquired on how much UOG is currently in debt, what is the deficit and the total budget? VPAF Wiegand stated that UOG's budget had been at \$30.7M and that we are in a posture at looking for additional revenues to set up the School of Engineering, but due to the tax cut and the Jobs Act, UOG's appropriations got lowered to \$27.5M, which is \$3.2M short. He added that is the gap that needs to be addressed to minimize the impact.

Regent Provideo stated it is her understanding that the shortfall has also affected the hiring of faculty, retention, and replacements of faculty that since retired or moved on to other endeavors. She added she is worried that the level of instruction might be compromised with the current budget. Regent Hezel asked if this is in addition to the \$3.2M deficit, which Regent Provideo stated, "No". She clarified that if we were provided all the allotments, we wouldn't have a hiring freeze.

Regent McKeever asked for a clarification on the amendment of up to 5% per semester with a total cap of 30% - does the President have the flexibility in delaying? Regent Herrero responded on the amendment that it is not to exceed 5% per semester.

Regent Chiang asked President Krise for his comments that if the proposal is approved, how does he plan to manage it? President Krise stated the challenge of limiting to 5% is that it will take a very long time to address the problems. The flexibility of up to 10% but can be lowered if the message of lower and slower is preferable for everyone concerned.

No further discussion, Chairperson Felix called for the vote on the amended motion to increase no more than 5% each semester, starting Fanuchánan 2020, which was seconded. The amended motion passed by majority vote (6 – Yes, 2 – No).

Chairperson Felix called for the vote on the original motion with the amendment that was passed. The motion passed unanimously.

2.2 Resolution No, 19-42, Relative to Approving the Proposed Adjustment of Student Fees, Effective Fañomnákan (Spring) 2020

Chairperson Felix introduced Resolution No. 19-42, Regent Herrero moved to approve, seconded by Regent Hezel.

Regent McKeever made a motion for the President to be able to amend to defer or adjust any or all the fees and not to exceed the amount as stated on Attachment A, seconded by Regent Provideo. Brief discussion followed.

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Chairperson Felix called for the vote on the motion to amend. The amended motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Felix called for the vote to adopt the resolution as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

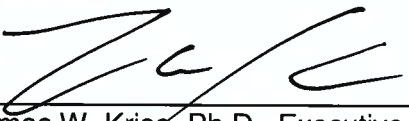
10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Felix adjourned the meeting by consensus at 3:40 p.m., Chamorro Standard Time.



Christopher K. Felix, Chairperson

ATTESTED:



Thomas W. Krise, Ph.D., Executive Secretary