



**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
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Board of Regents

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**Regular Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2015**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents (BOR) was called to order by BOR Chairperson William Leon Guerrero on April 23, 2015, at 5:30 p.m., in AV Room #1, University of Guam RFK Library, Tan Siu Lin Building, notice of such meeting having been duly and regularly provided by the BOR.

QUORUM:

William Leon Guerrero	Chairperson
Marcos Fong	Vice Chairperson
Elizabeth Gayle	Member
Jillette Leon-Guerrero	Member
Elvin Chiang	Member
Hage-Ae Paul	Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert A. Underwood	Executive Secretary
Louise M. Toves	Recording Secretary

2.0 MEETING MINUTES

2.1 Regular Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2015

Regent Chiang moved for the approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2015 subject to corrections, which was duly seconded. The motion carried.

3.0 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairperson W. Leon Guerrero introduced the new Student Regent, Hage-Ae Redy Paul, student in the Masters of Public Administration program, whose mother also happens to be employed at the Bank of Guam. He noted that this is likely to be the last BOR meeting for the semester and thanked everyone who contributed to another successful academic year.

Chairperson W. Leon Guerrero then asked President Underwood to proceed with his report.

4.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Underwood gave his report, a copy of which is attached.

Chairperson Leon Guerrero then introduced Dr. Michael Clement, Jr., who was granted tenure this year. Dr. Clement thanked the BOR for granting him tenure and expressed his appreciation at being able to teach at UOG. President Underwood added that Dr. Clement also provided the historical background for both Lina'la-ta concerts.

5.0 REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

5.1 Academic, Personnel, and Tenure Committee

5.1.1 Resolution No. 15-15, Relative to Adopting the University of Guam Teach-Out Policy and Procedures

Regent J. Leon-Guerrero introduced Resolution No. 15-15, which was duly seconded, and explained the purpose of the Policy. The motion carried.

5.1.2 Resolution No. 15-16, Relative to Changing the Title of Registrar and Revising the List of Administrative Positions and Administrative Salary Schedule to Include Director, Residence Halls and Director of Admissions/Registrar

Regent J. Leon-Guerrero introduced Resolution No. 15-16, which was duly seconded. She then explained the changes that are proposed. The motion carried.

5.1.3 Resolution No. 15-17, Relative to Approving the Faculty Salary Schedules and the Revised Rules and Procedures for the Voluntary Faculty Phased Retirement Program and the One-Time Faculty Retirement Opportunity Program

Regent J. Leon-Guerrero introduced Resolution No. 15-17, which was duly seconded. She explained the changes to the programs and the recommended salary schedules. President Underwood explained the necessity behind the changes made. The motion carried.

Regent J. Leon-Guerrero noted for the record that she invited three individuals to serve on the Ad Hoc committee to review the policy of Regent Emeritus(a). She stated that the individuals, Mr. Sonny Ada, Mrs. Marie Nelson, and Dr. Wilfred Leon Guerrero, have accepted and will be holding their first meeting next week.

5.2 Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations and Honorary Degree Committee

5.2.1 Resolution No. 15-18, Relative to Approving the Spring

2015 Commencement Graduate Listing

Regent Chiang introduced Resolution No. 15-18, which was duly seconded. The motion carried.

5.2.2 Resolution No. 15-19, Relative to Awarding the Honorary Degree of Masters of Micronesian Creative and Traditional Knowledge to Mr. Frank Rabon

Regent Chiang introduced Resolution No. 15-19, which was duly seconded. He asked President Underwood to provide an explanation of the recommended honorary degree. President Underwood explained that the work of Mr. Rabon is highly interpretative and creative, and not necessarily traditional, which is learned from one generation to the next, and that is why the title of the degree is slightly changed. The motion carried.

5.3 Budget, Finance, Investments and Audit Committee

5.3.1 Financial Update

Regent Chiang reported on the investment update provided at the last meeting and asked VPAF Wiegand to provide the financial update. VPAF Wiegand provided the update, noting that allotment payments have increased recently.

5.3.2 Collections Report

Regent Chiang asked VPAF Wiegand to continue with the collections report. VPAF Wiegand reported that the University is currently at 65% of the forecasted collections for the fiscal year as of February 2015.

5.3.3 Procurement Transactions and Contracts Report

Regent Chiang asked VPAF Wiegand to report on the amended contracts noted in the monthly procurement transactions and contracts report. VPAF Wiegand explained that changes to the UOG Calvo Field House renovation contract were necessary due to plumbing issues that were uncovered during ongoing pipe replacement. This amended contract and two other contracts exceeding \$100,000 were reported for March 2015.

5.4 Physical Facilities Committee

Regent Gayle reported that the committee did not meet this month; therefore, she has no report.

6.0 AD HOC REPORT: ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION UPDATE

UOGEF Executive Director Mark Mendiola provided an update on the USDA loan application. He then reported that \$50,000 was raised with the Cars Plus Fiat raffle. He stated that the second Lina'la-ta concert raised approximately \$50,000, more than twice the \$20,000 generated

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by the first concert, and the second concert DVD will be coming out soon. Executive Director Mendiola reported that a number of scholarships are being released. He noted that the next Board meeting will be in two weeks, and recruitment is ongoing to fill the vacancy on the Board left by Mr. Jerry Calvo. He noted that several disbursements were being made by the UOGEF towards the Jesus S. and Eugenia A. Leon Guerrero SBPA Building loan and for improvements to the computer lab in the Tam Lam Pek Kim English and Communications Building

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Election of Officers

Chairman W. Leon Guerrero opened the floor for nominations. Regent Gayle moved to nominate a slate of candidates, which was duly seconded. The motion carried. Regent Gayle moved that the following slate of candidates be nominated: Regent William Leon Guerrero for Chairperson, Regent Antoinette Sanford for Vice Chairperson, and Regent Elvin Chiang for Treasurer. Chairman W. Leon Guerrero asked if there were any further nominations or opposition to the slate, to which there were none. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

7.1.1 Election of Chairperson

Refer to Section 7.1

7.1.2 Election of Vice Chairperson

Refer to Section 7.1

7.1.3 Election of Treasurer

Refer to Section 7.1

7.2 Election of the Board of Regents Representative to the Regent Nominating Council

Chairman W. Leon Guerrero opened the floor for nominations for the Board of Regents representative to the Regent Nominating Council. Regent J. Leon-Guerrero moved to re-elect Regent Mariflor Herrero as the Board of Regent's representative to the Regent Nominating Council, which was duly seconded. There being no further nominations, Chairman W. Leon Guerrero called for the vote and the motion carried.

8.0 OPEN PRESENTATION (3 Minute Limit per Person)

Chairman W. Leon Guerrero opened the floor for open presentations.

SGA President Melissa Quinata reported that the SGA will be holding its elections and that by the next BOR meeting, a new slate of officers will be in place. She noted that she will be graduating this spring 2015. President Underwood acknowledged SGA President

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Quinata's efforts in guiding students to address their issues to the appropriate personnel. He thanked her for her service.

At 6:12 p.m., there being no other presentations, Chairman W. Leon Guerrero stated that the BOR would take a five minute break, after which the BOR will enter executive session.

9.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

9.1 Tenure Recommendation from the Academic and Personnel and Tenure Committee for Dr. David Atienza, Assistant Professor of Anthropology

9.2 BOR Self-Evaluation Committee Report

10.0 VOTING FILE

Chairman W. Leon Guerrero returned the BOR to open session at 6:24 p.m.

10.1 Tenure Application for Dr. David Atienza, Assistant Professor of Anthropology

Regent J. Leon-Guerrero moved that the Tenure application of Dr. David Atienza be approved, which was duly seconded. The motion carried.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Regent Chiang moved that the meeting be adjourned, which was duly seconded and passed. Chairperson Leon Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.



William D. Leon Guerrero, Chairperson

ATTESTED:



Dr. Robert A. Underwood, Executive Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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1. Mourning

I'd like to ask for a moment of silence in recognition of the death of long-time UOG Foundation Board of Directors member, Mr. Jerry Calvo, as well as the passing of the immediate family members of University employees since our last meeting.

2. Commencement

2015 Spring Commencement ceremony will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 24th at the UOG Calvo Field House. As of yesterday, 338 students are expected to graduate which would be the largest graduating class since the University began holding both Spring and Fall commencement ceremonies. As a result, the University has had to limit the number of guests each graduate is allowed to attend. I am sure that we may have to weather 1 or 2 complaints because of this, but I want to remind everyone that this is to provide for the comfort and safety of everyone present.

The Commencement speaker(s) will be announced later as I am in communication with two potential speakers.

3. Regents

I would like to express on behalf of the University Community, our gratitude to Regent Marcos Fong for his service over the past 6 years. I believe this is truly his last BOR meeting as member and Vice Chairperson, as we anticipate the confirmation of Regent-appointee Mr. Joaquin "Danny" Santos. Regent Fong's participation has been invaluable, but his continued involvement is assured since he is now raising a future triton.

4. 6th Conference on Island Sustainability

The University held its 6th Conference on Island Sustainability this month, featuring Nobel Prize winner Dr. Virginia Burkett as its opening keynote speaker. Approximately 300 attendees registered for the two-day conference. This year, two-day pre-conference workshops were held, which included planning meetings for the American Water Works Association, the Coral Reef Initiative, EPSCOR, and Pacific Islands Climate Science Center. The Society of American Military Engineers joined the conference as sponsors this year, hosting the networking reception that was held on evening of the first day of the conference. The conference was closed on Friday with a tour of the Northern Guam Lens Aquifer, sponsored by WERI.

Former BOR chairperson Sonny Ada sponsored an essay/video contest posing the question "2 million 2 many?" in reference to the GVB tourism goal of 2M tourists by 2020. Entrants responded to the question, "What factors to our environment and quality of life do we need to be aware of in pursuit of this goal?" Ada's Trust and Investment provided cash prizes for the top two finishers in each category (video/essay).

5. Typhoon Maysak Relief Efforts

In order to provide support to our sister islands of Chuuk and Yap, which experienced extensive damage due to Typhoon Maysak, a University-wide campaign was established. The primary coordinator, Chief Planning Officer David Okada, worked with representatives across the campus, TADEO and with the Ayuda Foundation to collect and submit for distribution goods and monetary donations, and to facilitate communication between families in the affected areas who couldn't be reached through telephone. I am happy to report that we have surpassed our monetary donation goal of \$3,000, and are currently at \$3600. The value of items donated is over \$12,000. Collections will continue until May 4th. I thank everyone who has supported this effort and welcome the support of all who are able to assist.

6. Capital Campaign Donors

Brown and Caldwell, an engineering firm and annual sponsor of the UOG Conference on Island Sustainability, presented the University with a \$25,000 check to establish a scholarship designed to increase students' interest in the engineering and environmental professions and to support them in defining career goals while attending UOG. Five \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to students each year for the next five years beginning in Fall 2015.

7. Students

University of Guam student Rebecca Casimbon has been selected as a 2015 Truman Scholar. The prestigious, merit-based \$30,000 scholarship is awarded to students planning to attend graduate or professional school. She will graduate from UOG in the fall with a Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resource Management and a minor in Public Administration. Casimbon is one of 58 Truman Scholars selected this year from a total of 200 finalists. The program is one of the most competitive undergraduate scholarships in the nation with 688 applicants this year.

Kristine Tuazon is a UOG student graduating next month with a double major in Japanese Studies and English with an emphasis in Linguistics. She was recently selected by the Japanese government to attend Sophia University in Tokyo on a full scholarship this fall. She can use the scholarship to earn her masters degree and potentially complete postdoctoral work as well. Kristine earned her bachelor's degree at UOG as a merit scholarship recipient.

Eleven University of Guam students and four UOG Fine Arts faculty members recently participated in the Region 8 Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival held in Saint George, Utah from February 10 to 14. Several of the students also competed at the event. This was the first time Guam was represented in the regional festival.

UOG Student Marilyn Webber's ten-minute play *Pasta, Wine and Tights* was selected to compete in the National Playwriting Program for One-Act Plays and was chosen as one of the top five pieces out of hundreds of entries. A student team consisting of Joyce-

Lynn Torres and Jo Datuin competed against 300 other participants in the prestigious Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship Competition and were selected as one of the 16 finalists in the competition. UOG faculty also participated in the festival.

The University of Guam Sea Grant program recently awarded five Master's Thesis Supplemental Grant Fellowships for student research. Graduate students Andres Reyes, Devin Resko, Valeri Lapecek, Adrian Kense and Jacques Idechong were selected. The grants focus on research for areas of development in coastal communities. The students will receive between \$6,000 and \$12,000. This is the second year UOG Sea Grant has offered the fellowship program.

UOG Fine Arts students, through the mentorship of their professor, Ric Castro, restored the Archbishop Felixberto Flores Memorial in Tumon from the design to completion of the project. The entire mural surface is about 9 feet tall by nearly 300 feet long. The restoration was a joint project with the Guam Beautification Task Force, with members of Air Force, Department of Youth Affairs' residents, and other volunteers assisting.

UOG returning student, Marlin Molinos, has relaunched KUOG, a student organization and radio station that has been dormant. The station is available online as a podcast and is hoping to give other students a chance to experience hands-on, real world radio production.

8. Recognition

The first Presidential Lecture of 2015 was held on March 18th featuring Marshallese poet and spoken word artist Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner. Her lecture was entitled: "*Iep Jeltok: A Basket of Poetry and Activism.*" Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner is a Marshallese poet and spoken word artist whose work focuses on raising awareness surrounding the issues and threats faced by her people - militarism and the nuclear legacy, climate change and climate justice, and adaptation and racism in America are just a few topics her work touches upon. She received her Master's degree from the Center for Pacific Island Studies at University of Hawai'i Manoa, with a focus on the history of Marshallese oral traditions and the transition into textual productions from Marshallese authors. This past September, she performed at the opening of the United Nations Climate Summit in New York, following the speeches of Al Gore, Leonardo DiCaprio, and the UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon, and has since been thrust into global conversations on climate change. She currently teaches at the College of the Marshall Islands.

Dr. Yukiko Inoue-Smith, a professor of Educational Psychology and Research at the University of Guam School of Education announces the release of her new book, *CatTanka, Vol. 2: The Story of Goblin and Pumpkin Junior*. The book, written in a classic Japanese poetry form called *tanka*, is published by Union Press.