



**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
UNIBETSEDAT GUAHAN
BOARD OF REGENTS**

RESOLUTION NO. 11 - 21

RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED TUITION RATE CHANGES AND PUBLIC LAW 31-126

WHEREAS, the University of Guam is the primary U.S. Land Grant institution accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) serving the post-secondary needs of the people of Guam and the region; and

WHEREAS, the governance and well-being of the University is vested in the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, the University requires sufficient funding to achieve its mission and maintain academic quality and student learning; and

WHEREAS, for the last five years, the University's operational appropriations from government of Guam have been \$24-28 million (M), while the cost of educating students has risen from \$29M to \$34M at a time when the University looks to educate 3,721 students, the highest level of students since Fall 2000; and

WHEREAS, PL31-77 appropriated \$26.7M for operations, which is \$3.2M less than the University's base budget request and also less than the \$27.2M received in FY11 (which was sustainable due to the receipt of ARRA stimulus funding); and

WHEREAS, the University Planning and Budget Advisory Committee has recommended \$1.9M of revenue generation and cost reduction measures to partially fill the \$3.2M gap, but the University still faced a \$1.3M gap to balance the FY12 budget; and

WHEREAS, the University administration and UPBAC proposed tuition rate changes to fill the gap; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents (BOR) Budget, Finance, Investment, Audit Committee (BFIA) and the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations, Honorary Degree Committee (SASARHD) jointly held a public hearing on September 13, 2011, regarding the proposed tuition rate changes for Spring Semester 2012 through Academic Years 2012-14; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing University students presented a compelling case regarding the impacts of further tuition increases on the affordability and accessibility to higher education; and

WHEREAS, the BOR, President and students worked collaboratively with the 31st Guam Legislature and the Governor towards the development and enactment of PL 31-126, which appropriates \$1,360,943 for UOG FY12 operations, contingent upon transmittal of this resolution and the U.S. Department of Interior's approval of the FY12 Section 30 advance; and


WHEREAS, the Guam Department of Administration has confirmed the US DOI Section 30 advance for FY12; and

WHEREAS, based upon the public hearing and further review, the BFIA and SASARHD committees recommend deferring the proposed tuition rate changes and not increasing University tuition in Spring 2012 and Fall 2012 semesters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, subject to fulfillment of the conditions established in PL31-126, the Board hereby defers the proposed tuition rate changes and will not increase Spring Semester 2012 and Fall 2012 tuition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, further to PL31-126, the Board directs the President to duly transmit this Resolution to the Speaker, I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guahan.

Adopted this 17th day of November 2011.



P. Sonny Ada, Chairman

ATTESTED:



Robert A. Underwood, Executive Secretary