

UNIVERSITY OF GUAM UNIBETSEDAT GUAHAN BOARD OF REGENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 12-02

RELATIVE TO APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE STUDENT AFFAIRS, SCHOLARSHIP, ALUMNI RELATIONS AND HONORARY DEGREE COMMITTEE ON THE REVISED STUDENT RESIDENT POLICY DURING ITS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2012

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 region; and

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

WHEREAS, the Immigration & Nationality Act Section 101(a)(15)(see pg.5) does not exclude a person who has filed for an Adjustment to Permanent Resident Status (Green Card) under the definition of "immigrant" and states that a person who has filed for such adjustment has an intention to permanently reside in the U.S. and is considered an immigrant until full disposition of their adjustment request; and

WHEREAS, the current university residency policy states that non-immigrants are non-residents and does not consider a person who has filed for an Adjustment to Permanent Resident Status (Green Card) to be an immigrant, therefore disallowing these persons to be considered residents of Guam; and

WHEREAS, to ensure compliance with the Immigration & Nationality Act, a policy change has been proposed by the Registrar and passed by the Administrative Council on February 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Vice President, Academic & Student Affairs; the Dean, Enrollment Management & Student Services, and the Registrar, have all certified that the proposed Student Residency Policy, with regards to immigration status, as recommended at the February 1, 2012 meeting is consistent with appropriate local and federal laws and the Board of Regents' Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that meeting, the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations & Honorary Degree Committee recommend to the Board approval of the proposed Student Residency Policy, as attached.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents hereby adopts the updated Student Resident Policy, as attached.

Adopted this 16th day of February 2012.

Sonny Ada, Chairman

ATTESTED:

Dr. Robert A. Underwood, Executive Secretary