



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

RESOLUTION NO. 14-13

RELATIVE TO APPROVING THE PROPOSED TUITION INCREASE PLAN

WHEREAS, the University of Guam (UOG) 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 UOG is vested in the Board of Regents (BOR); and

WHEREAS, UOG requires sufficient financial resources and capacity to maintain academic quality, student learning, and affordable access to higher education, which are its highest priorities, as it anticipates an enrollment of 3,951 students in Fall 2014, a 13% increase since 2000; and

WHEREAS, in 2000 there were 3,454 students and the appropriation was \$24.8M, which would require a \$33.7M appropriation to have the same buying power today; and

WHEREAS, UOG has not increased tuition for an unprecedented five years, controlling its costs and working with the Guam Legislature and Governor for tuition support funding; and

WHEREAS, the funding for tuition support expires in FY 2014, while the cost of educating students continues to rise; and

WHEREAS, UOG has submitted a FY 2015 general operations budget, identifying \$30.3 million of government appropriation funding required for a base budget that can sustain academic quality and student learning; and

WHEREAS, without sustainable funds for tuition support, UOG must take further steps, including tuition rate increases, to sustain its mission and protect academic quality and student learning within its current and forecasted cash position and budget; and

WHEREAS, the University has proposed tuition rate changes and made them publicly available with an economic impact statement detailing financial, cost of living, accessibility, affordability, employment and other impacts per 5 GCA Article 3 Section 9301 (f); and

WHEREAS, the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations, and Honorary Degree (SASARHD) and Budget, Finance, Investments, and Audit (BFIA) Committees held a joint public hearing on March 12, 2014, to receive input on UOG's plans and alternatives to proposed tuition rate increases; and

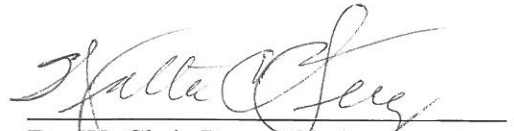
WHEREAS, the SASARHD and BFIA Committees have jointly reviewed the recommendations of the administration and the public's input on the proposed tuition rate changes, and recommend that the BOR approve the Tuition Increase Plan for implementation as proposed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents hereby approves the proposed Tuition Increase Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOR authorizes the President, in consultation with the Chairpersons of the BOR, the BFIA committee and the SASARHD Committee, to modify the tuition rate change for AY 2014-2015 should tuition support be appropriated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to continue to develop sustainable funding for UOG, the proposed 5% increase in AY 2015-2016 and AY 2016-2017 shall be implemented as planned.

Adopted this 17th day of April, 2014.



Dr. W. Chris Perez, Chairperson

ATTESTED:



Dr. Robert Underwood, Executive Secretary