



UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
UNIBETSEDÁT GUÅHAN
Board of Regents

Resolution No. 20-17

RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO ACCESS FUNDS THAT HAVE BEEN RESTRICTED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS

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

WHEREAS, the governance and well-being of UOG is vested in the Board of Regents (BOR);

WHEREAS, one of the criteria used by WSCUC in reviewing a University for accreditation is financial sustainability and in response to this criterion, the BOR has established a number of restricted funds to prove the sustainability of UOG;

WHEREAS, the recent COVID-19 pandemic that has caused the University to close the campus and move all classes to an on-line basis represents the type of financial exigency for which WSCUC was encouraging the University to be prepared;

WHEREAS, even though the University has enacted a Financial Management plan to respond to the reduction in the allotment, the University is concerned about increased costs encountered by the University to respond to the pandemic and is concerned that the appropriation and allotments may be reduced further by continued effects of the pandemic on the island's economy;

WHEREAS, the President now seeks approval from the BOR to access certain funds that have been restricted by the BOR – these funds include the Faculty and Staff Development Fund, the Campus Maintenance Fund, the Dorm Renewal and Replacement Fund, the International Accounting Institute Fund, the Self Insurance Fund, etc.;

WHEREAS, the President also seeks authorization to work with the Guam Legislature to free up funds in the Land Grant Endowment Fund and the Tobacco Fund which cannot be expended without Legislative approval; and

WHEREAS, the BOR Investment Committee has reviewed this authorization request and recommends this request to the BOR for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOR hereby authorizes the President to access funds in an amount up to \$1.5 million which have been restricted by the BOR to include the Faculty and Staff Development Fund, the Campus Maintenance Fund, the Dorm Renewal and Replacement Fund, the International Accounting Institute Fund, the Self Insurance Fund, etc. for purposes of sustaining the University through the period in which the University is cash constrained as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic on the island;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOR further authorizes the President to seek Legislative authority to access the Land Grant Endowment Fund and the Tobacco Fund for the same purposes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any funds drawn under this authorization must be directly tied to expenditures or lost revenues related to the COVID-19 pandemic on the island;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any funds drawn under this authorization will be given first priority to be replaced by any reimbursements received from the Federal government or other sources with interest at a rate of 2%;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is directed to liquidate investments in such a manner as to have the least impact on the overall portfolio of investments, i.e. fixed income investments ahead of highly depreciated stock investments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President shall notify the BOR Executive Committee prior to making a withdrawal from any of the restricted funds for this purpose.

Adopted this 14th day of May, 2020.



Elvin Y. Chiang, Chairperson

ATTESTED:



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