



UNIVERSITY OF GUAM  
UNIBETSEDÁT GUÅHAN  
Board of Regents

Resolution No. 24-11

RELATIVE TO APPROVING THE MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE (MLIS)  
DEGREE PROGRAM

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

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

**WHEREAS**, UOG desires to establish a new graduate degree program, Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) under the direction of the School of Education (SOE) and University Libraries (UL);

**WHEREAS**, University stakeholders have demonstrated need for a program that provides opportunities for advancement within the library, archival, and information science professions;

**WHEREAS**, the MLIS is designed to meet the need to develop a workforce of information professionals of who can address the information needs of the people who reside within the geographic regions of Guam and Micronesia;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed program aims to support the University's Tulos Mo'na initiatives and SOE's goal to meet the multicultural educational demands of island and regional school systems; and the SOE and UL's shared goal of being integral part of the advancement of regional educational systems by becoming the academic, research, and service resource center for Guam and the greater Micronesian areas;

**WHEREAS**, a program demand report documents a high level of interest in the program; and a feasibility study conducted in Fanomnakan 2022 revealed that there was great interest for an MLIS program at the university; respondents to the survey revealed a strong need for this proposed program to help improve the local and regional libraries;

**WHEREAS**, the students and graduates of the MLIS degree program will hold the knowledge and skills to establish a unified network of information sharing across all of Micronesia;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed MLIS degree program was prepared and submitted by the faculty in the School of Education and University Libraries; considered and recommended by the SOE Academic Affairs Committee and Dean, RFK Library faculty and Dean of University Libraries, endorsed by Graduate Curricula Review Committee and the Faculty Senate, and reviewed and recommended for approval by the Senior Vice President & Provost and the President; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academic, Personnel and Tenure Committee has reviewed the proposal and recommends to the BOR for approval the MLIS degree program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the BOR hereby approves the MLIS degree program, effective AY2024-2025.

Adopted this of 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

Sandra H. McKeever, Chairperson

ATTESTED:

Anita Borja Enriquez, D.B.A., Executive Secretary