



**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
UNIBETSEDÁT GUÅHAN
Board of Regents**

Resolution No. 22-18

**RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO FR. FRANCIS X. HEZEL FOR HIS
SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

WHEREAS, upon the completion of Fr. Francis X. Hezel's term as a member of the Board of Regents (BOR), the University of Guam (UOG) community wishes to express its sincere gratitude for his dedication and service;

WHEREAS, Fr. Francis X. Hezel earned a Bachelor's degree with majors in Classical Languages and Philosophy from Fordham University in New York in 1962, and a Master's degree in Classical Languages and History in 1963; a Bachelor's degree in Divinity from Woodstock College in Maryland in 1969, and a Master's degree in Theology in 1970; and was awarded two Honorary Doctorates in Humane Letters from the University of Guam in 1986 and Fordham University in 1994;

WHEREAS, Fr. Francis X. Hezel entered the Society of Jesus on July 14, 1956 after graduating from Canisius High School, Buffalo, New York, and was ordained to priesthood on June 13, 1969;

WHEREAS, Fr. Francis X. Hezel served in many roles of responsibility to include serving as a teacher, Principal, and Director at Xavier High School in Truk (now Chuuk); Director of Micronesian Seminar and Curator for the Micronesian Seminar Library, Truk; Assistant Pastor of Moen, Truk; Director of St. Cecilia Elementary School, Truk; Regional Superior of Jesuits of Micronesia; Local Superior of Jesuits on Pohnpei; Assistant Editor, America Magazine; Assistant Pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Oceanside, New York; Resident Priest at Dulce Nombre Cathedral, Guam; and Parochial Vicar at Santa Barbara Parish, Dededo, Guam;

WHEREAS, Fr. Francis X. Hezel authored, co-authored, or co-edited over 169 books, monographs, reports, and articles centered around the history, education, social/cultural, religious, and political/economic issues in the Micronesia region;

WHEREAS, Fr. Francis X. Hezel possesses reading knowledge in Latin, Greek, Spanish, French, and German, and speaking knowledge of Chuukese, and some knowledge of Pohnpeian;

WHEREAS, Fr. Francis X. Hezel was confirmed as a member of the BOR on May 30, 2019 to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of former Regent Hyo Sang Ji which expired on January 19, 2022, and was extended until February 18, 2022, when a replacement was confirmed by the Guam Legislature;

WHEREAS, as a member of the BOR, Fr. Francis X. Hezel served on: the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations, and Honorary Degree Committee as a member from May 2019 to February 2020 and from May 2021 to February 2022; the Academic, Personnel, and Tenure Committee as a member from May 2021 to February 2022; the Physical Facilities Committee as a member from May 2019 to February 2020; the Investment Committee as a member from April 2020 to May 2021, and Budget, Finance and Audit Committee as a member from April 2020 to May 2021;

WHEREAS, Fr. Francis X. Hezel represented the BOR as a member of the UOG Endowment Foundation as an Ex-Officio Director from July 2019 to May 2021; and as a member of the Research Corporation of the University of Guam Board of Directors from May 2021 to February 2022;

WHEREAS, Fr. Francis X. Hezel is highly regarded for his candor, experiences, conscientiousness, sound judgement and holistic consideration in decision-making, and provided valuable influence in working with making policies and addressing issues impacting UOG; and

WHEREAS, the Academic, Personnel, and Tenure Committee has reviewed the recommendation and recommends approval of this resolution expressing appreciation to Fr. Francis X. Hezel to the BOR.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOR, the administration, faculty, staff, and students, convey to Fr. Francis X. Hezel their sincerest gratitude for his dedication to UOG and the people of Guam, for his service as a member of the BOR, and for his devotion to the growth and prosperity of our island and region; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be sent to Fr. Francis X. Hezel, to the Governor of Guam, and to the Speaker and members of the thirty-sixth (36th) Guam Legislature.

Adopted this 21st day of April, 2022.



Liza J. Provideo, Chairperson

ATTESTED:



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