

RELATIVE TO APPROVING THE FY2016-2017 GENERAL OPERATIONS BUDGETS

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

WHEREAS, the governance of UOG is vested in the Board of Regents (BOR) which is responsible for approving, adopting and submitting an annual budget to *I Liheslaturan Guahan*; and

WHEREAS, UOG received recommendations on areas of resource needs from the University Planning and Budget Advisory Committee (UPBAC) with representation from the Faculty Senate, Deans Council, Administrative Council, Faculty Union, Staff Council, and Student Government Association; and

WHEREAS, UOG has demonstrated commitment to a stable, balanced budget in an atmosphere of declining resources related to the problems facing the economies of the island and the region; and

WHEREAS, UOG has agreed upon the goals articulated in its strategic plan and focused its revenues and spending upon the highest priorities within its mission; and

WHEREAS, UOG has implemented initiatives that enhance, realign and reshape the institution, strengthening its commitment to student learning, academic quality, institutional efficiency and effectiveness, revenue growth, and cost savings; and

WHEREAS, UOG has developed consolidated budgets for FY2016-2017 focused on academic program quality, operational needs, critical vacancies, strategic growth and initiatives, and priorities associated with institutional compliance and safety issues, revenue generation, continuous improvement, and program and business support; and

WHEREAS, UOG presents its FY2016-2017 budget requests identifying funding required for a base that is sufficiently balanced within funding levels to sustain academic quality and student learning including infrastructure support and continuing special appropriations (WERI, Hatchery, Soil Conservation); and

WHEREAS, for FY2016, UOG requests an appropriation of \$31.6M for general operations to include a 2% salary increase for academic personnel; and

WHEREAS, based upon an assessment of the priority needs of UOG and upon the recommendations of UPBAC, the administration recommends the attached FY2016 General Operations Budget for approval and a preliminary FY2017 budget for planning purposes; and

WHEREAS, at their February meetings, the President and the BFIA Committee reviewed the budgets, and the Physical Facilities Committee reviewed the capital outlay budget; and now recommend to the BOR the attached FY2016 General Operations Budget for approval and a preliminary FY2017 budget for planning purposes; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Guam FY2016 General Operations Budget (as attached) is hereby approved to be submitted to *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* pursuant to law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in an effort to provide a basis for continuity of planning as consistent with best practices, the Board of Regents further submits a preliminary FY2017 budget to *I Mina 'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Adopted this 19th day of February, 2015.

William D. Leon Guerrero, Chairperson

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ATTESTED:

Dr. Robert Underwood, Executive Secretary

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