

**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
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Board of Regents

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**Regular Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2021**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents (BOR) was called to order by BOR Chairperson Jerold W. Filush on February 18, 2021 at 5:31 p.m., VIA ZOOM. Notice of such meeting have been duly and regularly provided by the BOR.

QUORUM:

**Jerold W. Filush
Liza Provide
Sandra McKeever
Francis Hezel
Lesley Leon Guerrero
Agapito "Pete" Diaz
Roland Certeza
Mike Naholowaa
Anisa Topasna**

**Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
Treasurer
Member
Member
Member
Member
Member
Member**

ALSO PRESENT:

**Thomas W. Krise
Anthony Camacho
Chris Mabayag
David S. Okada
Tessica Duenas**

**Executive Secretary
General Counsel
Recording Secretary
CPO/Interim Chief of Staff
Host for Zoom Meeting**

2.0 MEETING MINUTES

2.1 Regular Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2021

Chairperson Filush asked if there were any corrections or discussion regarding the regular meeting minutes as presented. Regent Naholowaa moved to approve, which was duly seconded by Regent Provide. The motion carried.

3.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Chairperson Filush welcomed everyone to the February Regular Meeting. He hopes everyone continues to remain safe and healthy, and he is appreciative of everything being done to keep the mission of our University moving forward even during the difficulties and challenges from the public health emergency and budget constraints, especially as we transition to Pandemic Condition of Readiness 3 or PCOR3.

He continues to remain confident that we will all get through this and resume some kind of normalcy in our future. He thanked all for continuing to do their part in wearing their mask, practicing social distancing, and sanitizing as often as possible to protect others and

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themselves. He also hopes that everyone will take full advantage of getting vaccinated as soon as possible.

He welcomed the newest regent: Student Regent Anisa Topasna who has been recently elected by the Student Government Association and sworn in this month by Dr. Krise, the BOR Executive Secretary. He invited Regent Topasna to introduce herself and say a few words.

Regent Topasna stated that she is currently a junior at UOG and previously served as a Senator for the 58th Student Government Association. She is excited about her role as a member and looks forward to working with all.

He then recognized former Student Regent Mebric Navisaga for his services and contributions representing the students of UOG during his time on the Board. He expressed a heartfelt thank you for his service and wished him well as he graduated this past semester.

3.1 Proposed AY2021-2022 BOR Calendar for Meetings

Chairperson Filush noted that the BOR meeting calendar is included in the packet for informational purposes.

4.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Krise gave the President's report, a copy of which is attached.

5.0 REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

5.1 Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations and Honorary Degree (SASARHD) Committee

Regent Diaz reported that the SASARHD Committee met on February 10th via zoom with a quorum present and presented the proposed resolution for the board's approval.

5.1.1 Resolution No. 21-01, Relative to Approving the Proposed Student Financial Assistance Program FY2022 Budget

Regent Diaz introduced Resolution No. 21-01 and moved to approve, which was duly seconded by Regent Leon Guerrero. He summarized the resolution explaining the purpose. He stated that both the SASARHD and BFA committees reviewed the resolution. He added that the BFA committee recommended an addition to the resolution to include a paragraph clarifying that the President is authorized to reappropriation according to the budget approved by the Guam Legislature. He further added that the resolution with the recommended addition was explained with the satisfaction of both committees. The motion carried.

Regent Diaz provided some background information with regards to the Merit Award and the Student Financial Assistance Program (SFAP) awarding priorities.

5.2 Academic, Personnel and Tenure Committee (AP&T) Committee

Regent Leon Guerrero reported that the AP&T Committee met on February 10th via zoom with a quorum present and presented the proposed resolutions for the board's approval.

5.2.1 Resolution No. 21-02, Relative to Awarding Emeritus Professor of Philosophy Status to Dr. Kim Skoog.

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Regent Leon Guerrero introduced Resolution No. 21-02 and moved to approve, which was duly seconded by Regent Provido. She summarized the resolution highlighting Dr. Skoog's accomplishments as a faculty member. The motion carried.

5.2.2 Resolution No. 21-03, Relative to Adjusting the Capital Projects Manager Salary Range in Order to Remain Competitive within Industry and Correcting Alignment for the Associate Budget and Administrative Process Officer

Regent Leon Guerrero introduced Resolution No. 21-03 and moved to approve, which was duly seconded by Regent Naholowaa. She summarized the resolution explaining the purpose. The motion carried.

5.2.3 Resolution No. 21-04, Relative to Adopting the Third Revised University of Guam COVID-19 Response Differential Pay Policy & Procedures to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19

Regent Leon Guerrero introduced Resolution No. 21-04 and moved to approve, which was duly seconded by Regent Naholowaa. She summarized the resolution explaining the purpose. She stated that the resolution was also endorsed by the BFA committee and recommends approval. The motion carried.

5.2.4 Resolution No. 21-05, Relative to Amending the UOG Procurement Regulations to Authorize Small Purchases of Part-Time Teaching and Instructors Services, and to Apply UOG's Small Purchase Procedure to Include Other Professionals

Regent Leon Guerrero introduced Resolution No. 21-05 and moved to approve, which was duly seconded by Regent Diaz. She summarized the resolution explaining the purpose. She stated the resolution is supported by the Faculty Union with concurrence by the President and the AP&T and BFA committees. The motion carried.

5.3 Physical Facilities Committee

Regent Diaz reported that the Physical Facilities Committee met on February 10th via zoom with a quorum present. No resolutions were presented to the board at this time.

5.3.1 Facilities Management and Services Update

Regent Diaz gave a brief report on the Facilities Management and Services (FMS) projects.

He highlighted on the Student Success Center and Engineering Annex noting that the VPAF believes we will know in the next two weeks if the loan will move forward. He stated that Bascon, the contractor for the Engineering Annex, has submitted termination to their contract. He added that it was reported to the Committee that a claim was submitted by Bascon and could possibly go into arbitration. We were made aware that UOG was able to obtain a complete design for the building, which can move forward with a design bid build procurement method.

The Guam Cultural Repository is under way and that foundation work has begun with a slight delay in securing permits. They are currently negotiating a contract amendment with SSFM to conduct construction management and commissioning services.

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The WERI building and School of Health expansion project funds have been encumbered and anticipating notice of award to be received shortly. An RFP is being prepared for design bid build once we receive approval.

He further reported on other on-going projects.

5.4 Investment Committee

Regent McKeever noted that the Investment Committee met on February 11th via zoom with a quorum present and presented the updates and proposed resolutions for the board's approval.

5.4.1 Investment Update

Regent McKeever reported on the great news that we reached the \$30M value point for the Land-Grant fund, which is a first time in more than two decades. She added that the Triton Club seed money of \$50K has grown their investment to \$92K. She congratulated the Investment Club on a fantastic job.

She then reported on the Centennial Funds noting that there was a Centennial Committee that had a fidelity investment that went dormant but that we were able to recoup the funds. She also stated VPAF Wiegand suggested that Centennial Committee members be appointed so that active members can determine the use of the funds.

5.4.2 Resolution No. 21-06, Relative to Approving the Revisions to the UOG Investment Policy Statement

Regent McKeever introduced Resolution No. 21-06 and moved to approve, which was duly seconded by Regent Hezel. She summarized the resolution explaining the purpose. The motion carried.

5.4.3 Resolution No. 21-07, Relative to Approving a Plan for Borrowing for the University

Regent McKeever introduced Resolution No. 21-07 and moved to approve, which was duly seconded by Regent Hezel. She summarized the resolution explaining the purpose. She mentioned that the resolution was reviewed and approved by the Physical Facilities and BFA Committees. The motion carried.

5.5 Budget, Finance, and Audit (BFA) Committee

Regent McKeever reported that the BFA Committee met on February 11th via zoom with a quorum present and presented the updates and proposed resolution for the board's approval.

Regent McKeever reported that VPAF Wiegand previously introduced Abigail Martin as the new Risk Officer for the University. She noted however that Ms. Martin is currently serving as the Interim Comptroller to assist the Business Office due to urgent matters and the resignation of the previous Comptroller. The BFA Committee urged VPAF Wiegand to ensure that both critical positions be filled on a permanent basis.

5.5.1 Financial Update

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Regent McKeever reported that the Department of Administration has been very diligent in the weekly cash allotments. She noted that the Fiscal Year 2020 unaudited financial statements were reviewed and are waiting for the audit adjustments from the Government of Guam actuarial reports which usually has a significant impact on the financial statements. She stated that based on the final trial balance provided to the auditors, the net change in net position is at negative \$2.3M, and, also mentioned that the total tuition revenue is down due to the covid situation, however the University is actively campaigning on registration and attendance.

She further reported that there is approximately \$6.9M in CARES act funding and that \$2.28M is going towards direct student financial assistance and the remaining will be used for institutional support and additional student financial assistance. She noted that a spending plan is being developed.

5.5.2 Collections Report

Regent McKeever reported that collections for student loans is \$41,000.00 during the first quarter. She noted the collections efforts was impaired due to the ransomware.

5.5.3 Procurement Transactions and Contracts Report

Regent McKeever applauded the report noting that there was nothing significant. She provided a brief overview of the report.

5.5.4 Resolution No. 21-08, Relative to Approving the FY2022 General Operations and Special Appropriations Budgets

Regent McKeever introduced Resolution No. 21-08 and moved to approve, which was duly seconded by Regent Leon Guerrero. She summarized the resolution explaining the purpose. The motion carried.

6.0 AD HOC REPORT: ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION UPDATE

Katrina Perez, Executive Director, provided the BOR with an update on the UOGEF events and projects.

7.0 OPEN PRESENTATION (3 Minute Limit per Person)

Chairperson Filush opened the floor for open presentations. There were no presentations.

8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 8.1 Recommendation for Tenure for Dean Olah, Associate Professor of Education Foundation, School of Education**
- 8.2 Recommendation for Tenure for Jeffrey Libao, Assistant Professor of Systems and Networking Services, University Libraries**
- 8.3 Recommendation for Tenure for Irena Keckes, Associate Professor of Art, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences**

This Executive Session commenced at 6:59 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 7:21 p.m.

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9.0 VOTING FILE

9.1 Recommendation for Tenure for Dean Olah, Associate Professor of Education Foundation, School of Education

Regent Leon Guerrero moved to approve the recommendation for tenure for Dr. Dean Olah, which was duly seconded by Regent Hezel. The motion carried.

9.2 Recommendation for Tenure for Jefrey Libao, Assistant Professor of Systems and Networking Services, University Libraries

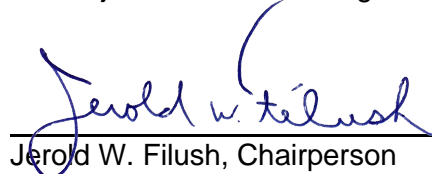
Regent Leon Guerrero moved to approve the recommendation for tenure for Prof. Jefrey Libao, which was duly seconded by Regent Naholowaa. The motion carried.

9.3 Recommendation for Tenure for Irena Keckes, Associate Professor of Art, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences


Regent Leon Guerrero moved to approve the recommendation for tenure for Dr. Irena Keckes, which was duly seconded by Regent Provido. The motion carried.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Regent McKeeever moved that the zoom meeting be adjourned, which was duly seconded by Regent Naholowaa and passed. Chairperson Filush adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m., Chamorro Standard Time.


Jerold W. Filush, Chairperson

ATTESTED:


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