

**NMC FOUNDATION**  
**Foundation Meeting**  
Northern Marianas College  
Board of Regents Conference Room  
August 29, 2007  
Minutes

**I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**A. Roll Call**

The NMC Foundation meeting was called to order at 10:00a.m. at the NMC Board of Regents' Conference room in Saipan.

The NMC Foundation President, Mr. Ben Babauta recognized the presence of the foundation members as indicated below:

**PRESENT:** David Burger, Felicidad Ogumoro, Dr. Rita H. Inos, Ray Villagomez, Ron Barrineau, Joanna C. Pai, Yoichi Matsumura, Michael Von Siebenthal, Ivan Quichocho, Ben Babauta, Jay Jones, George Fleming, Danny Wyatt, and Mark Mendiola.

Mr. Ben Babauta, President, presided.

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**B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** Ivan Quichocho motioned to adopt the agenda.

**Second:** The motion was seconded by Michael Von Sieventhal. There were no objections and the motion passed.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES - June 13, 2007**

**Motion:** Board Member Ivan Quichocho motioned to adopt the June 13, 2007 minutes.

**Second:** The motion was seconded by Michael Von Sieventhal.

**Vote:** There were no objections and the motion passed. The minutes was passed with some minor spelling errors.

**Corrections:** So, noted to change name from Berger to Burger; Von Sieventhal to Von Siebenthal.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Scholarship Committee
- B. Special Events Committee
- C. Investment and Grants Committee

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Presidential Search Support Update -

Mark Mendiola informed the members that a report regarding the report that was given to the Presidential search process is in the packet. A total of \$9,401 was expended. An under budget of \$600.00.

Raaj mentioned that the understanding was for the college to spend the money up to the Ten Thousand maximum in which will be reimbursed by the foundation. With the foundation board's permission, he is going to transfer the funds over to cover the expenses.

B. Tinian Furniture – Handout provided.

C. Alumni Update – Handout provided.

#### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. NMC College Campus Walk Thru - Chairman Babauta proposed a college campus visit and appreciation luncheon with NMC staff, faculty, and its' administrators. The purpose of this visit is to allow the foundation members to familiarize themselves with the various programs and services of NMC. A date and time will be set at the next foundation meeting.
- B. Alumni Association – Dr. Fernandez informed the foundation members that Mark Mendiola, the Foundation Director will be launching the Alumni Association very soon.
- C. Dr. Fernandez also recommended in obtaining short-term commitments from donors to bid offices and classroom spaces for dedication of the space to the donor. She also recommended naming the buildings instead of using letters.

At this time, Chairman Babauta went out of order to adopt the committee structure's which were established earlier in the agenda. The committees are as follows:

##### **1. INVESTMENT & GRANT COMMITTEE**

Dave Burger, Chairperson  
Ben Babauta, Member  
Michael Von Siebenthal, Member  
Felicidad Ogumoro, Member

##### **2. SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

Ivan Quichocho, Chairperson  
Ray Villagomez, Member

##### **3. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Jay Jones, Chairperson  
Joanna Pai, Member  
Yoichi Matsumura, Member  
Felicidad Ogumoro, Member  
Danny Wyatt, Member  
Mark Mendiola, Member

Dr. Rita Hocog Inos moved for adoption of the committee structure as indicated above. The motion was seconded by member Ivan Quichocho. There were no objections, the motion passed by a majority voice vote.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

*Adopted on November 28, 2007*

Dr. Rita Hocog Inos took this opportunity to thank the foundation members for the additional funds required for the recruitment during the Presidential search. She indicated that the board has been very pleased with the new NMC President. A financial statement will be provided to the foundation members for their information. Dr. Inos also solicited for the foundation members' continued support to the college.

Chairman Babauta echoed the same sentiments and looks forward to supporting the college in it's mission.

V. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:40am.

/s/ Vicente Babauta  
President, NMC Foundation

*Date: August 29, 2007*