



NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE

# Faculty Assembly

## Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2010 • 9:00 a.m.

Room D-1

- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.
  - a. Forty-one (41) faculty members were present.
  - b. An Employee Personal Assessment of the College Environment (EPACE) Survey was added to the agenda as item X.
  
- II. Announcements: Dean of Academic Programs and Services Bobbi Merfalen and Dean of Student Services Leo Pangelinan
  - a. The Deans distributed copies of ACCJC Standard II.A.7.a and Recommendation #8 from the June 30, 2010 Show Cause Visit Report and lead a discussion on the responsibility and commitment of faculty to meet this standard.
  - b. The faculty also discussed additional means of assessing the effectiveness of the College in adhering to this standard, such as ongoing professional development and revising the faculty evaluation system.
  
- III. Introduction of New Faculty
  - a. Matthew Pastula (Library Director), Roy Greenland, (School of Education Instructor), and Lupe Borja (Languages and Humanities Instructor).
  
- IV. AY2011 Faculty Senate Members
  - a. The new, incoming Faculty Senate members for Academic Year 2011 were introduced, as follows: John Cox (representing the Division of Academic Programs and Services), Amanda Angel (representing the School of Education), and Dr. John Griffin (At-large member), along with incumbent members, Larry Lee, Lyte Chappap, and Joan Dubrall.
  
- V. Nominations for Faculty Senate At-Large Member, COMPASS and Student Services Representatives
  - a. Faculty were asked to submit nominations for the above three (3) vacancies via email to President Larry Lee
  
- VI. Faculty Representatives to serve on College Council, PROAC, and BAFC
  - a. Volunteers for interested faculty to serve on the above governance bodies were solicited.
  
- VII. Accreditation Reaffirmation Action Plan (ARAP) Review and Feedback
  - a. Feedback on the current draft version of the ARAP was solicited. Faculty was asked to submit comments via email to Galvin Deleon Guerrero.
  
- VIII. Proposed New Organizational Chart Draft

- a. The proposed new Organizational Chart was distributed and discussed.
- IX. Academic Freedom and Responsibility
- a. Copies of Board of Regents Policy 3004 “Academic Freedom and Responsibility” were presented and discussed.
  - b. Many faculty members were surprised and curious as to why this issue was a cause of concern.
  - c. Recommendation #8 from the June 30, 2010 Show Cause Visit Report was discussed and context was provided by the Faculty Senate President.
- X. Employee Personal Assessment of the College Environment (EPACE) Survey
- a. An Employee Personal Assessment of the College Environment (EPACE) Survey was administered by the OIE Director and staff.
- XI. Miscellaneous
- a. No miscellaneous items were discussed.
- XII. Adjournment
- a. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.