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**NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE
BOARD OF REGENTS
Special Meeting of Tuesday, June 29, 2021
Continued Friday, July 02, 2021**

Minutes

I. Call Meeting to Order

a. Roll Call

The special meeting of the Board of Regents of the Northern Marianas College was held on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 9:00a.m. in the BOR Conference Room, Saipan Campus in person and online (remotely) using the Zoom platform.

Board Members Present in person:

Regent Elaine Hocog Orilla, BOR Acting Chairperson
Regent Michaela U. Sanchez, BOR Treasurer
Regent Jesse Tudela
Regent Michelle Sablan
Regent Irene Torres

NMC Staff present in person:

Frankie Eliptico, NMC Interim President
Charlotte Cepeda, Dean of Learning and Student Success
Hedwig Hofschneider, Project Proa Director/Healthy Fall Task Force
Polly Masga, HR Director
Alexis Cabrera Manglona, OSAL
Maia Pangelinan, ASNMC President
Miguel Dandan, Office of Institutional Advancement

Casey Hulicangan, Office of Institutional Advancement
Helen B. Camacho, Board Secretary (Recorder)

Present Via Zoom:

David J. Attao, Chief Financial Officer
Geri Rodgers, Assessment Specialist
Dr. Randy Yates, Faculty
Eric Johnson, Faculty
Roman Tudela, Human Resource
Wilfredo Abu, Chief Accountant

b. Review and Adoption of Agenda

Action: Regent Torres motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Regent Sanchez. All members voted yes, the motion carried. The agenda is adopted.

II. Public Comment Period: Individuals may verbally testify on items on the agenda during the Public Comment Period. Testifiers are requested to limit their comments to five (5) minutes. Written comments are also accepted. - There were no public comments received.

III. Old Business

None.

Acting Chairperson Orilla informed the board that in today's meeting, the college is bringing forward the COVID-19 Vaccination Plan for the board's review and endorsement. Regent Orilla also thanked everyone who has been instrumental in putting this plan together.

IV. New Business

a. COVID-19 Vaccination Plan

Frankie Eliptico, NMC Interim President shared with the board members that the college will be sharing some information about an initiative that the college is proposing with regard to vaccination for students. He also thanked Interim Vice-President Charlotte Cepeda and Hedwig Hofschneider, Project Proa Director, for putting together the presentation. A powerpoint presentation was shared with the board members highlighting the vaccination plan:

- 1) Present NMC's recommendation for requiring students who plan on attending face to face classes to receive the COVID-19 vaccination for the Fall 2021 semester.
- 2) Receive endorsement of NMC's Vaccination Plan by the NMC Board of Regents.
- 3) Recommendation: All students enrolled in face-to-face courses for Fall 2021 be fully vaccinated for COVID-19; Medical exemptions will be granted; Students that opt out of the vaccination (and are not eligible for an exemption) can take courses virtually online.
- 4) Purpose of Recommendation: Ensure the health and safety of all students, faculty and staff from COVID-19 while on campus; Open up the campus for students to return; Achieving Herd Immunity in the CNMI; WASC approval for online learning to expire at the end of 2021; and to increase classroom face to face caps.
- 5) Some data shared
- 6) Additional Recommendations: Masks will still be vaccinated on campus; social distancing requirements and protective barriers will be lessened or removed; new classrooms will be approved by the CNMI Governor's COVID-19 Task force.
- 7) Colleges requiring the COVID-19 Vaccine: 562 colleges currently require student vaccination for COVID-19 for Fall '21 as of June 25, 2021.

IP Frankie introduced Maia Pangelinan, ASNMC President. Maia was present to share some student insight and give a student perspective about the vaccination requirement for students.

Maia Pangelinan, ASNMC President was present to address the board and share the student perspective. She indicated that students are really happy to be back on campus and the vaccination plan will add another layer of comfort for students.

In response to Regent Torres's inquiry if there will be a plan for faculty and employees, IP Frankie said that an employee initiative is forthcoming. The college is hoping to reach full immunity as we are currently at eighty percent.

Regent Tudela mentioned that there is an immunization form requirement. All the vaccination records are with the immunization office and it is his understanding that part of the requirement requires that the form be picked up in order for the provider to be able to complete the form.

Regent Sanchez motioned to recess the meeting for July 02, 2021 at 9:00a.m for more research on the COVID-19 Vaccination Plan, seconded by Regent Torres. All members voted yes, the motion passed. Meeting ended at 9:39a.m. The meeting is in recess.

V. Executive Session (At any time during the scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential).

a. Legal Matters

b. Personnel Matters



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a. Roll Call

The continuation of the June 29, 2021 special meeting of the Board of Regents of the Northern Marianas College was called back to order on July 02, 2021 Conference Room, Saipan Campus in person and online (remotely) using the Zoom platform.

Board Members Present in person:

Regent Elaine Hocog Orilla, BOR Acting Chairperson
Regent Michaela U. Sanchez, BOR Treasurer
Regent Jesse Tudela
Regent Michelle Sablan
Regent Irene Torres

NMC Staff present in person:

Galvin Deleon Guerrero, NMC President
Frankie Eliptico, Vice-President of Administration and Advancement
Charlotte Cepeda, Interim Vice-President of Learning and Student Success / Dean of Student of LSS
Hedwig Hofschneider, Project Proa Director/Healthy Fall Task Force
Polly Masga, HR Director
Alexis Cabrera Manglona, OSAL Director
Helen B. Camacho, Board Secretary (Recorder)

Present Via Zoom:

Tiberius Mocanu, BOR Legal Counsel
Maria Aguon, Tinian Center Executive Director
Dr. Randy Yates, Faculty
Eric Johnson, Faculty

Regent Orilla, Acting BOR Chairperson informed the board that this is a continuation of discussions regarding the COVID-19 Vaccination Plan that was brought to the board earlier this week. In light of that meeting, the board requested for more research and legal input.

Galvin Deleon Guerrero, NMC President asked if VP Frankie can make the update and provide the analysis by both legal counsels. As a recap, VP Frankie said that the proposal and recommendation that was brought forward earlier this week is to make the COVID-19 Vaccination a requirement for those who are enrolled in in-person classes for the Fall 2021 Semester. He went on to say that the college will be making medical and other exceptions for those students who for whatever reason are not able to get the vaccination, they're not entirely shut out of enrolling and accessing NMC classes, programs and student services. They are still going to be able to access many of the classes through online platforms.

VP Frankie also stated that the college's legal counsel has expressed his support of this move. Tiberius Mocanu, BOR Legal Counsel also expressed support of this plan. President Deleon Guerrero shared that this is evolving and becoming a standard across

Action: Regent Torres motioned to endorse the COVID-19 Vaccination Plan, seconded by Regent Sanchez. All members voted yes, the motion passed.

VI. Adjournment

Action: Regent Sanchez motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Regent Sablan. All members voted yes, the passed. The meeting ended at 9:24a.m.