



## II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Dr. M. Santos, seconded by Dr. L. Cooper-Nurse. APPROVED.

## III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes reviewed, April 29, 2024.

Motion to approve by Dr. L. Baza-Cruz, seconded by L. San Agustin. APPROVED.

## IV. Reports

- A. Treasurer: At this time there is no elected treasurer, so the Chairperson asked Dr. M. Santos to read the treasurer's report. Dr. M. Santos stated that in our special we have \$113,280.25 in expenditures, \$122,713.75 in funds available, and \$41,647.00 in the unallotted balance. In our fee account we have \$16,815.83 in expenditures, \$12,891.90 in encumbrances, and \$56,6145.12 in funds available. In the general ledger we have a carry-over balance beginning at \$128,499.01 and collected \$13,760.00 from November 2023 to April 2024. The new carryover balance is \$123,284.01.
- B. Chairperson: R. Abaday reported that the GCEC office has continued to work through illnesses, building renovations, and the lack of an executive director. She commended Ms. Fran and Ms. Gwen for maintaining the services to the educators through all the travails that have been ongoing over the last few months. As the GCEC representative, she sent testimonies to Senator Barnett voicing the concern of GCEC over the proposed changes to the law which would eliminate first the mathematics exam (282) and then all exams (312). She presented at the hearing and responded to questions to the best of her knowledge. She thanked the GCEC Commissioners who reviewed the testimonies and gave input. Everyone working together provided the voice of GCEC.
- C. Executive Director: No report at this time due to vacancy of the position.
- D. Sub-Committees:
  - I. Extension Committee: Dr. L. Cooper-Nurse stated that they had 7 extension requests.

## V. Old Business

- A. Executive Director vacancy: R. Abaday emailed a request to the Governor's Office for suggested name for the position (and the community position) on 11/2023, 2/26/2024, with a follow up on 9/23/24. At this time there is still no one applying. If anyone knows of any possible applicants, please have them submit an application.
- B. GCEC Member Vacancies: One person submitted an application for the teacher vacancy. R. Abaday submitted a request to the Governor's Office for a community position representative. We are still waiting for the legislative approval for our other positions.
- C. SOP 2023-01: A copy of the forms that can be used by administrators for the assessment was created and revised by Dr. L. Cooper-Nurse and R. Abaday. This is the tool to be used for the exemplary observations. Revisions are requested. Any changes can be added directly to the google doc. Accepting of the form will be done at the next meeting.
- D. Testimony given on Bills: Testimony was given commissioners at the two hearings for the two different bills to change the testing requirements. The testimonies support the stand of GCEC that the testing requirements should not be changed. (re Bill 282, 312)
- E. Request for Praxis numbers: The google doc report on the Praxis numbers requested by Senator Barnett was provided by R. Abaday with input from the other commissioners. It will be sent to Senator Barnett as requested.

## VI. New Business

- A. UOG CHamoru Studies for Education Courses/Program: UOG has approved the courses. In the GCEC meeting of 10/16/23 it was stated that the program for certification would be approved once the courses were approved and the program now has 6 years to complete the collection of evidence and application for Jurisdictional Approval. R. Abaday will send the letter and copy of the application to Dr. Kisha BQ-Calvo.
- B. Discussions raised from recent hearings
  - I. BESTE test return: Discussed and no support voiced to return to this test format.
  - II. Certification for those w/25-30 years of teaching with a certificate: An idea from GFT. Tabled for discussion until the next meeting.
  - III. Teachers who have been teaching w/out a certificate: Discussed. GCEC feels a test to determine skills should still be required.
  - IV. Two changes being put forward by Senator San Nicolas. Discussed. GCEC feels a test to determine skills should still be required. The test scores in math and language arts for our students are low and would not be helped by having teachers lacking those basic skills teaching the students.

Discussed the creation of an SOP which would allow SAT, ACT, and GRE to be accepted in place of CORE test results. The ideas were shared and there was approval to create an SOP which would be included in old business next meeting for voting on approval. R. Abaday will create the SOP and send it out for review and revisions.

- C. SOP needed for educators wanting to switch levels (elementary to secondary). Discussed. Dr. M. Santos will prepare an SOP for our review.
- D. Praxis
  - I. Computer Science: Motion to approve the recommended test for computer science with the passing score of 149 by Dr. M. Santos. Seconded by Dr. L. Baza-Cruz. Approved.
  - II. Japanese Language: One student took the JLPT test in 10/16/24 since we still don't have an approved test on island. Fran will check with ETS to see that we can get the approved tests we need for our applicants, specifically ACTFL.

VII. Ex-Officio:

- A. GDOE: There are currently 50 vacancies for classroom instructors and 20 for special education instructors.
- B. UOG: No report.
- C. GCC: No report

VIII. Announcements:

Next meeting will be November 18, 2024 at 4:00 P.M.

IX. Executive Session

Not needed at this time.

X. Adjournment:

L. San Agustin made the motion to adjourn and Dr. L. Baza Cruz seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.