

**GCEC Regular Meeting
Monday, September 21, 2017
4:15 p.m., UOG SOE Building**

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

GCEC Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order at **4:20 p.m.**, on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at the UOG - SOE, Room 213, Mangilao.

Commission Members: All Present

Others Present: Joann Muna (GCC), Rufina Mendiola and Jimmy Teria

Motion by M Santos and seconded by Ichihara-Rosario to reorder the agenda and move to the top the GDOE Chamorro Language Division personnel.

V. NEW BUSINESS

B. CHAMORRO LANGUAGE AND CULTURE REQUIREMENTS

J Teria discussed their draft proposal to strengthen the Chamorro program because the current 30 credits for Temporary Chamorro is insufficient. Their concerns are that

“...we are reaching the age group where Chamorro is not as strong as it used to be. The proficiency level is not at the level we want them to be. So we want to increase the number of Chamorro language credits ... so we are looking for at least 18 credits of Chamorro language.”

Mendiola stated that Chamorro Language majors have increased the number of upper level classes. However, Chamorro major graduates are still speaking in English. M Santos mentioned that the proposed change will be made by law and to identify specific courses is problematic in case UOG no longer offers the courses. M Santos suggested that perhaps they can cite specific number of language classes or specific education prep courses. Mendiola discussed the importance of taking Orthography A, B and C. They have been recommending that current teachers take these courses. L Santos pointed out that many Basic Chamorro certificate holders have 200 – 300 credits but have not qualified for Initial Chamorro certificates. Mendiola stated that they take other courses to fulfill the requirements. A work session with commission members will be scheduled to discuss the proposed changes.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by M Santos and seconded by Cooper-Nurse to approve the minutes. APPROVED.

III. REPORTS

A. TREASURER’S REPORT

Ichihara-Rosario reported that as of Sep 18, 2017, Expenditures and Encumbrances were \$209,032.70 and the balance for the Local Account was \$72,789.30.

For the Collection Fee Appropriation Account, the FY17 rollover appropriated funds are \$93,460.38, Total Expenditures is \$31,642.43 and a balance of \$ 97,001.45.

B. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

No Report.

C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Sep 9 Meeting with Rufina Mendiola and Jimmy Teria (GDOE Chamorro Division)
- Delivered response letter to Kin Fernandez at Southern High
- Frederick Lane training survey – SOE volunteered to conduct the survey under their account. GCC will be conducting the survey for the GCC attendees of the UOG / GCC training.

OPERATIONS

- Responded to NASDTEC survey from Hawaii on policies related to the national accreditation of educator preparation programs

D. SUB-COMMITTEE

No reports.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Technical corrections to PL 31-50 for Initial Administrator

Based on M and L Santos' recommendations, the changes are as follows.

(a) Initial Administrator Certificate.

*(1) Minimum Qualifications. An Initial Administrator Certificate may be issued to an applicant who presents evidence that he or she has completed a Master's Degree; **a Guam professional or master certified teacher with** five (5) years of full-time classroom teaching experience; completion of an approved school administration program; and a passing score on the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA). The passing score shall be determined by the Commission.*

*The approved school administration program includes skills for K- 12 school level principal; and that it is aligned with the Guam School Administrator Standards; or the program is from a college or university within any of the fifty (50) states or administrative jurisdictions, and whose advance degree has been awarded by **a regionally accredited institution** ~~an institution accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.~~*

L Santos will delete all references to NCATE in PL 31-50.

Motion by Baza-Cruz and seconded by Ichihara-Rosario to amend the Initial Administrator certificate with the amendments discussed. APPROVED.

B. Vince John Quitugua - July 7 judgement

L. Santos is waiting for a response from the Attorney General regarding the request for legal advice on how to proceed with Quitugua's situation.

C. Dolores Cruz Rojas Extension Appeal – July 17

L Santos reported that the Standing Committee on Appeals met and denied Rojas' request. The law allows the applicant to request for reconsideration by providing more documents and

making a presentation at the next commission meeting. If there are no additional documents, then the request for reconsideration is denied.

V New Business

A. Comparative data on certificates issued

L Santos discussed the breakdown of certificates graph from 2011-2016. Professional certificates spiked in 2013. Many are moving to Master certificates which are valid for 10 years. A great number of extensions are due to the lack of mentors for Initial Educators who need an extension in order to complete the 1 year mentorship requirement. Other extensions are for Initial Admin certificate holders who are unable to secure an Admin position. Cooper-Nurse explained that there are only 4 mentors. Each mentor has 18 clients that they must see once every 2 weeks. She discussed a mainland model where a student teaching mentorship is scheduled during the student's last year. The challenge is to get the teacher prep programs to adopt this model since it requires an extra semester for the students. This does not require mentors since the student are working with certified teachers. Students and teachers receive a stipend from the grants. M Santos stated that GDOE has budgeted for more mentor positions but was not approved. Ichihara-Rosario added that the model resulted in higher teacher retention rates. M Santos discussed how many states are returning to the 4 year model to remain competitive.

C. 2017 4th Annual Ted Andrews Winter Symposium, San Diego, CA, Jan 4-6, 2018

Attendees are M Santos, Ichihara-Rosario and Cooper-Nurse.

Motion by Baza-Cruz and seconded by Ichihara-Rosario for M Santos, Cooper-Nurse and Ichihara-Rosario to attend the 2017 4th Annual Ted Andrews Winter Symposium in San Diego, CA, on Jan 4-6, 2018. APPROVED.

D. Election of Officers

Hendricks discussed that if she is reappointed by the Governor, she wants to continue as the chair. She recommended that elections needs to be tabled. Sandy Miller (Gov's legal counsel) stated in her September 1, 2017 emails to L Santos that GCEC commission members have no term limit. She also provided language on the term limits for the Guam PEALS Board, the Community Police Review Commission and the Guam Visitors Bureau.

Motion by Cooper-Nurse and seconded by M Santos to hold off the election until GCEC knows who the commission members are. APPROVED.

VI Ex-Officio

VII Announcements

VIII Adjournment

Adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Motion by Ichihara-Rosario and seconded by Cooper-Nurse to adjourn. APPROVED

Next meeting scheduled for November 16, 4:15 pm.