Resolution No. 19-08

RELATIVE TO AMENDING BOR RESOLUTION NO. 12-16, WHICH GRANTS RESIDENT TUITION FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR EDUCATION BENEFITS UNDER TITLE 38 – VETERANS BENEFITS – UNITED STATES CODE, CHAPTERS 30 AND 33, TO INCLUDE STUDENTS USING EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE UNDER CHAPTER 31, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT (VR&E)

Department of Veterans Affairs Expanding Authorities Act of 2018

WHEREAS, the governance and control of the University of Guam (UOG) is vested in the Board of Regents (BOR) of UOG;

WHEREAS, BOR Resolution No. 12-16, granted resident tuition for certain students eligible for education benefits under Chapters 33 (Post 9/11) of Title 38 (Veterans Benefits) of the United States Code (USC);

WHEREAS, BOR Resolution No. 15-05 amended BOR Resolution 12-16 to grant resident tuition for certain students eligible for education benefits under Chapters 30 (GI Bill – Active Duty) of Title 38 (Veterans Benefits) of the USC;

WHEREAS, Public Law 115-251, also known as the Department of Veterans Affairs Expanding Authorities Act of 2018, amended Title 38 USC, Section 3679 (c);

WHEREAS, the amendment requires that individuals using educational assistance under chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E), be charged the resident rate to attend a public institution of higher learning effective March 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations and Honorary Degree Committee, in order to comply with federal law, recommends that BOR Resolution No. 12-16 be further amended to allow for students eligible under Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, to be granted residency status at UOG for the purpose of calculating tuition and fees payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that UOG may grant resident status for tuition purposes to certain students eligible for benefits under Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of UOG has the authority to set the parameters and regulations for the granting of resident status for tuition purposes consistent with this resolution.

Adopted this 13th day of February, 2019.

Christopher K. Felix, Chairperson

ATTESTED:

Thomas W. Krise, Ph.D., Executive Secretary