



**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
UNIBETSEDAT GUAHAN
BOARD OF REGENTS**

RESOLUTION NO. 10-07

**RELATIVE TO THE APPROVAL OF A NEW MINOR IN
CHAMORU STUDIES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the University of Guam is the primary U.S. Land Grant institution accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) serving the post-secondary needs of the people of Guam and the region; and

WHEREAS, the mission and program goals of the Minor in CHamoru Studies Program is aligned with the mission of the University of Guam, the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and the needs of the local and regional communities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Minor in CHamoru Studies Program builds a foundation upon which the current CHamoru language coursework can develop and bridges to the content area in the existing Certificate and Master's in Micronesian Studies Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Minor in CHamoru Studies Program will cover an interdisciplinary range of subjects, examining knowledge pertaining to CHamoru identity and subjectivity, drawing upon existing courses in CHamoru language, Anthropology, Biology, Literature, Geography, History, Political Science and Psychology; and

WHEREAS, the University will attract international recognition by establishing the first program that systematically and critically focuses its study on the Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, the Minor in CHamoru Studies Program will formalize the study, teaching and research of the peoples and islands of the Marianas and provide a central venue for dialogue and presentation about CHamoru matters; and

WHEREAS, enrollment over the past four semesters, from Spring 2008 to spring 2009, has shown an increase in enrollment in History of Guam classes by 29.6% and in CHamoru Language classes by 70%; and

WHEREAS, the Minor in CHamoru Studies Program will enable the University to better serve its stakeholders by providing a curriculum that is relevant, timely, and responsive to contemporary challenges facing Guam and the Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, the Minor in CHamoru Studies Program was considered and recommended by the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Curriculum

committee, endorsed by the Faculty Senate, and reviewed by the Senior Vice President and President; and is therefore recommended for approval by the Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, and the President; and


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents hereby approves the Minor in CHamoru Studies Program to be implemented in the Fall 2010, with courses and schedules in accordance with our accreditation standards and as approved by the Chief Academic Officer.

Adopted this 18th day of March, 2010.



Sonny Ada, Chairman

ATTESTED:



Dr. Robert A. Underwood, Executive Secretary