

RESOLUTION NO. 10-20

RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM TO SEEK FUNDING AND FINANCING OF THE STUDENT SERVICES CENTER AND SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

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 governance and well-being of the University is vested in the Board of Regents which has responsibility for the University Physical Master Plan, which was last updated in 2000; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents adopted Resolution No. 97-34 on November 20, 1997, which authorized the President of UOG to seek financing sources for the construction of several buildings, to include an expansion and renovation of the 1970 Student Center; and,

WHEREAS, in order to better meet the needs of the current and future generations of students, the current Student Center will be expanded to a fully integrated one-stop Student Services Center that may include additional student services, such as financial aid, student admissions and records (undergraduate and graduate), graduate school and research unit offices, collections office, and equal opportunity, Title IX, and disability support services office, in addition to the current Enrollment Management and Support Services office and student health office, as well as to provide additional resources for student life activities to include, computer labs and technical support, multipurpose seminar/meeting rooms, student governance hall, safety and security office, bookstore, and cafeteria; and,

WHEREAS, this expanded and renovated Student Services Center will incorporate energy efficient and green building construction standards, to include LEED certification criteria, and will serve as a state-of-the-art student services center; and,

WHEREAS, a rapid economic and population growth accompanying the military/Guam build-up will produce an acute need for engineering talent to support new construction, repair, and rehabilitation of aging infrastructure, development of natural resources, and environmental preservation and protection; and,

WHEREAS, the University pre-engineering program has insufficient space to handle the growing student enrollment; and,

WHEREAS, a School of Engineering annex will support the enrollment and development of a four-year School of Engineering program at the University of Guam; and,

WHEREAS, formal partnerships with the University of Iowa and the University of Hawaii – Manoa, will serve to facilitate the education and training of engineers for Guam until a local School of Engineering is established with approval by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET); and,

WHEREAS, the local School of Engineering will produce Civil and Environmental Engineers, the most important and pressing need; and,

WHEREAS, the University has previously received recommendations on resource needs and capital projects from the University Planning and Budget Advisory Committee (UPBAC) with representation from the Faculty Senate, Deans Council, Administrative Council, Faculty Union, Staff Council, and Student Government Association; and,

WHEREAS, the Student Services Center and the School of Engineering annex are among the highest Tier 1 priorities of the University's capital improvement projects; and,

WHEREAS, the Budget, Finance, Investment and Audit (BFIA) committee and Physical Facilities committee at their meetings on June 2, 2010, reviewed an overview of project funding and financing with the administration, and together with the President recommend that the full Board approve the projects in concept and authorize the President to proceed in seeking funding and financing of these projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the President to seek funding and financing of the Student Services Center and School of Engineering annex.

Adopted this 1st day of July, 2010.

P. Sonny Ada, Chairman

ATTESTED:

Dr Robert A Underwood Executive Secretary