



UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
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Board of Regents

Resolution No. 21-32

**RELATIVE TO AWARDING EMERITUS PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATION STATUS TO
DR. LILNABETH P. SOMERA**

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

WHEREAS, the authority to bestow the title of Emeritus Professor is vested in the Board of Regents (BOR) resolution 1987 and the criteria and procedures were revised by BOR resolutions in 1999, 2001, and 2019;

WHEREAS, Dean James Sellmann of the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences has nominated Dr. Lilnabeth P. Somera for the title of Emeritus Professor;

WHEREAS, the *Rules, Regulations, and Procedures Manual*, Article V, Chapter A. Faculty Input, Section 13. Emeritus(a) Professor provides the criteria for Professors Emeritus, to include 15 years of service as a faculty member, attainment of tenure at the Associate Professor or Professor rank; and significant contributions to UOG;

WHEREAS, Dr. Somera has 20 years of service as a faculty member at UOG;

WHEREAS, Dr. Somera attained the rank of tenured, full Professor;

WHEREAS, Dr. Somera has distinguished herself as the Co-Lead for the Community Outreach Core of the Pacific Island Partnership for Cancer Health Equity, winning additional funding from the National Cancer Institute, the American Cancer Society, and the Guam Cancer Trust Fund; as the creator of the communication capstone course, with student projects presented in international conferences in Dubai, Indonesia, Malaysia, and New Zealand; and as a productive scholar with dozens of publications and academic presentations;

WHEREAS, the enclosed nomination was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Senior Vice President & Provost and the President; and

WHEREAS, the Academic, Personnel and Tenure Committee has reviewed the enclosed nomination and recommends to the BOR to award the title of Emeritus Professor of Communication to Dr. Somera.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOR hereby bestows the title of Emeritus Professor of Communication to Dr. Lilnabeth P. Somera, effective November 18, 2021.

Adopted this 18th day of November, 2021.

ATTESTED:

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

Liza J. Provideo, Chairperson



Emeritus Professor Nomination Form

Please refer to the University of Guam (UOG) Board of Regent's Bylaws Booklet of Appendices for full criteria, deadlines, and processes. A current curriculum vitae describing nominee's endeavors in research, teaching, and/or community service **must** be submitted with this form.

Nominee Information

Name of Nominee: Lilnabeth P. Somera

Title (at Retirement): Professor Unit: Communication & Fine Arts, College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

Faculty Start date: 01/19/2000 Date of Retirement: 12/18/2020

Mailing Address: 109 Chalan Piao, Yigo, GU 96929

Email address: lpsomera@triton.uog.edu Contact Number(s): (671) 482-5530, (671) 653-3779

Emergency Contact or Next of Kin Information

Name: Rene Ray D. Somera

Mailing Address: 109 Chalan Piao, Yigo, GU 96929

Email address: raysomera@gmail.com Contact Number(s): (671) 482-5533

Nominator Information

(Complete this section only if you are not the nominee.)

In addition to self-nominations, a nomination must originate from any full-time faculty member, the Dean or Director of the Unit, or a member of the Society of Emeritus Professors and Retired Scholars (SEPRS).

Name of Nominator: James Sellmann

Relationship to the Nominee: Supervisor/Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Email address: jsellmann@triton.uog.edu Contact Number(s): 735-2805

Criteria for Emeritus(a) Professor

(Nominee *must* meet all three (3) criteria for eligibility)

1. Tenured faculty at the minimum rank of Associate Professor/Extension Agent IV or Professor/Extension Specialist at UOG at the time of retirement.
2. Has at least fifteen (15) years of service as a full-time faculty member or a combination of said years of service as a full-time faculty and academic administrator at UOG.
3. Has been reviewed using the following procedures to confirm that he/she has made significant contributions to UOG

Nomination Procedures for Emeritus(a) Professor

1. The faculty nomination process for the status of Emeritus(a) Professor may begin during the last year of employment prior to retirement from UOG, provided that said status, if granted before retirement, shall only become effective the day after the date of official retirement from the University.
2. Nominations for Emeritus(a) Professor status may originate from any full-time faculty member, the individual being nominated, the Dean or Director of the Unit, or a member of the Society of Emeritus Professors and Retired Scholars (SEPRS)
3. Nominations for the titled status of Professor Emeritus(a) shall begin with the submission of the nomination form, with a current curriculum vitae (CV) attached, to the Dean or Director of the Unit from which the nominee is serving or has retired.
4. **Dean or Director Review.** Upon receipt of the nomination form and the current CV, the Dean or Director may notify and solicit remarks from the college or unit concerning the nominee. The recommendation of the Dean or Director and all the documents pertaining thereto, shall be forwarded within ten (10) business days from receipt of the nomination package to the Senior Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs (SVP-ASA). In the event that a Dean or Director does not take action by the specified deadline for review, the nomination shall proceed forward to the next stage of review with the nominator or nominee providing the SVP-ASA with a copy of the nomination package.
5. **SVP-ASA Review.** The SVP-ASA shall have fifteen (15) business days to review the nomination package. Upon receipt of the nomination package, the SVP-ASA will notify the President of SEPRS of an application under review. During this review period, the SVP-ASA may notify and solicit remarks from the university community concerning the nominee. The recommendation of the SVP-ASA and all documents pertaining thereto, shall be forwarded to the President. In the event that the SVP-ASA does not take action by the specified deadline for review, the nomination shall proceed forward to the next stage of review with the nominator or nominee providing the President a copy of the nomination package.
6. **UOG President Review.** The President shall have up to ten (10) business days from the recommendation receipt date to review and submit a recommendation for approval, if applicable, to the appropriate BOR committee before submission to the BOR for action.

7. The BOR shall have the final determination concerning the granting of the Emeritus(a) status. It is the responsibility of the Executive Secretary of the BOR to notify both the newly granted Emeritus(a) Professor and the President of the SEPRS of the conferred status. The newly granted Emeritus(a) Professor shall be presented with a certificate of recognition of status by the UOG President.
8. Emeritus(a) Professor status is permanent. Emeritus Professors who are deceased shall have their name in the Catalog and Bulletin in perpetuity. However, the BOR shall have the authority to withdraw the Emeritus(a) Professor status with just cause.
9. It is the responsibility of the Emeritus(a) Professor to maintain contact on at least a yearly basis with SEPRS. The President of SEPRS will submit an annual report of activities to the SVP-ASA. This annual report will be distributed to the UOG President, BOR, deans, directors, and university community.

Nomination Letter

October 1, 2021

TO: Whom it may concern

FROM: Dr James Sellmann, Dean, Professor  10/1/2021

RE: Professor Emeritus(a) Nomination for Dr. Linabeth Somera

The nomination letter is a statement of the significance of the nominee's work as prepared by the nominator. The letter explains how the nominee has distinguished himself/herself as described in the criteria for Emeritus(a) Professor and should focus on highlighting the nominee's contributions to teaching, research, and/or service. The letter must not exceed 750 words and must be attached to this nomination form for review.

See attached letter.

Dean/Director Recommendation

Nominee's Name: Lilnabeth P. Somera

Based on the attached nomination form and current curriculum vitae, the applicant has distinguished himself/herself by making significant contributions to the UOG in research, teaching, and/or service.

YES NO

Therefore, awarding the status of Emeritus(a) Professor to this nominee is:

RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED


S/ James Sellmann
Director/Dean/Other

09/18/2021
Date

Comments:
See attached letter.

Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs (SVP-ASA) Recommendation

Nominee's Name: Lilnabeth P. Somera

The President of SEPRS was notified of this application. Date: 09/30/21/

Based on the attached nomination form and current curriculum vitae, the applicant has distinguished himself/herself by making significant contributions to UOG in research, teaching, and/or service.

YES [] NO

Awarding the status of Emeritus(a) Professor to this nominee is:

RECOMMENDED [] NOT RECOMMENDED


SVP-ASA

10/11/2021
Date

Comments:

President's Recommendation to the Board of Regents

Nominee's Name: Lilnabeth P. Somera

Based on the attached nomination form and current curriculum vitae, the applicant has distinguished himself/herself by making significant contributions to UOG in research, teaching, and/or service.

YES NO

Awarding the status of Emeritus(a) Professor to this nominee is:

RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED



President

10/21/21
Date

Comments:

Curriculum Vitae

LILNABETH P. SOMERA, Ph.D.

Co-Principal Investigator, Community Outreach Core, UOG Cancer Research Center
Professor of Communication (Retired), University of Guam
1-671-482-5530, lsomera@triton.uog.edu

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Ph.D. Communication, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, U.S.A.

M.A. Speech Communication, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines.

B.A. English, *cum laude*; La Consolacion College, Bacolod City, Philippines

WORK EXPERIENCE

Co-Principal Investigator for Guam, Community Outreach Core, UOG Cancer Research Center (2011 to present)

PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATION, Division of Communication and Fine Arts, University of Guam, *August 1999 to December 2020*

ASSOCIATE DEAN (Acting), College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, University of Guam, *August 2007 to July 2009*

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, Department of Communication, De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines; *June 1995 to December 1997*

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, Division of Arts and Sciences, University of Houston-Victoria, Victoria, Texas, USA; *January 1991 to May 1995*

RESEARCH GRANTS

Co-Principal Investigator, Community Outreach Core (COC) for Guam, (Co-PI for University of Hawaii, Kevin Cassel, DPH), U54 University of Guam-University of Hawaii Cancer Center (2015-present), <https://u54.guamcrc.org/outreach/>

The COC builds on the 2003-2015 University of Guam (UOG)/University of Hawaii Cancer Center (UHCC) Comprehensive Partnership efforts to prevent and control cancer in Pacific Islander communities. Through established community partnerships, the COC has three main tasks: (1) outreach to primary care physicians (PCP) to reduce preventable cancers in Chamorro, Marshallese and Chuukese peoples, (2) outreach to the Chuukese, Marshallese and other health disparity communities to increase HPV vaccination rates among adolescents, and (3) assist U54 investigators with recruitment of Pacific Islander populations in support of

studies focusing on cancer health disparities.

Principal Investigator for Guam, Pilot 1: “Using SMS to Reduce Cervical Cancer Screening Health Disparities among Pacific Islanders Living in Guam (GU) and Hawaii (HI) (Co-PI for University of Hawaii, Neal A. Palafox, MD, MPH) 2015-2018, \$100,000 per year)

Principal Investigator for Guam, Pilot V. “Health Information Trends and Needs in the Pacific: A Test of the Respondent-Driven Sampling Method,” University of Guam-University of Hawaii Cancer Center, Co-PI for University of Hawaii, Hye-ryeon Lee, PhD, 2012-2015. (Identification of cancer information-seeking behaviors and cancer-relevant knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors in Guam in order to better inform cancer prevention and control program efforts; and the test of the respondent-driven sampling method in collecting survey data.)
<http://www.guamcancerresearch.org/Runtime/PilotProjectV.aspx> (Three-year pilot project, 2012-2015, \$100,000 per year)

Principal Investigator for Guam, Pilot VI. “Health Information Patterns Among Pacific Youth,” University of Guam-University of Hawaii Cancer Center, Co-PI for University of Hawaii, Hye-ryeon Lee, PhD, 2013-2015. (Identification of cancer information-seeking behaviors and cancer-relevant knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors among Chuukese teenagers in order to better inform cancer prevention and control program efforts; and identify cultural factors that influence responses to health-related messages. <http://www.guamcancerresearch.org/Runtime/HIPPY.aspx> (2013-2015, Two-year pilot project, \$100,000 per year)

Principal Investigator, American Cancer Society grant – An initiative to increase colorectal cancer screening uptake in Guam, 2018 (\$14,088.80)

Co-Principal Investigator, P-30 Supplemental grant (NCI) – Administration of Health Information National Trends Survey in Guam and Hawaii (competitive grant awarded by the National Cancer Institute to 15 Cancer Centers) 2017 (\$30,000)

Principal Investigator, Guam Cancer Trust Fund grant – Development of media products to enhance U54 Community Outreach Core initiatives, 2016 (\$72,657.59).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Somera LP, Mendez AJP, Mummert A. (2020). Using a Short Message System to Increase Cervical Cancer Screening Uptake among Chuukese Women in Guam: Lessons Learned from Linking Distance Technology Between Carriers and Using Telehealth Communication in a Cross-Cultural Context. Hawaii J Health Soc Welf. 2020;79(6 Suppl 2):45-51. Epub 2020/07/01. PubMed PMID: 32596678; PMCID: PMC7311942.

Dalisay, F., Kushin, M., Kim, J., Forbes, A., **Somera, LP**, David, C. (in press). A civic potential for video games: Exploring linkages between motivations to use games with political efficacy, skepticism, and apathy. *Game Studies*.

Cassel K, Lee HR, **Somera LP**, Badowski G, Hagiwara MKI. (2020). Cultural Considerations for Conducting the Health Information National Trends Survey with Micronesian Communities: Lessons from a Qualitative Study. Hawaii J Health Soc Welf. 2020;79(6 Suppl 2):64-9. Epub 2020/07/01. PubMed PMID: 32596681; PMCID: PMC7311943.

Lee H-R, Lee H, Cassel K, Inada Hagiwara M, **Somera LP**. (2019) Protective Effect of Biculturalism for Health Amongst Minority Youth: The Case of Pacific Islander Migrant Youths in Hawaii. British Journal of Social Work. *The British Journal of Social Work*, bcz042, <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjsw/bcz042> PMCID: PMC6615175

Somera, LP, Simsiman, B., Badowski, G., Lee, H., and Cassel, K. (2018). Abstract 5278: Tobacco and areca nut use among Chuukese youth in Guam. Cancer Research. 78. 5278-5278. 10.1158/1538-7445.AM2018-5278.

Cassel, K., Lee, H., **Somera, LP**, Badowski, G. (2018). Culture, Communication, and Cancer Risk Behaviors Among Pacific Islanders in Hawaii, Journal of Global Oncology 4: Supplement 2, 4s-4s.

Badowski, G., **Somera, LP**, Simsiman B., Kee, H-R, Cassel, K., Yamanaka, A., Ren, J. (2017). The efficacy of respondent-driven sampling for the health assessment of minority populations. Cancer Epidemiology, 50B, 214-220.

Somera, LP, Lee, H.R, Badowski, G. and Cassel, K. (2016). "Health Information Seeking, Source Trust, and Culture: Comparative Analysis of Health Information Trends and Needs between Guam and the U.S.," Journal of Health Communication, <http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/4AvNJIQxFPq7sMXCsJPU/full>

Somera, LP (2014). "Using social Networks to build business connections: Engagement and Interactivity on Guam's restaurants' Facebook pages." Entrepreneurial Executive, 19, 183-195.

Barker, V., Giles, H., Ota, H., Noels, K., Lim, T.S. and **Somera, LP**. (2008). "Police-civilian interaction, compliance, accommodation, and trust in an inter- group context: International data. Journal of International and Intercultural Communication, 1:2, 93-112.

Popularized online version. "Police Communication: Why does it matter? Communication Currents, 3:3, June 2008 (<http://www.communicationcurrents.com/index.asp?bid=15&issuepage=100&issue=29>).

Ota, H., Giles, H., **Somera, LP** (2007). Beliefs about intra- and intergenerational communication in Japan, the Philippines, and the United States: Implications for older adults' subjective well-being. Communication Studies, 58, 173-188.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Somera, LP, Diaz, T., Mummert, A., Choi, J, Ayson, K. and Badowski, G. (2021) Cervical cancer and HPV knowledge and awareness: An educational intervention among college

students in Guam. 14th American Association for Cancer Research Conference on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities, October 6-8, 2021 (virtual conference).

Somera, LP, Badowski, G., Lee, H-R, Cassel, K. (2019). "Biculturalism and health outcomes: The case of Chuukese youth in Guam." World Communication Association Biennial Conference, July 8-12, 2019, Wellington, NZ.

Badowski, G. and **Somera, LP (2018).** "Gender differences in health information seeking behavior: A study of Chuukese youth in Guam." 5th HINTS Users Meeting, Bethesda, MD, September 23-24, 2018.

Badowski, G., Dulana, L., **Somera, LP, et al. (2018).** "Social network analysis with respondent driven sampling data: a study of ethnic and geographic integration on Guam and Hawaii." Presented at the 18th Annual 11th AACR Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved, Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, New Orleans, LA, November 2 - 5, 2018.

Somera, LP, Simsiman, B., Badowski, G., et al. (2018). "Tobacco and areca nut use among Chuukese youth in Guam." Presented at the AACR Annual Meeting, McCormick Place, Chicago, IL, April 14-18, 2018.

Peterson, E., Krakow, M., **Somera, LP, et al. (2018).** "Assessing Cross-National Trends in Public Health Communication: International Opportunities and Lessons Learned from the NCI Health Information National Trends Survey." Panel presented at the 68th International Communication Association Annual Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, May 24-28, 2018.

Badowski, G., **Somera, LP, Simsiman, B., Lee, HR, et al. (2016).** "Cancer Risk Knowledge, Attitudes and Behaviors among Chuukese Youth in Guam." Presented at the World Cancer Congress, Paris, France, October 31-November 3, 2016.

Somera, LP (2015). "Smart phones and smarter students: Changing communication behaviors in the classroom and other contexts." Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC) 24th International Conference: Communicating in an e-Asia: values, technologies, and challenges. American University of Dubai, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, June 10-13, 2015.

Somera L., Lee, H,R., et al. (2014). "Sources of Health and Cancer Information Patterns." Invited presentation, session proposed by International Cancer Information Services Group, United States; World Cancer Congress, Melbourne, Australia, December 3-5, 2014. (Invited presenter, waiver of registration fee, \$950)

Badowski, G., **Somera, LP, Lee, HR, & Cassel K. (2014).** "Assessment of Respondent Driven Sampling Data from Guam Health Communication Survey." XIII Latin American Congress of Probability and Mathematical Statistics, Cartagena, Colombia, September, 2014.

Dalisay, F., Kushin, M., Kim, J., David, C., **Somera, LP, & Forbes, A. (2014, August).** "Immersion in video games, creative self-efficacy, and political participation." Presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication

(AEJMC) Conference, Communicating Science, Health, Environment and Risk InterestGroup. Montreal, Canada, August 2014.

Badowski G., **Somera LP**, Lee, HR, Simsiman, B., &Yamanaka, A. (2014). "Equilibrium Analysis of Respondent Driven Sampling Data from Guam Health Communication Survey." International Workshop on Applied Probability, Antalya, Turkey, June 2014.

Somera, LP, Badowski, G., et al. (2014). "Health information data about Pacific Islanders in Guam: Using the respondent- driven sampling (RDS) method as a viable alternative for data collection." HINTS Users Meeting, Bethesda, MD; January 8-9, 2014. *(Funded by competitive NCI travel grant - awarded to only 3 participants in the conference).*

Lee, H-R., **Somera, LP**, Badowski, G., et al. (2013). "Health Information Needs and Trends in the Pacific: Guam and Hawaii." International Cancer Education Conference; Seattle, WA, September 19-21, 2013.

Somera, LP, Dalisay, F. and A. Forbes (2013). "Online Intergenerational Communication of Young Adults in the United States, Australia, and Guam: Perceptions and Engagement." Presented at the Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, June 17-21, 2013, London, UK. *(Top Four Paper Award, Intergroup Communication Division).*

Somera, LP (2012). "When Nana friends you on Facebook: Intergenerational dynamics of online communication." 2012 Biennial Convention of Pacific Asia Communication Association (PACA), July 3-5, 2012, Sungkungkwan University, Seoul, Korea. *(Best Presentation Award).*

Somera, LP (2011). "Selling wellness: Using audience analysis to identify the factors that influence participation in employer-initiated wellness programs." 2011 National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media, August 9-11, 2011, Atlanta, GA.

Somera, LP (2011). "Ethics in public relations practice," AMA-UOG Public Relations Conference, Maximizing Results through PR, Marketing, and Sales, May 5, 2011, Hyatt Regency, Guam.

Somera, LP and Hanson, C. (2006). "Cultural correlates and predictors of satisfying mentoring experiences: Information, support, and nurturance in a community network for at-risk adolescents." Congress of the Americas, Lima, Peru. August 2-4, 2006.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Member, International Communication Association, current. (Reviewer, Health Communication Division, Intercultural Communication Division).

Member, Pacific Asian Communication Association (PACA), current.

Member, Asian Media and Information Centre, current.

Coordinator, Philippine Studies Lecture Series, University of Guam, 2010, 2012-2015 to 2018.

Member, American Association of University Women, Guam Branch, current;
Vice President for Programs, 2015, Secretary, 2012-2014.

Faculty Advisor, Lambda Pi Eta (the National Communication Honor Society), Alpha Beta Eta Chapter, University of Guam, 2012-2020 (*founding advisor since charter was received in 2012*).

Secretary, UOG Faculty Union Board, August 2015 to May, 2017; member-at-large, Faculty Union Board, 2018-2020.


Vice –President, University of Guam Faculty Senate, 2014-2015. Chair, Standing Committee on Faculty Excellence, 2004-2005; Secretary, 2003-2004; Vice President, 2002-2003.

Member, Board of Directors, Guam Humanities Council, 2009- 2015. Secretary, 2010-2011.

Member, Editorial Board, Pacific Asia Inquiry, 2009-2011.

Member, Board of Directors, University of the Philippines Alumni Association of Guam, current. 2010 Presidential Awardee, Outstanding Alumna; Chair, Scholarship Committee.

October 1, 2021

TO: UOG Board of Regents
FROM: James D. Sellmann, Dean  10/1/2021
S// James D. Sellmann

RE: Professor Emerita Nomination for Dr. Lilnabeth P. Somera

Please accept for your review my nomination of Dr. Somera for Emerita Professor status.

Dr. Somera has made numerous significant contributions to the University and the community at large during her tenure at the University of Guam.

Below I highlight just a few of Beth's major contributions. Dr Somera has excelled and performed impressive work in the following areas:

- She remained engaged in instruction, research and service throughout her career.
- She was responsible for making important curriculum changes, notably the creation of the research Capstone course (CO491), in the Communication program. The capstone papers of her students were award-winning presentations in international conferences in Indonesia, Dubai, Malaysia and New Zealand.
- She conducted SLO/PLO assessment studies.
- Beth is noted for her ongoing work as co-PI of the Community Outreach Core of the U-54 Cancer grant - PIPCHE - Pacific Island Partnership for Cancer Health Equity, <https://u54.guamcrc.org/outreach/> - funded by the National Cancer Institute. She was also co-PI of two pilot projects and was awarded additional grants by the American Cancer Society and the Guam Cancer Trust Fund.
- Beth has published papers in various prestigious journals (see resume for list of publications). For example, in AY2019-20 alone, she co-authored three papers:

Somera LP, Mendez AJ, Mummert A. Using a Short Message System to Increase Cervical Cancer Screening Uptake Among Chuukese Women in Guam: Lessons Learned from Linking Distance Technology Between Carriers and Using Telehealth Communications in a Cross-Cultural Context (2020). *Hawaii Journal of Health and Social Welfare* Special Issue on Health Disparities in US Affiliated Pacific Islanders: The Voyage Forward.

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- In AY 18-19 Beth co-authored conference presentations including a paper at the 5th HINTS Users Meeting, in May 2019. Her co-authored "Biculturalism" paper was accepted for publication in *Social Science and Medicine* and was presented at the World Communication Association Conference meeting in July. Three more co-authored papers were presented at conferences: "Gender differences ..." at the AACR Annual Meeting in April, 2018, "Culture, Communication and Cancer Risk..." at the World Cancer Congress in October, 2018, "Social Network analysis ..." at the AACR Health Disparities Conference in November 2018.
- Beth served on various committees as well as the Faculty Senate and the Faculty Union Board.
- She founded the Alpha Beta Eta chapter of Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society for Communication program majors, inducting new members every year. She served as faculty advisor from the chapter's charter in 2012 until her retirement.
- She organized the Philippine Studies Lecture Series in coordination with the Philippine Consulate. From 2010 to 2018, she brought eight speakers who were experts in their fields to the campus to share their knowledge of various areas of Philippine Studies, including Dr. Felipe de Leon, Jr. of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, Chris Millado, Artistic Director of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, and Jeremy Barnes, Director-General of the National Museum of the Philippines.
- Under her mentorship, the Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society hosted Dr. Tom Brislin's annual lectures on campus during the Guam International Film Festival.
- Beth served as an officer of the Guam Humanities Council as well as the Guam Branch of AAUW.
- Beth is a member of various professional organizations including the International Communication Association (ICA) and other professional organizations. She reviewed manuscripts for the ICA journals including the *Journal of Health Communication*.

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- Beth is a member of the Guam Comprehensive Cancer Coalition and the Non-Communicable Disease Consortium of the DPHSS, which has been vital in her work with the U54 Cancer grant.
- She was a board member of the Guam University of the Philippines Alumni Association and also served on their Scholarship Committee.

Based on Dr. Somera's outstanding record in the three endeavors of instruction, research and service, I wholeheartedly nominate and recommend Dr. Somera for the status of emerita professor.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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