

Appendix D2

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE PALULAP MEDALLION

Preamble

Whereas, the principles of academic freedom, institutional integrity, institutional and individual autonomy, and shared academic governance are the fundamental and defining traits of institutions of higher learning; and

Whereas, supporting and defending academic freedom, institutional integrity, institutional and individual autonomy, and shared academic governance is a fundamental duty of the faculty of all institutions of higher learning; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate of the University of Guam is the voice of the Faculty on academic matters at the University of Guam; and

Whereas, the first point of the *Mission of the University of Guam Faculty Senate* is to protect and promote the fundamental principles of the academy, including academic freedom and institutional integrity¹, institutional and individual autonomy², and shared academic governance at the University of Guam; and

Whereas, the efforts of the Faculty and the Faculty Senate notwithstanding, academic freedom, institutional integrity, institutional and individual autonomy, and shared academic governance will survive and prosper at the University of Guam only if citizens and leaders of the community also understand, support, and diligently defend them; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate currently confers awards on members of the Faculty for outstanding performance in each of the three basic missions of university faculty: teaching, research, and service; and

Whereas, it is also fitting that citizens and leaders of Guam who have demonstrated extraordinary courage, commitment, and dedication in the support and defense of academic freedom, institutional integrity, institutional and individual autonomy, and shared academic governance at the University of Guam be duly recognized for their contributions to the preservation and promotion of these principles; and

Whereas, it is fitting that the Faculty Senate of the University of Guam, as the voice of the Faculty on academic matters, extend such recognition to citizens and leaders of Guam who have demonstrated extraordinary courage, commitment, and dedication in the support and defense of academic freedom, institutional integrity, institutional and individual autonomy, and shared academic governance at the University of Guam; and

Whereas, the University of Guam has established itself as the regional university for the Western Pacific Region; and

¹ WASC Standard 1.A. WASC Handbook of Accreditation, January 1988, p. 9.

² WASC Standard 1.B. WASC Handbook of Accreditation, January 1988, p. 10.

Whereas, the Faculty Senate of the University of Guam recognizes that there can be no higher example of vision, courage, diligence, and commitment than that displayed by the Palulaps—the Great Navigators of the Western Pacific—who guided their sacred vessels and the people in them through perilous hazards over thousands of miles of the open ocean to land safely on the shores of the islands of the western Pacific Ocean;

Resolution

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Faculty Senate of the University of Guam does hereby ordain and establish the *Palulap Medallion*, to be awarded by the Faculty Senate to individuals or organizations outside of the University that have made extraordinary contributions to the defense or promotion of academic freedom, institutional integrity, institutional and individual autonomy, and shared academic governance at the University of Guam; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Faculty Senate does hereby charge the Senate Standing Committee on Institutional Excellence to develop appropriate procedures for the nomination, selection, and presentation of the Palulap Medallion in accordance with the attached *Concept Paper for the Palulap Medallion*, which is hereby approved by the Faculty Senate; and

Be it Further Resolved that the Senate Standing Committee on Institutional Excellence shall submit said procedures to the Senate in time for incorporation into the 2006 update of the *Faculty Senate Handbook*.

Concept Paper for the The University of Guam Faculty Senate Palulap Medallion

The University of Guam Faculty Senate awards the *Palulap Medallion* to a member of the community of Guam who has made extraordinary contributions to the *protection and promotion of the fundamental principles of the academy, including academic freedom and institutional integrity, institutional and individual autonomy, and shared academic governance for the University of Guam*³.

The Palulap Medallion symbolizes the qualities of vision, courage, diligence, and commitment exemplified by the ancient navigators who guided their vessels and the people in them through the hazards of the sea to land safely on the shores of the islands of the western Pacific Ocean. It is given only to an individual or organization outside of the University that has gone well beyond the requirements or duties of office to defend or promote academic freedom, institutional integrity, institutional and individual autonomy, and shared academic governance through service or actions external to the University. Particular consideration is given to individuals or organizations that have protected these values when they have been in jeopardy or who have persevered in the face of strong opposition to protect or promote these fundamental and defining principles of the University. Consideration may also be given to individuals who by sustained dedication to these principles over an entire career or major portion of one have made an extraordinary contribution to the institutionalization of academic freedom, institutional integrity, institutional and individual autonomy, and shared academic governance at the University of Guam. Nominees may not be university faculty, staff, administrators, or students. Former members of the faculty, staff or administration, or former students may be eligible but only for service or actions taken in roles they performed while not employed or enrolled at the university. Individuals holding or standing for election to public office in the Territory of Guam are not eligible for nomination.

Nominations are solicited annually, but the award is granted only when the case presented with the nomination unequivocally reflects an extraordinary contribution. An award may be granted posthumously. Any number of nominations may be made in any one year, but no more than two awards may be granted in any year. Nominees who are not selected may be re-nominated for consideration in subsequent cycles. There is no limit to the number of times a person can be nominated, but subsequent nominations must be appropriately updated and justified each time they are submitted. The identities of all nominees remain confidential; only the names of those to whom the award is granted will be released. The award is presented by the Senate at a formal event of suitable decorum and solemnity. The identity of the recipient(s) is confidential until the moment that the award is announced by the sitting President of the Faculty Senate.

The award includes a medallion and plaque, each engraved with a figure of a Palulap standing near the prow of a canoe, with the guiding stars in the sky and an island on the horizon. The reverse side of the medallion and the lower left corner of the plaque display Faculty Senate logo. The name of the recipient is engraved on the plaque. The award also includes a citation that refers to the recipient by name and summarizes the extraordinary contributions of the recipient.

The Senate Standing Committee on Institutional Excellence is responsible for developing detailed procedures, in consultation with the rest of the Senate's standing committees, for administering the nomination, selection, and presentation of the award. Deliberate measures shall be taken to ensure that the nomination and award processes remain expressly apolitical and free of any other influence that might compromise the integrity or value of the award. These procedures shall be approved by the Senate and incorporated into the *Senate Handbook*.

³ In accordance with the first point of the *Mission of the Faculty Senate*. See *Faculty Senate Handbook*, page 1.