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McKeever begins role as the UOG Board of Regents chairperson

Sandra McKeever, President and CEO of locally owned wealth management firm Asia Pacific Financial Management Group, is the new chairperson of the University of Guam Board of Regents.

McKeever ascended from being the vice chairperson on September 1, succeeding Chairwoman Liza J. Provido, whose term on the board will be ending soon.

For 24 years, McKeever has been serving the financial planning needs of individuals, businesses, and organizations in Guam and Micronesia.

She also served as the former President of the Guam Chapter of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisor (NAIFA), former board member of the Guam Chamber of Commerce, and the founding member of Teach Money, a non-profit that runs the Securities Industry and Financial Market's Stock Market Game. The Stock Market Game is an interactive competition that gives students in 4th- to 12th-grade the opportunity to learn about investing.

McKeever is a 2016 UOG Distinguished Alumna, having earned her Business Administration degree in marketing in 1999 from the School of Business and Public Administration. Passionate about UOG, half of her workforce at Asia Pacific Financial Management Group are UOG alumni.

"The quality education I received at UOG was a big part of my success in my career and my volunteer work. As a business owner, I also experienced that UOG graduates are equipped to get through the intense training and skill development that our industry entails," McKeever said.

"I look forward to working with our new University President, Dr. Anita Enriquez, at inspiring and developing our future leaders for service in both the private and public sectors, as well as providing resources and critical services to the island community as a whole."

President Enriquez expressed appreciation for McKeever's leadership.

"As a distinguished alumna of UOG and respected professional in her field, Chairperson McKeever serves as an inspiration for our students and other alumni," said Enriquez. "I am looking forward to working with her as we develop our new strategic plan — "Tulos Mo'na — and continue to propel UOG forward."

President Enriquez also recognized former Chairperson Provido.

"On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff, we thank former Chairperson Provido for her dedication and service to UOG over the past six years."

The UOG Community also welcomes new board Vice Chair Lesley-Anne Leon Guerrero, and Mike Naholowaa, who keeps his role as the board's Treasurer.

Leon Guerrero is Senior Vice President and Chief Experience Officer at the Bank of Guam. Naholowaa also is a banker whose career at the Bank of Guam spans almost half a century.

The other Board of Regents members are:

- Liza J. Provido, Regent,
- Agapito "Pete" A. Diaz, Regent
- Roland S. Certeza, Regent
- Dr. Janice P. Malilay, Regent,
- Julie A.L. Laxamana, Student Regent

The board awaits the governor's appointment and the Legislature's confirmation of a new regent to fill in the seat vacated by Bernadette "Bernie" Valencia.

President Enriquez serves as the board's Executive Secretary.