



RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2021

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Research Corporation of the University of Guam Board of Directors was called to order by Chairperson Thomas Krise on June 25, 2021, at 2:31 p.m. via Zoom conference. Notice of the meeting having been duly and regularly provided by the Board.

Quorum:

Dr. Thomas Krise, Chairperson
Randall Wiegand, Treasurer
Dr. Cheryl Sanguenza, Secretary
Dr. John Jenson, Member
Dr. Artemio Hernandez, Member
Fr. Fran Hezel, Member
Agapito Diaz, Member

Also Present:

Cathleen Moore-Linn, Executive Director
Gloria Travis, Chief Business Officer
Barbara Molarte, Accounting Specialist
Danica Batac, RCUOG
Sable Sablan, RCUOG
Colleen Bamba, RCUOG
Anthony R. Camacho, UOG Legal Counsel

2.0 MEETING MINUTES

2.1 Regular Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2021

Motion to approve by J. Jenson and Seconded by C. Sanguenza. The motion carried.

3.0 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

T. Krise recognized RCUOG's work during the pandemic and noted activities carried on during this challenging period. Once the EDA funded WERI facility is constructed, the Marine Laboratory will be able to expand into the old WERI building. The EDA projects will have other positive impacts on campus



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as well. T. Krise noted the strong partnership between ORSP and RCUOG in developing and supporting grant management activities on campus.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Executive Director's Report to the Board

C. Moore-Linn reported that, as of June 25, the Research Corporation provided support to 124 different grants and contracts. The list of projects provided to the Board included data on \$19.7M worth of projects on an annual basis. One notable new project added to the list is the Island wide Habitat Project with Department of Agriculture. The Center for Island Sustainability's Else Demeulaenare is the PI, and the entire project is just shy of \$1M. As of June 23, RCUOG counted 179 employees of which 82 are full-time, 67 are part-time, and 30 are student employees. Fiscal year 2021 grant expenditures posted through June 23 amounted to \$8,842,479, a two-million-dollar increase compared to June 30 of the prior year. Progress continues on the EDA grant with the draft A&E RFP sent to the EDA program officer for review on June 23. Additionally, the Endowment Foundation approved a reduction of the interest rate from 5.5 percent to 4 percent for the \$709,000 to be repaid by WERI over ten years. Dr. Rachael Leon Guerrero and Jerica Santos shared standard operating field safety procedures for CESU projects, which includes the majority of RCUOG field employees. Almost all projects supported by RCUOG have detailed SOPs with regard to safety procedures. The Department of Agriculture is the only organization that does not have a SOP for fieldwork and safety is projects. C. Moore-Linn is working with G. Dulla of the Department of Agriculture on developing written protocols. RCUOG awarded a travel award to Eries Jay Moreno who was selected to participate in the Columbia University & Amazon Summer Undergraduate Research Experience in New York in June. E. Moreno will work under Dr. Christine Hendon at the Structure Function Imaging Lab and participate in their ongoing research on breast cancer and breast tissue imaging. E. Moreno is a senior who is double majoring in biology and psychology. C. Moore-Linn recognized Dr. Kathy Lofdahl who submitted a letter of support for E. Moreno's travel to participate in this exciting opportunity. C. Moore-Linn also reported on the passing of long-time UOG and RCUOG employee Roger Brown. RCUOG's Human Resources Specialist, Colleen Bamba accepted a job at the University of Hawaii Cancer Center and will depart in July. Her work and service to RCUOG was recognize by the Board.



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4.2 Resolution No. 21-03 Relative to Amending the Employee Handbook and Policy Manual

This resolution is tabled until the next meeting pending General Counsel review.

4.3 Resolution No. 21-04 Relative to Amending the Chief Business Officer Position Description

C. Moore-Linn briefed the board on the need to amend the position description in order to attract a larger pool of applicants. Motion to Approve by R. Wiegand and seconded by J. Jenson. The motion carried.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Krise adjourned the meeting at 3: 08 p.m.

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[Thomas Krise \(Nov 9, 2021 13:46 GMT+10\)](#)

Dr. Thomas Krise, Chairperson

ATTESTED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl R. Sangueza".

[Cheryl R. Sangueza \(Nov 9, 2021 12:11 GMT+10\)](#)

Dr. Cheryl Sangueza, Secretary