



RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 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 March 26, 2021 at 2:31 p.m. via Zoom conference. Notice of the meeting having been duly and regularly provided by the Board.

Quorum:

Thomas Krise, Chairperson
Anita Borja-Enriquez, Vice Chairperson
Randall Wiegand, Treasurer
Cheryl Sanguenza, Secretary
John Jenson, Member
Artemio Hernandez, Member
Mike Naholowaa, Member
Agapito Diaz, Member
Ray Topasna, 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
Rachael Leon Guerrero, Vice Provost, ORSP
Anthony R. Camacho, UOG Legal Counsel

2.0 MEETING MINUTES

2.1 Regular Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2020

Motion to approve by J. Jenson and Seconded by A. Hernandez. The motion carried.

3.0 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

T. Krise discussed the recent US EDA award of \$8.6M to fund the



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construction of a new WERI building and a new nursing extension building for the School of Health. T. Krise noted that ORSP and RCUOG are highly efficient operations and provide the support that enables UOG to obtain levels of grant funding above and beyond institutions of similar size. While UOG is successful in obtaining grants in the sciences there is considerable funding available in the humanities from NEA and private foundations. T. Krise sees this as the next area to pursue so that all disciplines can benefit from grant funding. T. Krise noted that RCUOG carried on operations during the yearlong pandemic and remarked that general counsel worked with the Governor of Guam's office to include field employees as essential employees.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Executive Director's Report to the Board

C. Moore-Linn reported that, as of March 19, the Research Corporation provided support to 123 different grants and contracts. The snapshot of activity indicated RCUOG supports \$18.4M worth of projects on an annual basis. Multi-year projects combined are \$55.2M. As of March 12, RCUOG counted 181 employees of which 79 are full-time and 102 are part-time. Fiscal year 2021 grant expenditures posted through March 26 were \$4,862,557. This figure combined with March 27 payroll of \$216,751 equaled total expenditures of \$5,079,308. Grant expenditures tracked at approximately \$446K higher compared to March 31 of the prior year which is positive news for the institution. With regard to the US EDA grant, C. Moore-Linn reported that both WERI and Nursing have teams focused on various tasks and have good communication flow with the US EDA project Administrative Team which includes R. Wiegand, G. Leon Guerrero, R. Cubacub, D. Okada, J. Hollyer, C. Moore-Linn, R. Leon Guerrero, and S. MacAuliffe. Moore-Linn also reported on several injuries in the field which resulted in filing three separate reports with the Guam Department of Labor's Worker's Compensation Commission. Moore-Linn provided a side-by-side comparison of positions, along with current and new hourly rates, to board members. Because of the delay of the minimum wage increase, the unclear horizon for the government of Guam budget and the possibility of reduced hours and increment freezes, RCUOG does not plan to implement the new pay plan until October of 2022. Moore-Linn will work with R. Leon Guerrero and report to the board at the next meeting regarding safety policies and protocols.



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4.2 Resolution No. 21-01 Relative to Approving the RCUOG FY 2022 Budget

C. Moore-Linn briefed the board on the FY 2022 budget and noted that an increase in insurance premiums was expected. Motion to Approve by A. Hernandez and seconded by J. Jenson. The motion carried.

4.3 Resolution No. 21-02 Relative to Amending the RCUOG Procurement Policy

C. Moore-Linn briefed the board on the need to amend the procurement policy to allow for the submission of bids and RFPs by email in addition to USPS mail or courier service. UOG General Counsel Anthony Camacho reviewed and revised the document to strengthen language. Motion to Approve by R. Wiegand and seconded by R. Topasna. The motion carried.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Krise adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.


Thomas Krise (Jul 14, 2021 23:13 PDT)

Dr. Thomas Krise, Chairperson

ATTESTED:


Cheryl R Sangueza (Jun 28, 2021 12:04 GMT+10)

Dr. Cheryl Sangueza, Secretary