



RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2020

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 September 25, 2020 at 2:34 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
Lesley-Anne Leon Guerrero, Member
Agapito Diaz, Member

Also Present:

Cathleen Moore-Linn, Executive Director
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 June 26, 2020

Motion to approve by A. Hernandez and Seconded by L. Leon Guerrero. The motion carried.

3.0 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Dr. Krise announced Cathleen Moore-Linn selection as executive director after a search was conducted for the position. Recommended Board members visit RCUOG headquarters to see the renovated office space. Dr. Krise provided a brief overview of the cultural repository project, which is expected to be completed by December



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2021, and noted that EPSCoR would be housed in the newly purchased and last parcel of privately owned property on Dean Circle. Dr. Krise congratulated Dr. Rachael Leon Guerrero for the renewal of the U54 Cancer Grant and noted the positive coverage of Guam Aquaculture Development and Training Center activities under the CoreSeed lease. Dr. Krise stressed the importance of UOG's large research portfolio in comparison to peer institutions of similar size, and how these grants create undergraduate and graduate research experiences for UOG students. Grant activity, overseen by ORSP's vice provost Leon Guerrero, is one of the major goals of the Para Hulo strategic plan.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Executive Director's Report to the Board

C. Moore-Linn reported that RCUOG is supporting 125 different grants and contracts. This snapshot of activity from September 21, 2020 indicates RCUOG is supporting \$23.4M of projects on an annual basis. Multi-year projects combined are now at \$64.6M. These numbers are elevated because principal investigators are wrapping up the last cycles of both U54 and EPSCoR. New projects include:

- \$118K from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation under Dr. Sarah Lemer, Marine Lab, to support Developing a Genetic Toolkit to Assess Stress Levels in Coral Reefs
- \$150K from the Department of the Navy, under principal investigator Jim McConnell and ORSP, to address invasive plants
- \$178K in funding from Department of the Navy for sea turtle aerial surveys in Farallon de Medinilla under Sea Grant's Fran Castro
- \$150K from Department of the Navy for butterfly and snail monitoring on AAFB under Curt Fiedler and ORSP
- \$334K of Department of Interior funding to support training for the cultural repository under Dr. Mike Carson and the Micronesian Area Research Center
- \$240K of Department of Interior funding to support the establishment of self-sustaining biological control of the CRB under Dr. Aubrey Moore and CNAS
- \$178K from USDA to support improvement for agricultural biotechnology under Dr. Andrea Blas and CNAS
- \$1.5M from National Institute of Health National Cancer Institute to fund the U54 Pacific Island Partnership for Cancer Health Equity under PI Dr. Rachael Leon Guerrero.



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RCUOG currently has 157 employees. Of this number, 75 are full-time, 44 are part-time, and 38 are student hires.

Despite the pandemic, RCUOG exceeded \$9M in expenditures in August surpassing total expenditures for FY2019.

Expenditures

August 2019 \$7,788,701

August 2020 \$9,083,963

This reflects an increase of \$1,295,262 or 16% year to year.

The US EDA combined projects are still under legal review and we expect an award of \$8.5M in October to construct the new WERI building and the Nursing Extension Building. US EDA rejected the grant application to fund the School of Engineering because UOG has an existing contract with the construction company.

We received the fully executed quitclaim deed for the 1.5 acres of CLTC property. We have an outstanding obligation to CLTC to conduct phase II training. Dr. Bob Barber and Mark Acosta are waiting for CLTC to reengage so we can wrap up the final step in this process. CoreSeed Aquaculture has invested about \$300K in GADTC facilities. Local sales of shrimp and red tilapia via the Fisherman's Coop continue to increase and an article by UOG's Jackie Hansen helped share positive news. The shortage of flights continues to impact broodstock sales, but CoreSeed remains optimistic about future sales.

4.2 Resolution No. 20-04 Relative to Amending the Delegation of Authority

C. Moore-Linn briefed the board on the need to amend the delegation of authority to support an increase in grant expenditures. The purpose of the resolution is to align the delegation of authority with the credit increase outlined in Resolution 20-05. Motion to Approve by R. Wiegand and seconded by J. Jenson. The motion carried.

4.3 Resolution No. 20-05 Relative to Amending the Credit Threshold for RCUOG Purchase Cards

C. Moore-Linn briefed the board on the need to increase the credit threshold in order to support increased grant activity and transactions. Motion to Approve by J. Jenson and seconded by C. Sangueza. The motion carried.



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5.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Krise adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Thomas W. Krise

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Dr. Thomas Krise, Chairperson

ATTESTED:

Cheryl R. Sangueza

Cheryl R. Sangueza (Dec 14, 2020 10:22 GMT+10)

Dr. Cheryl Sangueza, Secretary