2012 Evaluation Visit

March 19-22, 2012

Interviewee: Doris Perez

Interviewer(s): Milton Higa

Venue: SSA, Rm#2208

Other Participants: Carmen Kwek Santos

* Higa asked about legislative intervention. Carmen indicated that there is always that sort of politics on Guam as with elsewhere. She added that the legislature is basically supportive - approving a total budget for GCC to manage rather than a line-by-line budget. My comment was that the legislature and community are aware that GCC always strives to do the right thing the right way as is validated by as a “low-risk” auditee for 10 consecutive years.
* How do you identify capital projects? 1. Through campus-wide solicitation of CIP projects supported by the NAF budget. 2. Through assessment where departments identify budget required in TracDat.
* How do you implement or maintain CIPs? 1. GCC aggressively seeks grants and loans. 2. Outsource services (e.g., custodial). 3. Through the departments’ growth budget.
* How did facility and maintenance fall under planning (P&D)? Several years ago, the financial exigency committee recommended implementing specific tasks in order to maintain (college) services should the government of Guam appropriations fall to an unprecedented low. 1. Attrition – fill only critical positions. 2. Restructure – reassess need of Administrative Services Division should the vice president vacate the position. This became a reality and therefore, effective October 1, 2010, Business and Finance absorbed Safety, MIS, and services; P&D absorbed facilities – a fit because P&D continues to develop, execute, and engage in various projects.

Higa’s comment – He hopes constituents (on the accreditation team) recognizes that GCC is well ahead of its (regional) peers.