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Memorandum

TO: College Community

FROM: Dr. R. Ray D. Somera
Vice President for Academic Affairs


SUBJECT: Extension of feedback period for mission statement review

DATE: March 11, 2013

The feedback period for the mission statement review is extended until September 11, 2013 in order to coincide with the development of the College's Institutional Strategic Master Plan (ISMP), 2014-2020. AIER continues to receive valuable input from GCC constituents which are posted in Group Studio on MyGCC for documentation purposes (see attached AIER memo). I will be providing periodic updates to the various governance bodies on campus on this initiative throughout the academic year.

Consequently, the current GCC mission statement will remain as is for the rest of the year.

The AVP office will soon be scheduling meetings with campus governance bodies to generate new or revised goals for the upcoming development of the ISMP, 2014-2016.



Dr. R. Ray D. Somera
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Somera's April 11 e-mail to the Faculty Senate, Marlana Montequé and Christine Matson

To Faculty Senate leaders:

Please review the current Institutional and Organizational Priorities document and provide your input to me via a written memo on or before **May 8**, the last day of classes this semester. This will be for the next academic year, AY 2013-2014.

As the Standard 1 chair, Christine Matson is also cc'd this email so she is in the loop in this conversation.

Thanks,

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Guam Community College
Staff/Administrator Development Day: "Investing in You"
March 26, 2013

Administrators' Meeting (4:00pm, Student Center Training Room 5108)

Topics: Work Planning and Performance Evaluation 2013; Accreditation 2018 Flowchart; Mission Statement Feedback; and, ISMP Strategic Goals Update Samples

Participants: Dr. Mary A.Y. Okada, Dr. Michael Chan, Dr. Karen Sablan, Dean Reilly Ridgell, Barry Mead, Carmen K. Santos, Wesley Gima, Fermina Sablan, Jayne Flores, Frank Camacho, Victor Rogers, Doris Perez, Rowena Perez, John Payne, Joann Muna, Patrick Clymer, Joleen Evangelista, Priscilla Johns, Joanne Ige, Danilo Bilong, Edwin Limtuatco, Greg Manglona, Lawrence Perez, Barbara Leon Guerrero, DorothyLou Manglona, Terry Barnhart, Bonnie Mae Datuin, Marlana Montague (recorder), Dr. R. Ray D. Somera (facilitator)

BIG PICTURE GOALS generated from the discussion, with underlined key words:

- Focus on student success and completion
- Promote Cultural Awareness (Micronesia) & Identity
- Integrate awareness of culture into curriculum
- Expand and strengthen Service Learning/Civic Engagement
- Promote Native Chamorro completion (similar to Native Hawaiians at the UH system)
- Strengthen technology; stronger means to upgrade all together
- Focus on Resources and Professional Development
- Align finances with technology & other resources (ITSP)
- Bring education/resources out to community (resolve transportation issue)
- Engage community partners as well as with existing schools
- Bring the classroom to the community
- Strive to reach the level of environmental sustainability
- Expand ability to partner with community and do more
- Bring back school motto (The Island is our Campus)
- Take GCC into the home/community
- Personalize GCC
- Remove fear of college (no placement tests)
- Diversify our brand to promote community (many kinds, cultures, age groups)
- Institutionalize Earmark-training; no placement exam
- Bring community to campus