

## AGENDA ITEM 10.c.

Review of Board Policies 4902, 4907, 4908, 4909, 4910, 4911, and 4912

### RECOMMENDED DIRECTIVE:

The Board hereby approves: (a) amendments to Board Policies 4902 (Student Clubs), 4907 (Deadly Weapons and Dangerous Devices), and 4909 (Violence and Threats of Violence, Including Accessory to Violence); and (b) the deletion of Board Policy 4908 (Threats of Violence), 4910 (Being Accessory to Violence), 4911 (Use of Banned Weapon Together with Any Other Forms of Violence), and 4912 (Use of Alcohol in the Commission of the Act of Violence).

### DISCUSSION:

Policies and procedures are living documents that should grow and adapt with any organization. While core elements of a policy may stay the same, the details should change with the organization. As such, the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Services (EMSS) continues to collaborate and/or work with relevant EMSS offices and standing committees at the college to review policies and procedures relating to enrollment management and student services (Chapter 4).

On April 5, 2023, the Executive Committee (EC) reviewed and endorse the following policies:

| Board Policy              | Amendments or Deletion | Remarks  |
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| BP No. 4902-Student Clubs | Amendments             | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Policy title change from “Student clubs and organizations” to “<i>Student Clubs.</i>”</li><li>2. Reformatting the policy by inserting headers for improved organization and reading ease.</li><li>3. Deletion of the term or phrase “<i>organizations</i>” or “<i>student organizations</i>,” in lieu consistent use of the phrase “<i>student clubs</i>” in all sections of the policy.</li><li>4. Under section A, paragraph 1, insert the sentence: “<i>All student clubs must complete the registration process (membership list, registration form, and advisor contract) in order to be recognized by the College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM or the “college”).</i>”</li><li>5. Replacing the term “<i>registered</i>” by “<i>recognized.</i>”</li><li>6. Clarifying the provision on club advisors, under section A, paragraph 3.</li><li>7. Under section B, replacing the term “<i>persons</i>” by “<i>COM-FSM students</i>” and adding an explanatory footnote that provides the definition of “<i>students</i>” in the context of this policy.</li><li>8. Replacing the nondiscriminatory statement by making it more consistent with the college’s nondiscriminatory statement.</li><li>9. Under section C.1., adding the phrase “<i>of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), including applicable US Federal regulations.</i>”</li><li>10. Under section C.5, deletion of the phrase “<i>voting members.</i>” All members of a recognized student clubs — be full-time or part-time — are deemed voting members.</li><li>11.</li></ol> |

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| <p>BP No. 4907-Deadly Weapons and Dangerous Devices</p>                              | <p>Amendments</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Policy title change from <i>“Banned Weapons”</i> to <i>“Deadly Weapons and Dangerous Devices.”</i></li> <li>2. Adding <i>“PL 11-76 § 9”</i> as reference.</li> <li>3. Reformatting the policy by inserting headers for improved organization and reading ease.</li> <li>4. Inserting <i>“Intentional use, possession or sale (or distribution) of deadly weapons or dangerous devices is strictly prohibited,”</i> and deleting the phrase <i>“Student may not possess a banned weapon.”</i> An explanatory footnote is provided clarifying “deadly weapons” and “dangerous devices” as defined under the provisions of the Federated States of Micronesia Weapons Control Act, and court decisions or notes.</li> <li>5. Consistently using the phrase <i>“deadly weapons or dangerous devices”</i> in all sectons of this policy.</li> <li>6. Inserting the term <i>“academic”</i> to clarify an academic year vs. calendar year. An academic year at the college consists of two regular semesters: fall and spring, and a summer term.</li> <li>7. Replacing the previous provision under Section B- Multiple Offenses by the stipulation: <i>“ When a student has been found in violation of another offense, the maximum penalty shall not exceed the maximum penalty for the most serious offense the student is found to have committed.”</i> This amendment covers then BP 4911-Use of Banned Weapons with Any Other Forms of Violence.</li> <li>8. Deleting Section C-Failure to comply with assigned disciplinary actions.</li> </ol> |
| <p>BP No. 4909-Violence and Threats of Violence, Including Accessory to Violence</p> | <p>Amendments</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Policy title change from <i>“Acts of Violation”</i> to <i>“Violence and Threats of Violence, Including Accessory to Violence.”</i></li> <li>2. This amended policy now covers then (a) BP 4908- Threats of Violence, (b) BP 4910-Accessory to Violence, and (c) BP 4912-Use of Alcohol in the Commission of the Act of Violence.</li> <li>3. Adding references: PL 11-72 § 74, Revised Criminal Code Act, Federated States of Micronesia, Title IX of the Education Opportunity Act of 1972, Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act(1990), as amended in 2015 (Clery Act).</li> <li>4. Reformatting the policy by inserting headers for improved organization and reading ease.</li> <li>5. Deleting the previous policy statement, and replacing it with <i>“The College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM or the “college) is committed to creating and maintaining an environment that is free from violence for all members of the college community.”</i></li> <li>6. Adding Section A-Zero Tolerance for Acts of Violence and Threats of Violence</li> </ol>   |

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|   |          | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Adding Section B-Violence and Threats of Violence Defined, and proving explanatory footnotes to further clarify the definitions.</li> <li>8. Adding section C-Accessory to Act of Violence and Threat of Violence.</li> <li>9. Replacing the previous provision under Section on Multiple Offenses by the stipulation: “ <i>When a student has been found in violation of another offense, the maximum penalty shall not exceed the maximum penalty for the most serious offense the student is found to have committed.</i>”</li> <li>10. Adding Section G-Use Alcohol or Any Intoxicating Substance in the Commission of Violence or Threat of Violence. With this amendment, this policy will now cover then BP 4912.</li> <li>11. Amending Section I-Failure to Comply with Assigned Disciplinary Actions to only reflect the provision: “<i>Failure to complete counseling and other requirements inside the given time constraints under any discipline imposed may result in the denial of the student to register for continued classes.</i>”</li> </ol> |
| BP No. 4908-Threat of Violence                                      | Deletion | 1. Provisions of this policy are now included under BP 4909, as proposed.  |
| BP No. 4910-Being An Accessory to Violence                          | Deletion | 1. Provisions of this policy are now included under BP 4909, as proposed.  |
| BP No. 4911-Use of Banned Weapon with Any Other Forms of Violence   | Deletion | 1. Provisions of this policy are now included under BP 4907 and 4909, as proposed.   |
| BP No. 4912-Use of Alcohol in the Commission of the Act of Violence | Deletion | 1. Provisions of this policy are now included under BP 4909, as proposed.  |

**ACTION TAKEN:**

- \_\_\_\_\_Approved as presented
- \_\_\_\_\_Approved w/modifications
- \_\_\_\_\_Disapproved
- \_\_\_\_\_Deferred to a later meeting

**VOTE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ aye \_\_\_\_\_ nay \_\_\_\_\_ abstain

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