



Report to the Board of Regents

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Department for Instructional Affairs

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Filming our Journeys: History of Micronesia to Contemporary Island Topics

COM-FSM students documenting Nan Madol preservation study, by Denise Oen, Kaselehie Press, February 4-17, 2019



The United States Embassy Fund for Historic Preservation awarded a grant to the Cultural Sites Resource Management (CSRM) Foundation to respectfully enhance facilities at the ancient ruins of Nan Madol, which was recently named a UNESCO World Heritage site. The CSRM Foundation “develops, applies, and builds capacity among heritage preservation communities to apply advanced and emerging technologies to research, management, and development at natural and cultural heritage sites and living cultural landscapes.”

Several students from COM-FSM are working on a documentary of this project. This opportunity grew from a cross-disciplinary course over the summer in both English and Micronesian History that drew the attention of the US Embassy in Kolonia. The students from the class were awarded a \$40,000 grant to buy filming and editing equipment, and to hire professional help for a documentary about CSRM’S project.



Preparing the Storyboard

Fun with filmmaker, Dan Lin

Interview of traditional leaders

The next phase of the project is to edit the documentary with a final production date in about eight months. The US Embassy is also in contact with National Geographic who is preparing a series for the National Geographic channel that includes a segment on Nan Madol. We are hoping to have the student’s documentary included as part of this segment.



Filming CSRM Foundation on location

Carrying equipment to location

Exit meeting at US Embassy

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Okeanos Foundation and Traditional Navigation

VPIA and Director of CTEC met with the Director of the Okeanos Foundation and representatives from Pohnpei State Government to discuss the possibility of providing a course that combines Micronesian traditional navigation with the vocational training program at Okeanos. The proposed program is one year and students would exit with a vocational certificate from Okeanos and be inducted as traditional navigators.

The vocational training program will offer foundational courses that teach indigenous skills of local traditional boat operating, sailing and navigation ,and traditional Micronesian canoe building. This model is intended to support outer island communities that are in great need of sustainable sea transportation while training a workforce that is proudly and professionally able to provide safe and regular open-ocean transport between our islands.

The Okeanos Pohnpei is crewed by four people and the navigator. Three of the four crew are graduates of FSM-FMI.

Articulation Agreement: Temple University, Japan



Two 2+2 articulation agreements with Temple University, Japan (TUJ) are finalized and ready for signatures. The first agreement is to complete the Associate of Science in Business Administration at COM-FSM and a Bachelor of Science in International Business at TUJ. The second agreement is to complete the Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts at COM-FSM and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychological Studies at TUJ.

COM-FSM Mission Statement

The College of Micronesia-FSM is a learner-centered institution of higher education that is committed to the success of the Federated States of Micronesia by providing academic and career & technical educational programs characterized by continuous improvement and best practices.



Cultural Sites Resources Management Team, students, and Denise Oen, Director of Institute for Student Learning and Excellence in Teaching

Guest Lecturers at the National Campus

Professor Kataoka Osamu from Sophia University, Japan will present three lectures March 4 -9, 2019, at National Campus.

Dr. Osamu is known as the Japanese expert on Nan Madol. These lectures will be presented to SS 150 History of Micronesia and SS 195 Micronesian Cultural Studies students. The following are the basic ideas for the sessions:

- ▶ **Peopling of Micronesia (March 4, 2019)**
Dr. Osamu will introduce the human expansion of Micronesia including Pohnpei and Megalithic culture of Micronesia.
- ▶ **Acheological Studies of Nan Madol (March 6, 2019)**
Dr. Rufino Mauricio will present Oral Traditions on Nan Madol and Pohnpei.
- ▶ **UNESCO World Heritage Site “Nan Madol” (March 8, 2019)**
Mr. Augustine Kohler, presenter
- ▶ **Nan Madol Tour (March 9, 2019)**
All guest lecturers and 50 students

Spring 2019 Course Offerings

Campus	Number of Sections		Number of Faculty Members (2019)				Total Faculty Members (N)
	2018	2019	Full-Time		Part-Time		
			Count	In % of N	Count	In % of N	
National	193	190	42	84%	8	16%	50
CTEC	89	92	25	100%	0	0%	25
Chuuk	48	61	12	80%	3	20%	15
Kosrae	39	33	8	53%	7	47%	15
Yap	30	30	5	42%	7	58%	12
Total	399	406	92	79%	25	21%	117

Learning Resources Center

- National LRC collaborated with Australian Embassy and showcased indigenous photos in the library during the holiday season.
- A two-day workshop was held for library staff on January 10-11, 2019 on new subscription databases and new updates to the library’s website. Staff were also tasked to identify professional goals for their next evaluation process. This will be repeated at the other libraries during site visits.
- The LRC subscribed to new databases via EBSCO: Academic Search Premier, Education Full Text, and ERIC (Education Resources Information Center).

LRC Statistics: Programs and Services

Services	Chuuk Campus	CTEC	Kosrae Campus	National Campus	Yap Campus	Total
Patrons usage	7,202	3,127	2,125	33,963	2,091	48,508
Reserves	-	-	-	88	12	100
Materials circulated	151	321	138	1,038	586	2,234
Visitor usage	11	49	-	16	334	410
Computer use	2,807	546	982	11,916	1,327	17,578
Computer assists	14	196	130	228	47	615
Reference transactions	4	9	120	188	48	369
Library instruction	-	-	-	52	69	121
Total volumes	10,893	4,579	2,960	71,319	11,062	100,813

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Career & Technical Education Center Multi-Purpose Technical Building



Artist’s rendition of the proposed CTEC Multi-Purpose Technical Building. By Beca International Consultants, Ltd.

Former UB/ETSP Building was demolished last December to make way for the new CTE multi-purpose technical building. Ground breaking is anticipated to occur in April 2019 with completion of the project by fall 2020.

Celebration of Life

Assistant Professor Cindy Pastor passed away on January 30, 2019. She taught English classes for the Achieving College Excellence program at CTEC. Cindy began working for the college in 2010.



Assist. Prof. Cindy Pastor

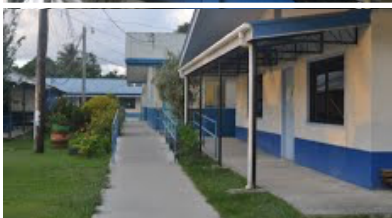
Besides teaching, Ms. Pastor generously gave her own time to tutor students, work on the John N. Gardner Institute project, and work with the trio programs. Ms. Pastor had a great love for life and a wonderfully positive attitude.

Chuuk Campus

Dual Enrollment Program for High School Students

The Dual Enrollment Program started this spring 2019 semester at Chuuk Campus. Five seniors from Chuuk High School are enrolled in two of the regular English courses. If they successfully pass these courses, they will earn college credits; at the same time, fulfill their high school Language Arts requirements.

These students took the COMET last year, when they were juniors, and passed into the Degree Program. Since they are still high school students, they are not yet eligible for Pell Grant. The Chuuk State Board of Education set aside some funding to pay for their tuition, fees and supplies. Since there are only six of them and it is not cost effective to have separate sections for them offered at Chuuk High School, they are taking these courses with our regular students at Chuuk Campus. Transportation to and from the college is provided by Chuuk High School. We are looking forward to a second cohort next fall. The plan is that we will add a math course to go along with these two English courses.



Solution to Graffiti

The incidence of graffiti on campus buildings and property has decreased since the implementation of the painting of graffiti policy. As soon as we see writing, we paint over them. Dean Kanto believes when students do not see graffiti, they do not write. In addition, the students are reminded that when they write, they pay for the paint.

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Programs

- ▶ The Trial Counselor Program was restarted spring semester 2019. Eighteen students are taking all four first-semester courses.
- ▶ The first cohort of third-year education students completed requirements last Fall 2018. The second cohort is attempting to complete all requirements by end of summer 2019. There will be a cohort ready for the inception of the BS in Elementary Education Program fall 2019.

Kosrae Campus



Dr. David Fazzino, visiting professor from Bloomsberg University and contracted consultant for Kosrae Historic Preservation Office, visited Campus Dean to discuss methods and ways the college employees can assist the nation in its efforts to preserve the Micronesian heritage, the different cultures, traditions, and languages of the region. Discussions also looked at the benefits of historic preservation and what the legal system should do to assist with preservation initiatives and related preservation laws.

Campus Dean and Dr. David Fazzino held a conference call with VPIA Karen Simion to discuss a potential student-exchange program for COM-FSM Kosrae Campus and Bloomsberg University of Pennsylvania. Items included:

- Dr. Fazzino to discuss and share with the VPIA proposed plan to bring his Bloomsberg University students to Kosrae and study at Kosrae Campus with the local campus students. Five to ten students will probably be funded to travel to Kosrae by summer 2020.
- This fieldwork project may include Dr. Fazzino teaching Ethnobotany and Cultural Anthropology as part of this exchange/internship program and students doing fieldwork with local agencies. Other logistics such as drafting an MOU, articulation of courses between the two institutions, and the financial aspects of the program were also discussed.
- Funding support may come from Bloomsberg's Dean's Office and a couple other sources for Bloomsberg students doing fieldwork abroad.
- Additional discussion notes:
 - ▶ Other potential students for such exchange program would be veterans.
 - ▶ Dr. Fazzino is applying to be certified as a part-time instructor for summer 2019.
 - ▶ First summer, Kosrae Campus students only earning COM-FSM credits.
 - ▶ Second summer, Kosrae Campus students and Bloomberg students take classes; credits earned would be articulated and transferrable.

Cooperative Research & Extension

Additional Funding for 2019

During COM Land Grant Board of Regents meeting in Guam on February 7, 2019, the Board approved the proposed consolidated FY19 budget for Micronesia Land Grant programs and operations based on FY18 funding level. In light of the increased amount of USDA's annual allocation to COM Land Grant, the Board also approved the following additional fund to all the extension sites' budget as well as to all the researchers' budgets:

- ▶ \$200,000 to the four extension site in the FSM: Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae. This money is for salary upgrade and can be used for other needs.
- ▶ \$40,000 to support each of the four authorized researcher's position in the FSM.

The Board also approved two additional extension positions for CRE FSM. The two positions are youth extension agent for Pohnpei and aquaculture extension agent for Yap CRE.

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Strengthen resources to meet current and future needs through revenue diversification, efficient use, innovation, effective allocation, conservation, infrastructure upgrades, and investment in human capital.

Yap Campus

Embedded Tutoring

Embedded tutoring with greater collaboration between faculty and student services staff and tutors was a success in fall semester. It is being continued this spring semester with team work and effort among faculty members, ACE mentors, tutors, SS staff/advisors. This semester, the student services staff (including tutors and ACE mentors) have started a study hall hour every morning. POW WOWs (meetings of advisors & advisees) have been restructured with specific objectives and expected outcomes for each meeting scheduled to coincide with "At risk," "Early Warning," and "Midterm Def. Notices." Advisors meet after each POW WOW to evaluate and make improvement plans.

Performance of students (for fall 2018)

- ◆ 92% completion/success rate with a grade of C or better in all courses without Ws.
- ◆ 87% completion/success rate with a grade of C or better in all courses with Ws.
- ◆ 4% with a grade of D
- ◆ 3.33% with a grade of F
- ◆ 6% with Ws



C-PART

The Student Services and Upward Bound staff have continued with our C-PART effort from last school year starting in December. Once a month, they get to spend the whole school day with YHS seniors to share information about college preparation, COMET, our programs and services. We hope to expand this to the other high schools.

FSM Fisheries & Maritime Institute

- ◆ SPC Audit team visited the campus to conduct an audit. Team arrived with FSM TC&I staff for the audits. An official report from the team is expected soon.
- ◆ Total enrollment this semester is 37 after 5 were sent home last December due to poor academic performance and disciplinary reason. A tutoring program was started last fall; it needs further development and improvement.
- ◆ Faculty member Semesa S. resigned at the end of fall semester to begin his employment with FSM Vital in Chuuk. Campus Director Matthias Ewarmai retired in late January.
- ◆ Living Quarters project is now completed pending final inspection by Project Manager Alfred Olter and the contractor (BBLF Constr. Co.).
- ◆ A group of 1st year cadets are currently on MV Hapilmahol field trip to the outer islands and back for shipboard training. This is really a trial run for the vessel. If successful, we will work with the state government to plan regular shipboard training for our cadets.

