

COM-FSM Student Body Association Board of Regents Report May – August 2018

CTEC/National Campus Updates:

During the months of May through August, a variety of events were held in conjunction with National Campus and the Career & Technical Educational Center. Below are some of the major highlights, as identified by the students:

- The main event in May was a Luau celebration held on Saturday, May 5th. This event was meant to congratulate students for all the hard work they have put forth this semester both in and out of the classroom, as well as, assisting with the 25th Anniversary Celebrations. This event, which featured music, entertainment, and a photo booth, aimed to be environmentally friendly. Students from the various cultural groups helped out in providing locally sourced supplies, utilizing coconuts leaves for both decoration purposes, as well as, serving plates.
- The first week of June summer classes started and we kicked off the hot summer with a Splash Bash Event on Friday, June 8th. The Splash Bash was a cool way to welcome new and continuing students. We had a lot of fun activities like slip and slide competitions, water balloon fights, water balloon tosses, and lastly a good friendly game of tug of war on a slippery tarp. All the students who participated in the event had fun, and hope to do it again in the coming semesters.
- On July 6th we held a friendly competition of Capture the Flag. The students who participated learned how to communicate better with one another and got to make new friends. Everyone who joined the student led sporting event learned a new game and made new friends at the end.
- In recognition of World Population Day, we held a movie night on July 11th. Students had the opportunity to watch awareness raising movies such as Wall-E and Children of Men.
- The summer semester also featured departmental games hosted by Sports and Recreation. Students had the opportunity to participate in volleyball, basketball, table tennis, and billiards.

Student Take-Away: "As a student of the College of Micronesia-FSM, and I have been here for some years, I can say that summer 2018 was a semester that showed me the oneness of the college and student success. Not only do we give our students work, but we also let them have fun in an educational sense. For example, during the Summer of 2018 we held a Splash Bash and Movie Night. From these events, students got a chance to get to know each other in a fun and educational way. The activities done during Summer 2018 were for the students to relax

from the hard work of their classes; they also allowed them to socialize. These activities were a great experience and having been there to watch all that happened was a great opportunity."
– Virginia William, CTEC SBA President

Chuuk Campus Updates:

During the summer semester, two major events were held at Chuuk Campus. Both events were meant to promote engagement and build a sense of community among all students, faculty members and staff.

- The College of Micronesia-FSM Chuuk Campus Student Body Association Summer Celebration was held on Thursday, July 19th, 2018 at the Student Center. Approximately 76 people (60 students, 12 Staffs and 4 faculty members) participated in the event. The primary focus of the Summer Celebration was to encourage students to be at their best to continue to attend COM-FSM Chuuk Campus in the future semesters, to gain leadership skills through participating in SBA and taking on organizational leadership roles and above all, to have faculty members and staff participate in campus events with the students. The event included a number of speeches provided by students, faculty and staff, as well as, a celebratory luncheon. Overall, the Summer 2018 Celebration turned out to be a successful event, which accomplished a majority of its objectives.
- Through the combined efforts of faculty, staff, students and community members, a community hut was built on the COM-FSM Chuuk Campus. Completed on Tuesday, July 31st, 2018, the experience provided all those involved with the opportunity to learn more about traditional building methods. It was a truly magnificent and enjoyable experience, one that SBA has been planning for a while. With Dean Kanto's vision and support, this plan is now a reality; a reality that the students, faculty and staff will enjoy in the days and years to come.

Kosrae Campus Updates:

During the 2018 semester, Kosrae campus held a number of events aimed to further student learning and promote community involvement. Some of these events included:

- This summer the students in EN 120 A and EN 110 renewed the local thatch roof for the hut in front of the OARR office as their class bonus project. This is in line with 1 CCESS goal and 1 SLO which are:
 - To promote active/collaborative learning, by providing opportunities for out of the classroom learning, focused on group work and community partnerships and presentations.
 - To provide opportunities for intercultural knowledge/competency, by teaching students and allowing them the chance to partake in traditional methods of cooking and weaving.
- On July 16, 2018 at 12:00pm a Forum Lecture, sponsored by the Kosrae State Historic and Preservative Office, was held. Information was shared about the historical sites in Kosrae like the Lelu Ruins and the Goddess Habitat in Utwe.

- An overnight trip was held on July 18 to 19, 2018 to all interested students, staff and faculty to a remote island in Walung. According to the students, they very much enjoyed the trip and stated that they had a good time relaxing and bonding with each other.

Yap Campus Updates:

Students at Yap campus had the opportunity to participate in a number of activities held throughout the Summer 2018 Semester. Some of these events included:

- A Healthy Cooking Demo was held on June 25th, where students had the chance to learn more about local food and the various ways in which it can be prepared.
- A Science Fair, which was held on July 6th, gave students the opportunity to explore and highlight their own academic interests in the field of science.

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