

Report to the Board of Regents

November 18, 2013 to March 10, 2014

WASC Standard IIB. Student Support Services

The institution recruits and admits diverse students who are able to benefit from its programs, consistent with its mission. Student support services address the identified needs of students and enhance a supportive learning environment. The entire student pathway through the institutional experience is characterized by a concern for student access, progress, learning, and success. The institution systematically assesses student support services using student learning outcomes, faculty and staff input, and other appropriate measures in order to improve the effectiveness of these services.

COM-FSM Strategic Direction

Focus on student success. The College of Micronesia-FSM will pursue excellence in student success and will develop a balance between “access and success” with appropriate career pathways for learners (SD1).

COM-FSM Integrated Educational Master Plan. <http://www.comfsm.fm/vpia/misc/IEMPSheet.pdf>

- a. **SS1. Marketing and recruitment.** Create, improve and implement a process to increase recruitment of nontraditional students into programs (2.3).
- b. **SS2. Student progression.** Strengthen support mechanisms for at-risk students and improving progression (2.2). Formalize collaborative and integrated process with program faculty and students for counseling and tutoring assistance (2.3). Develop and implement a student services staff development plan directed at supporting student success (2.4). Develop and implement a comprehensive student life program that focuses on student development and leadership, obtaining ILOs, and increasing opportunities for cultural diversity (2.5). Enhance the timeliness of advising and referrals by adopting a computer software program to coordinate and integrate faculty advising program with counseling and tutoring programs (2.6).
- c. **SS3. Career services.** Formalize a career counseling and job placement (2.8).
- d. **SS4. Admissions, registration and matriculation.** Review and update the COM-FSM entrance test for validity, security, standardization of testing procedure and entrance criteria (5.4).

Accomplishments and Outcomes

November 18, 2013 meeting: Student Body Association and delegation leaders

Officers of the college’s Student Body Association (SBA) at the National Campus and representatives (delegation leaders) from various associated student organizations and clubs convened last November 18, 2013 to discuss the following: (a) each student clubs or organizations to submit updated membership roster to the Office of the Vice President for Student Services; and (b) matters pertaining to the April 1, 2014 COM-FSM founding day celebration, such as the venue and events, rubrics for the selection of the Mr. and Ms. Founding Day, and others (**WASC IIB, SD1, IEMP SS2, 2.3-2.4**).

November 25, 2013 meeting: Student Body Association and delegation leaders

The Student Body Association (SBA) at the National Campus and representatives (delegation leaders) from various associated student organizations and clubs reconvened last November 25, 2013 to further discuss preparations about the college’s founding day celebration. By a majority vote, members present recommended that the venue for this year’s founding day will be the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center. Additionally, the officers also discussed matter relative to students’ representation to and/or participation in appropriate or applicable standing committees (**WASC IIB, SD1, IEMP SS2, 2.3-2.4**).

December 6, 2013 World AIDS Day Celebration

The Student Body Association was tasked to design the logo for that will be printed on the t-shirts, towels, and the banner for the World AIDS Day celebration. Additionally, SBA officers assisted in administering surveys to students (**WASC IIB, SD1, IEMP SS2, 2.3-2.4**).

January 14, 2014: SBA reorganization

As a result of the vacancy in the SBA vice president’s position and in accordance with the organization’s by-law, Mr. Jon-Tyrone Celestine, SBA treasurer, was elevated to the SBA vice president’s office; and Ms. Stacey Werthog, an active member of the college’s peer advisors, had been elected as the new SBA

treasurer.

January 31, 2014 SBA Welcoming-Back Party

The Student Body Association (SBA) hosted a welcoming-back party last January 31, 2014 at the practice gym of the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center. The party started at around 6:00 PM, and ended, 11:00 PM and was participated by more or less 300 students. To determine the perceived level of satisfactions of the participants about the welcoming-back party, a survey was administered to a nonprobability sample of student. Tabulated results of the survey showed 96% positive rating (**WASC IIB, SD1, IEMP SS2, 2.3-2.4**).

February 13 Masquerade Ball

The Student Body Association co-hosted a masquerade ball with the college's Peer Advisors last February 14, 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM, at the practice gym of the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center. Again, a survey was administered to students in order to determine or assess their perceived level of satisfaction about the party. Tabulated results of the survey showed 60% positive rating (**WASC IIB, SD1, IEMP SS2, 2.3-2.4**).