


Department for ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT & STUDENT SERVICES
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College awards \$3.3 Million US Federal Pell Grant to 1,188 students

The college's Financial Aid Office (FAO) reported that as of November 12, 2019, it awarded \$3,303,850.98 US Federal Pell Grant to 1,188 students enrolled this fall 2019.

According to the Director of FAO, "Of the 1,904 (N) students enrolled this fall 2019, 1708 (or 90% of N) students are Pell eligible. As such, the 1,188 students who already received their Pell awards represent 70% of the Pell eligible students who are enrolled this fall 2019 semester." Table below shows the distribution by campus:

Table 1. Fall 2019 Pell, as of November 12, 2019

| Campus | Enrollment (N) | Pell Eligible (n) | n in % of N | Pell Recipient (a) | (a) in % of N | Amount |
|--------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| National | 957 | 861 | 90% | 622 | 72% | \$ 1,826,325.98 |
| CTEC | 384 | 357 | 93% | 240 | 67% | 667,598.00 |
| Chuuk | 275 | 226 | 82% | 122 | 54% | 346,193.00 |
| Kosrae | 132 | 124 | 94% | 77 | 62% | 133,944.00 |
| Yap | 156 | 140 | 90% | 127 | 91% | 329,790.00 |
| Total | 1,904 | 1,708 | 90% | 1,188 | 70% | \$ 3,303,850.98 |

While the percentage of Pell eligible students receiving their Pell is at the same level if compared to fall 2018 and the same reporting period, Director of FAO further reported that the office targets to award 100% of all Pell eligible students this fall 2019 by the first week of December 2019.

502 students earned \$57,593.00 under SEG Work-Study Program \$85,701.12 from National, State and other scholarships, including COFM subsidies were awarded to students

The college's Financial Aid Office (FAO) reported that 502 students who had enrolled this fall 2019 semester received \$57,593.00, from the SEG Work-Study Program as of November 5, 2019. SEG Work-Study Program is available for eligible students at the college's five campuses, including the FSM Fisheries and Maritime Institute (FSM FMI).

On the other hand, FAO reported awarding 89 students \$85,701.22 of financial assistance from FSM National and State Scholarships, COFSM subsidies, and scholarships from other organizations.

Counseling Services: Annual Career Day



Counselors at the National Campus and the Career & Technical Education Center (CTEC) organized the Annual Career Day last November 6, 2019, in front of the college's Learning Resources Center at National Campus. The event was designed to expose students to a variety of careers and jobs by connecting them with potential employers and organizations, inform career planning, provide them a realistic picture of the workplace, and help them make the connection between school and the workplace.

According to CTEC Counselor Sebastian Tairuwepi, "During the Career Day, students met with external stakeholders and potential employers, such as the FSM Telecommunication Corporation, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Pohnpei State Department of Health, Pohnpei State Department of Education, and Moylan's Insurance." The event received a satisfaction rating of 89%.

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Program Reviews

Non-Instructional Assessment

In the ongoing series of workshops, *Improving What We Do*, program reviews for Facilities and Maintenance, Human Resources, Public Procurement, Guidance & Counseling, Financial Aid and IT were completed based on a revised template. Findings of assessments were shared, with Directors having the opportunity to review the assessment practices of other units. Workshops will continue in 2020 turning to assessment practices for campus deans.

Instructional Assessment

- ▶ Three action plans were created based on program reviews submitted in 2018.
- ▶ Five program reviews of Associate degrees were due 2019 – of these, two have reached the assessment team for review.
- ▶ Nine program reviews of Certificates were due 2019 – of these, six have reached the assessment team.

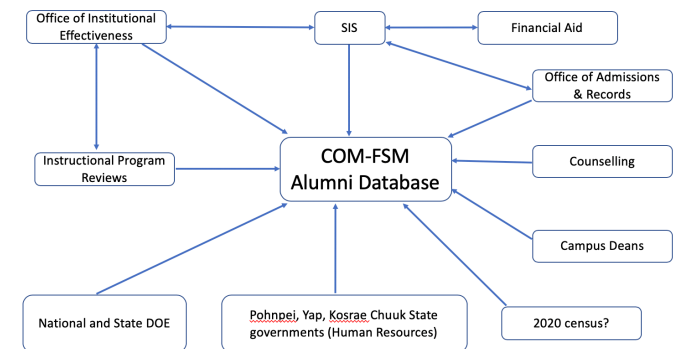
A workshop for lead writers for program reviews due 2020 was held on November 20, 2019, to ensure all understand the process, the template, and the work involved.

COM-FSM Alumni tracking & Database

| Current Database | Next Steps |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent of Office of Institutional Effectiveness (OIE) Timeline to transfer paper to digital not clear Data on approximately 200 alumni Alumni chapters established in Pohnpei, Chuuk, Kosrae, Yap (overseas?) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect with COM-FSM offices in workshop to collaboratively envision the database we want Privacy policies (how COM-FSM will use information stored in database) Double size database within one year Timeline to 2025 database created (by June 2019) |

Status: COM-FSM Alumni Database

- ▶ Employed: 186
- ▶ Further education: 4
- ▶ Self-employed: 2
- ▶ Unemployed: 2



218 potential fall 2019 program completers

College to hold its 70th Commencement Exercises on December 20, 2019

The college's Office of Admissions, Records and Retention (OARR) reported 218 students potential fall 2019 program completers. Of these 218 (N) program completers, 129 (or 59% of N) are from the National Campus; 49 (or 22% of N) are from the Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC); 22 (or 10% of N) are from Chuuk Campus; five (or 2% of N) and 13 (or 6% of N) are from Kosrae Campus and Yap Campus, respectively. All of these program completers have passed the initial degree audits made, and are now advanced to candidacy.

College completes the annual campus safety and security survey

On September 24, 2019, the college completed the annual campus safety and security survey as required by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, or Clery Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f) (34 C.F.R. § 668.46), and the Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315) (HEOA), which was enacted on August 14, 2008, and reauthorizes the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).



“Student engagement, including extracurricular activities, has a positive impact on student academic performance”

- ▶ To provide students a supportive environment in their academic progress, information on what it means to be “at-risk” in their academics, resources and knowledge on how to improve their grades, and a space for intrusive academic advising, **POWWOW Series** were organized at Yap Campus on September 4 and 18, 2019, which was participated by more or less 116 students and 11 faculty/staff. The series received an average rating of 10 (out of 10) based on a survey administered.



- ▶ To promote health and wellness, physical and social well-being, and faculty and student interaction, Student Life organized **Wellness Project-Rainforest Walk** on September 3, 2019, **Wellness Project-Salsa Dancing** on September 5, 2019, and **Wellness Project-Juggling** on September 6, 2019.

- ▶ Student Body Association (SBA) led each of their campuses in the **Micronesia Clean-Up Day** declared by FSM President David W. Panuelo on Friday, September 13, 2019, with over 300 participants collectively from all campuses.

- ▶ More or less 150 students and five faculty/staff participated in the **Involvement Fair** held last October 2, 2019, at the National Campus. The fair was aimed at increasing student involvement and engagement in student clubs and organizations, on and off campus co-, extra- and other recreational activities.



“To succeed, we must all work to ensure that we are upholding the mission of the college and working toward the collective vision that we set for the institution.”

~Joseph M. Daisy, EdD., COM-FSM President/CEO, “COM-FSM Charting the Course for the Next Generation,” April 2018.

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According to the college’s Registrar, “The college will hold its 70th Commencement Exercises on December 20, 2019, at 9:00 AM, in the main gym of the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center, with the theme: “If opportunity doesn’t knock, build a door” — a quote from Milton Berle.”



UNICEF donates CFE \$38K for its awareness campaign project

Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) received a \$38,000.00 donation from the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) to fund its one-year awareness campaign project that focuses on sanitation and other youth issues. The aim of the project is to give voice to the youth and encourage them to get involved in community issues affecting them.

According to the CFE’s Executive Director, “The fund will be used by MYCAST to conduct polls using short message service (SMS), and for the organization of a forum with the FSM government to present results of the polls. The project will not only enhance the marketing skills of MYCAST members but will also develop their life-long learning skills, such as leadership, teamwork, and creativity.”



CFE oversees China Demo Farm

Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) has been assigned oversight of the China Demo Farm, a project by China Aid aimed at demonstrating and training students on second-tier agricultural technology. Because all produce from the demo farm goes to the college’s Dining Hall, CFE entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Dining Hall to hire an agricultural assistant who will be assigned to monitor the hydroponic farms, and the produce coming from the China Demo Farm. For the first four months of the China Demo Farm, it has provided \$4,443.30 worth of produce to the Dining Hall. The project has a duration of five years after which China Aid will donate the facility to the college.



Blue Collar

Blue Collar, a student-started business, has secured a three-month contract with the FSM Postal Service to maintain its website and to provide information technology (IT) services to its office personnel in Kolonia, Pohnpei. Additionally, Blue Collar has serviced several clients throughout Pohnpei with air conditioning installations and cleaning. In addition to website design and IT consultation, Blue Collar also specializes in providing maintenance and cleaning services for air conditioners and computers.



FORUM LECTURE SERIES

Enrollment Management & Student Services: Student Life

- September 2, 2019. Dr. Maureen J. Levin, a visiting archeologist, archeobotanist and ethoarcheologist from Stanford Archeology Center, Stanford University in California, made a presentation about the **“Pingelap Archeological Project: Shaping of a Human Landscape,”** which aims to better understand how humans have engaged with the local environment over the span of human habitation, from settlement to present. She also discussed the current work of the project, including recent results shedding light on ancient and modern diets and inter-island connections. More or less 40 students and four faculty/staff attended the presentation.
- October 9, 2019. **Opioid Awareness.** Shellany Saimon, Opioid Coordinator for Pohnpei State Mental Health, made a presentation on the basics of Opioids, and the harmful effects they can cause. Opioids are a class of drugs that include the illegal drug heroin, synthetic opioids such as fentanyl, and pain relievers available legally by prescription, such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine, morphine, and many others. While they are not currently a threat in the FSM, Ms. Saimon stressed that raising awareness about these drugs as preventive measures. About 25 students and two faculty/staff attended the presentation.
- October 14, 2019. **United Nations (UN): Sustainable Development Goals.** Mr. Sanaka Samarasinha, UN Resident Coordinator for Fiji, the Federated States of Micronesia, Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Palau, Tonga, Vanuatu, Nauru and Tuvalu, made a presentation to more or less 40 students and three staff about the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Also known as the “Global Goals,” SDGs were adopted by all UN members in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030. Mr. Samarasinha also discussed the problems the islands are currently facing in achieving these goals.

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Updates: Office of the VP for Administrative Services

The FY2021 Budget Development started in August for the operation budget for the entire college, Fisheries and Maritime Institute, Auxiliary Enterprises, Board of Regents, and Supplemental Education Grants from the Teacher Corps, Work-study Program, and Student Financial Assistance budgets. The budget planning process followed the lines of authority through the department and campus roles in the management of budgets. It was focused on addressing priorities set forth by the Instructional Department based on the college Integrated Educational Master Plan (IEMP), the Five Year Financial Plan, and the college strategic goals and directions. The budget development allowed for broader participation by all college stakeholders. The VPs reviewed the consolidated budget and discussed priority programs and services to receive additional fund allocations. The Finance Committee, Cabinet, and Executive Committee reviewed the budgets and recommend for approval by the BOR.

FSM Congress appropriated \$300,000 dollars as part of the FY2020 budget for the college endowment fund as the first payment of the \$2 million pledged for the endowment fund to be paid annually for 7 years.

The college has received the IMF fund from the FSM in the amount of \$353,000 and now being implemented at all campuses according to the college’s facilities maintenance plan.

The Friends of COM-FSM Foundation will transfer \$655,000 dollars to the college according to communications received from Floyd Takeuchi, Secretary of the Foundation before December 2019.



Procurement & Property Management Office (PPMO)

Procurement Section

Our primary focus is on Strategic Direction II – Strengthen resources to meet current and future needs in regard to procurements and property management. The office continues to process purchase orders and receiving reports in a timely manner to promote improvements in the procurement cycle. One of our new administrative unit objective (AUO2) for the fiscal year is to improve processing time of procurement cycle and maintain satisfactory cycle completion rate **at, or above 75% within 1-3 days and reduce, or minimize “Fair” (4-6 days) and “Poor” (7 days+)** from receipt of purchase request, compliance review, generate purchase order, pre-check budget, availability, assign, and post encumbrance number, PO

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According to Blue Collar’s founder, Slaughter Henry, “We wanted to give students who have gained certifications in AC cleaning and maintenance a chance to utilize the skills they have gained while attending the college.”



Tire Crafts

Japanesia, a non-profit organization from Reitaku University in Japan that focuses on solving environmental issue, partnered with the Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) to help start a tire recycling business. The partnership seeks to test the feasibility of starting a business that will recycle old tires to useful products.

According to the CFE’s Executive Director, “The Center purchased three sets of equipment. One set will be used by the Center for making prototypes, another for use by students in the MGT 360 (Entrepreneurship/Small Business) class, and the last to a willing entrepreneur who wants to start a tire craft business.” CFE’s associates have already started producing prototypes of tire sandals and flower pots. They expect to produce enough products to start an exhibit.

Roundtables and Workshops

Throughout the semester, the Center organized three roundtables with: (a) curators from the Queensland Art Gallery; (b) Blair Cabaluna, an entrepreneur from Hawaii; and ; (c) Lubuw Falanruw, an entrepreneur from Yap and stationed in Hawaii.

Additionally, the Center also hosted a “Hatching your business idea” workshop to approximately 50 students from Pohnpei Island Central School (PICS). The CFE’s Executive Director advised students to always approach a new business to meet a need in the community. Select CFE associates served as advisors to student teams. The teams then shared their business ideas to the entire group. The winning idea was a business that would specialize in pest control and extermination.



Updates Facilities & Maintenance

National Campus Student Center and CTEC Technical Building and Infrastructure upgrade:

On November 6, the Army Corp of Engineers submitted its comments after the second review of the design by Beca. A total of 351 comments need to be addressed by Beca. As a result of this review process the bidding phase will be delayed to January 2020 to allow Beca to address the comments and changes needed on the design and specifications.

Construction Management Services

Amoriont who has been contracted to perform the construction management services for the Technical Building project will begin its involvement in the project commencing the bidding and construction phase.

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