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10th Kosrae State Legislature
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Dear Senator Sigrah,

On behalf of the College of Micronesia – FSM, I thank you for the letter and for taking the time to convey the concerns of the senate members to me through your letter dated March 11th. Both the Vice President of Instructional Affairs and Dean of Kosrae campus have briefed me on the issue and what seems like a double charge is a misunderstanding of the process of our credits and earned through payment.

To clarify the situation: A student that registers for ACE I and ACE II must first take ACE I for the first half of the semester, before moving to ACE II in the second half of the same semester, the student must take a test. If she or he passes then will move on to ACE II. However, if the student does not pass the test, must RETAKE the course (ACE I). In our process, whenever student retakes a course, he or she must PAY for the course. For example if a student takes MS100 in fall 2012 and fails, must retake it in spring 2013, he or she must pay again to be registered in the course. This is the same with ACE I and ACE II. If a student fails ACE I, must pay again to retake ACE I and in the next semester, pay for ACE II. However, if the student keeps failing the course, the only way that he or she can retake the course is by registering and by paying for the course.

The accusation that our institution is double charging and stealing from our students is very concerning and unfounded. I hope that the clarification above addresses this concern and as you requested, these <http://ifap.ed.gov/ifap/ifapMedia.jsp> and www.comfsm.fm/publications/catalog-2012-2013/Instructional_Programs.pdf links the rules and regulations that the College must follow regarding Financial Aid and ACE courses. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D.
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Dear President Daisy;

Greetings from the Island of Kosrae and hope this letter finds you in good health. At the outset, let me convey my utmost appreciation to you and your staff for the exuberant efforts and services to maintain and improve tertiary education in FSM.

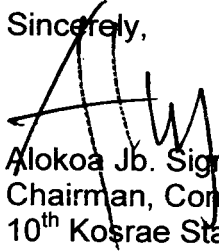
The purpose of this letter is to seek assistance and information in relation to an issue that concerns the College of Micronesia, Kosrae Campus. A number of parents of COM students have raised their concerns to the Kosrae State Legislature about possible double charging of ESL (English Second Language) courses at the COM, Kosrae Campus. Kosrae State Legislature has been informed that some students registered and payed for the ESL courses during the beginning of the semester; however sometimes during the same semester an assessment is conducted to determine passing or failure of a student of the course. In the event of the latter, I understand that a student is required to pay again for the same course to continue or to retake the same course during the same semester. There is a major concern on the propriety of the double payment of the same course in one semester.

As Chairman of the legislative committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, I am writing on behalf of the Kosrae State Legislature to seek clarification from you or the appropriate staff on whether or not the practice of double charging in one semester is indeed one that is applied by College of Micronesia and, if so, it would be helpful to obtain clear explanation, verification and justification for such procedure or practice. It would be helpful as well if you can furnish rules, regulations and laws governing the process or procedure in relation to refund of Pell Grant.

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I appreciate your time and consideration of this matter and I look forward to a timely response on this rather pressing matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alokua Jb. Sigrah'. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'A' and a long horizontal stroke.

Alokua Jb. Sigrah
Chairman, Committee on Education & Cultural Affairs
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