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GCEC Regular Meeting UOG-SOE Rm103 MEETING
 Monday, February 26, 2024
 Minutes

I. Call to order / Roll call of members

Meeting started at 4:02 p.m., roll call conducted by Certification Officer.

| <i>Attendance</i> | <i>Present</i> | <i>Other explanation</i> |
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| Roberta M. Abaday, CHAIR (Community Representative) msrabaday@gmail.com | X | |
| Lisa Baza-Cruz, Ed. D. VICE-CHAIR (Terminal Degree-Education Rep.) bazacruz@gmail.com | X | |
| VACANT, TREASURER (Community Representative) | | |
| Lisa Cooper-Nurse, Ed. D. (Administrator Representative) lscooper-nurse@gdoe.net | X | Zoom Connection |
| VACANT (Terminal Degree-Education Rep.) | | |
| VACANT (School Teacher Representative) | | |
| Lulene C. San Agustin (School Counselor Representative) lulenec@gmail.com | X | |
| GDOE - Dolores Faisao dffaisao@gdoe.net | X | |
| UOG - Alicia Aguon, Ed. D.(SOE) aliciaaguon@triton.uog.edu | X | |
| GCC Marivic Schrage marivic.schrage@guamcc.edu | X | Zoom Connection |
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| Fran Nicole Camacho Certification Officer, Gwendolyn Manglona Admin. Asst. | X X | |
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| Christine Taitague, GDOE | X | |
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II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by L. Baza-Cruz, seconded by L. San Agustin. APPROVED.

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes reviewed, October 16, 2023, Corrections to be made: remove gdoeparents email address since it is not the Guam Education Policy Board's email and correct the spelling of Lulene San Agustin.

Motion to approve with corrections by L. Baza-Cruz, seconded by L. San Agustin. APPROVED.

IV. Reports

- A. Treasurer: No report at this time. Tabled.
- B. Chairperson: R. Abaday stated that renewal applications for L. San Agustin, L. Baza-Cruz, L. Cooper-Nurse, and herself need to be submitted in April. She also stated that she should have been checking on the terms since there is no executive director and she takes responsibility for GCEC having vacancies at this time. At this time other positions need to be filled and a letter has been sent to the Governor's office to request for applicants for the community representative and for the executive director positions. A letter was also sent to Senator Barnett to see if Lulene can be extended. R. Abaday asked Lulene to complete the process and get the clearances just in case. R. Abaday thanked Fran and Gwen for all the extra work they have been handling in the absences of an executive director.
- C. Executive Director: No report at this time due to vacancy of the position.
- D. Sub-Committees:
 - I. Extension Committee: L. Cooper-Nurse stated that they had 5 extension requests. She will be providing the commission with quarterly reports and will submit it to the office as well for their records.

V. Old Business

- A. Educator Misconduct: R. Abaday stated that one misconduct case was referred to GCEC that has been reviewed and the results have been given to the GCEC office. No others referrals have been submitted.
- B. SOP 2023-01: R. Abaday stated that the SOP needed revisions. Discussion on the specific language took place with commissioners and ex-officio's providing input. R. Abaday will be sending out the revised copy for confirmation of the language. It can then be distributed. L. Cooper-Nurse and R. Abaday will work during the summer on summary forms that administrators can use for the exemplary observations and will try to make it a shorter version of the PTEP.

VI. New Business

- A. Executive Director: R. Abaday stated that GCEC needs a new executive director.
- B. GCEC Commission Members: R. Abaday stated that GCEC needs a community representative, teacher representative, and terminal degree educator representative. Dr. Michelle Santos has been asked to submit an application for the terminal degree representative position. R. Abaday and L. Baza-Cruz have or will submit their applications for renewal since they need to keep historical knowledge in the commission and having all new people would not provide that continuity. If anyone has a name for a teacher representative, please inform Gwen so she can send out the application. If anyone knows of an applicant for the executive director position, please inform GCEC as well.

VII. Ex-Officio:

- A. GDOE: Ms. Dolores Faisao introduced Ms. Christine Taitague who will be taking over the role from Ms. Faisao. D. Faisao discussed the need for consideration of teachers in the classroom who do not even have the temporary certification. L. Baza-Cruz stated that GCEC will need to look into that more

for consideration. D. Faisao explained the difficulties the GDOE has filling teacher vacancies and most especially in the CHamoru Language & Culture and Special Education positions. GDOE anticipate more vacancies next school year when the limited term contracts come to an end at the end of the current school year. R. Abaday clarified that GCEC is not providing the course for the Praxis substitute option, but will be the one to provide the approval of courses that the students find on their own. They can find courses at UOG, GCC or universities online and just need to submit the course description to GCEC to get it approved. D. Faisao stated that C. Taitague will be the point of contact now but she will still be assisting her until the cross training is complete.

- B. UOG: Dean A. Aguon mentioned that they are trying to get applicants for the SPED and TESOL program. Yap and Palau are working on programs with UOG. Palau is having their first set of graduates.

VIII. Announcements:

ETS has updated their website to be more user friendly and GCEC will add the information to the website.

IX. Executive Session

Not needed at this time.

X. Adjournment:

L. Baza Cruz made the motion to adjourn, seconded by L. Cooper-Nurse. Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.