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GCEC Regular Meeting UOG-SOE Rm103 MEETING
 Monday, October 16, 2023
 Minutes

I. Call to order / Roll call of members

Meeting started at 4:06 pm, roll call conducted by Certification Officer.

<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Other explanation</i>
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	
Chelsey T. San Nicolas, TREASURER (Community Representative) cltingsn@gmail.com	X	Zoom Connection
Lisa Cooper-Nurse, Ed. D. (Administrator Representative) lscooper-nurse@gdoe.net	X	Zoom Connection
Aldrin B. Cajigal, Ed. D. (Terminal Degree-Education Rep.) abcajigal@gdoe.net	X	Zoom Connection
David Q. Mercado (School Teacher Representative) dqmercado@gdoe.net		
Lulane C. San Agustin (to be confirmed) (School Counselor Representative)	X	Zoom Connection
GDOE Doris 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
GDOE BOARD Ely Angel		
Fran Nicole Camacho Certification Officer, Gwendolyn Manglona Admin. Asst.	X X	
Kisha Borja-Quichocho-Calvo, Ph.D.	X	
Sharleen Q. Santos-Bamba, Ph.D.	X	
Tricia A. Lizama, Ph.D.	X	
Derrick Santos – GDOE	X	

II. Preliminary Acknowledgements: Chairperson Abaday announced that the GCEC Executive Director has resigned to take a position at GDOE. A search committee has been formed and announcements have been made to find a new Executive Director. Thank you to Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz for leading the search committee. Chairperson Abaday welcomed Dr. Alicia Aguon as the official representative of UOG, Marivic Schrage for GCC, Dolores Faisao for GDOE, and Lulene San Agustin as the School Counselor Representative awaiting confirmation from the Governor’s office. On behalf of GCEC, Abaday acknowledged the work being done from Fran-Nicole Camacho and Gwen Manglona who are keeping the office running efficiently with only the two of them, while we search for an Executive Director.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by L. Baza-Cruz. Seconded by Chelsey San Nicolas

IV. Approval of Minutes

Minutes reviewed, August 22, 2023, Corrections made (recommendations, Hutchins). Motion to approve with technical corrections by Lisa Baza-Cruz, 2nd Dr. Lisa Cooper-Nurse, approved with corrections.

V. Reports

- A. Treasurer: Ms. Chelsey San Nicolas provided the treasurers report on available funds and expenditures.
- B. Chairperson: report of the work of the GCEC over the last two months on sub committees (Extension, Praxis SOP, Search) and thanked all the Commissioners who were on multiple committees.
- C. Executive Director: position vacant.
- D. Sub-Committees:
 - I. Extension Committee for Japanese Language: no test currently available on island. Recommendation of the committee is to provide the certificate and encourage the teacher to continue checking on the test availability. The teacher is willing to take the JLPT test but the committee wants to review it first.
 - II. PRAXIS Substitution: committee made up of the entire Commission reviewed data and provided a PRAXIS solution which would maintain the integrity of the standards but also offer alternatives. The copy of the SOP was distributed and read by the Chairperson. Discussion followed with a firm approval of the steps taken by the committee. Additions will include a reference to the section of the law indicating the definition of an accredited institution (Fran will identify the section) and in VI.7 add “or qualified designee” to clarify the evaluation should

know the content. GCEC will begin identifying possible courses that can be used to substitute for the PRAXIS score. Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz will help with the reading and writing portion and Dr. Alicia Aguon will help with the mathematics portion. Dr. Aguon said that there are different levels of mathematics that may need to be considered. All commissioners are encouraged to look for possible course descriptions that may be useful to Ms. Fran. Thank you for all the valuable input from the Ex-Officios. Dr. Alicia Aguon will assist the commission with identifying the Math courses. Motion to approve the SOP with correction by Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz, seconded by Dr. Aldrin Cajigal. APPROVED. A public announcement will be written and distributed through Ms. Dolores Faisao to GDOE personnel and it will be posted on the website.

- III. Search Committee: Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz is leading the search committee for a new Executive Director. One application has been submitted for review and the announcement has been posted on the website. A notice needs to be sent out to the Government agencies to inform them to send all their emails to the GCEC office not the former Executive Director.

VI. Old Business

- A. Educator Misconduct: Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz stated that the ethics committee met and sent word to the educator about a hearing set for October 25, 2023. The committee has recommended revocation.
- B. UOG CHamoru Studies Program: Emails with questions from the GCEC Commissioners were sent to Dr. Alicia Aguon and to Dr. Kisha Borja-Quichocho-Calvo. Dr. Aguon responded that the program would not be considered part of the School of Education. Since the jurisdictional approval was for the University of Guam School of Education Teacher Preparation Program, the new CHamoru Studies teacher education program would need to go through its own jurisdictional program. Dr. Aguon asked that the program also consider the INTASC standards as much as possible. Dr. Borja-Quichocho-Calvo also responded to the questions she received. The program would be part of the University of Guam CLASS, not SOE. They are expecting that the courses will be approved by UOG next semester. The first graduates of the teacher preparation program would be in two years with the first full cohort in about 4 years. They had not considered having a separate methods course for elementary and secondary since the courses currently offered by UOG often have mixed groups, but they will consider it. GCEC clarified that the first step would be to have the courses approved by the University. Graduates from the program would qualify for the teaching certificate. Jurisdictional Approval data should be gathered and submitted within 6 years for full-approval of the program.

VII. New Business

- A. SOP 2023-01 discussed in the subcommittee. Approved with additions.

VIII. Ex-Officio:

- A. Dr. Alicia Aguon: Dr. Sharleen Santos-Bamba shared that the UOG would be going through its review on the 25th followed by an onsite visit later for its certification. SOE has worked with Palau on an MOU for their AA/AS degree educators to work on special education specialization. They are also working with Yap on special education, early childhood, and TESOL courses/degrees. Dr. Aguon shared the news of the recent deaths of Lorraine Yamashita (Mother of Dr Aline Yamashita), Dr. Donald Rubenstein, and Judge John Unpingco who were all valuable members of the University of Guam.
- B. Ms. Dolores Faisao shared that GDOE is working on maximization and cross leveling the courses/classrooms and then they will have a better idea of how many teachers they have. She said that the new SOP 2023-01 will help. She suggested that a public information item be sent to Ms. Katherine Ada to be distributed through Human Resources.

IX. Announcements: Next meeting to be announced but, unless needed, we will wait until December or January.

X. Executive Session not needed

XI. Adjournment: 5:08 pm