

College of Micronesia-FSM

# STUDENT SERVICES

December 2-3, 2013 COM-FSM Board of Regents Meeting, Weno, Chuuk

## Admissions & Records

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### College pilot implemented online registration

The College pilot implemented online registration during the November 12-15, 2013 early registration for Spring 2014 at National and Pohnpei campuses. The online registration is an additional option for continuing students and will not eliminate the existing face-to-face assisted registration.

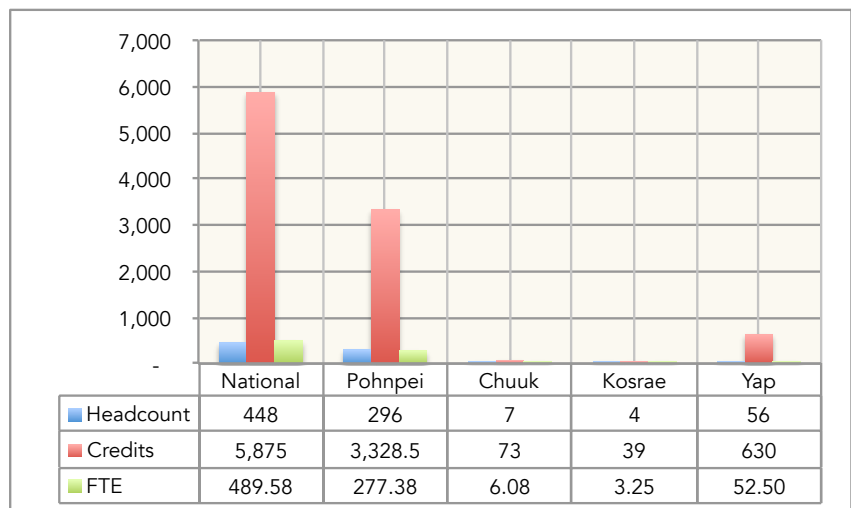
On site trainings about the **online registration** will be scheduled to the College’s state campuses in Kosrae, Chuuk and Yap in preparation for its college-wide implementation during the Spring regular registration in January 2014.

### College plans to pilot online grade submission by faculty

On-site trainings for faculty members about the new added feature of the **COM-FSM myShark** faculty portal will be scheduled across all campuses

## Spring 2014 early registration in head counts, credits, and full-time equivalent (FTE) students

The College had early registered for Spring 2014 semester 811 head counts with 9,945.5 registered credits (or 828.79 FTE students) last November 12-15, 2013. **Figure 1.0** below shows the distribution by campus:



**Figure 1.0.** Spring 2014 early registration in head counts, credits, and FTE students by Campus

## Spring 2014 Revenue Projections in Head counts and Credits/FTEs

The foregoing figures show that **overall** the College had already early registered 33.74% and 34.90% of its Spring 2014 revenue projections in head counts and credits/FTE students, respectively. National Campus achieved 48.85% of its head count projection and 50.79% of its credits/FTE students projection for Spring 2014, respectively. Pohnpei Campus, 49.66% and 47.54% of its projections in head counts and credits/FTE, respectively.

Yap Campus early registered 37% of its Spring 2014 revenue projections in both head counts and credits/FTEs. Chuuk and Kosrae Campuses early registered more or less 12% of their projections in head counts and credits/FTEs.

## Spring 2014 regular registration

College has scheduled the regular registration for Spring 2014 semester on January 7-9, 2014, and late registration including the add/drop period, January 13-15, 2014.

## 159 COM-FSM students applied for Fall 2013 semester graduation

The Office of Admissions, Records and Retention (OARR) received 159 applications from Fall 2013 semester graduation, college-wide. However, of these 157 applicants, 154 (or 97%) were recommended to be advanced to candidacy and only five applicants were not advanced to candidacy. Figure 2.0 below shows the distribution in head count by campus.

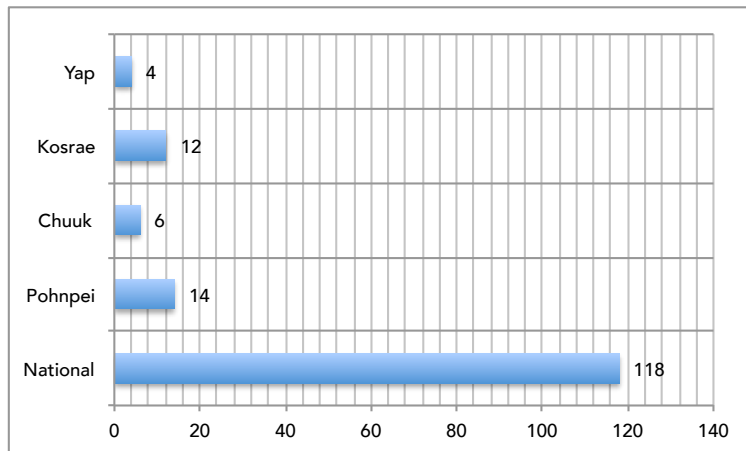


Figure 2.0. Candidates for Fall 2013 graduation by campus

The College’s **58th Commencement Exercises** will be held on December 19, 2013 at 9:00 AM in the main gym of the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center.

## Financial Aid Office

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### \$2,566,769.00 Federal Pell Grant authorization

The College’s Financial Aid Office (FAO) reported Federal Pell Grant authorization in the amount of **\$2,566,769.00**.

According to FAO Director Eddie Haleyalig, the office had submitted to the U.S. Department of Education’s Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) 1,442 accepted disbursement records. Table 1.0 below shows the distribution by campus of the Pell Year-to-Date, as of November 14, 2013:

Table 1.0. Pell year-to-date amount by campus

Campus	Year to Date Total	Fall 2013 Enrollment	Fall 2013 Pell Recipients
National	1,844,984.60	1016	699
Chuuk	378,988.00	319	246
Pohnpei	106,458.00	671	453
Kosrae	228,467.00	243	101
Yap	114,330.00	195	43

## Continuation ... online grade posting

beginning November 22, 2013. The College’s **Student Information System** has recently been updated with a new feature allowing faculty members to submit their mid-term and final grades online.

The **online submission of grades** as an option for faculty members is expected to be pilot implemented in December 2013.

## COM-FSM and UOG BA Partnership, and UOG MA programs

BA partnership program coordinator of the College and the University of Guam (UOG), Ms. Sylvia Henry, reported that they are expecting 21 students who will be graduating this Fall 2013 semester.

Meanwhile, UOG program coordinator Joan C.E. Diego informed the College that two students will graduate from the UOG graduate distance education program in Master of Arts in Reading.



## 30 Micronesians to earn their MA in Education from SDSU

The Center for Pacific Studies of the Interwork Institute, San Diego State University (SDSU) informed the College that 30 Micronesians mostly COM-FSM alumni and alumnae will be graduating under its Master of Arts in Education (post-secondary educational leadership) program.

## Continuation ... Financial Aid

FAO Director Haleyalig also reported that a total amount of **\$24,800.00** was paid to the National Campus to cover the Fall 2013 costs of resident students staying in the College's residence halls, and 578 students are enrolled in the College's SEG Work-Study program this Fall 2013 semester.



## International Organization for Migration Pre-Department Orientation Training

The International Organization for Migration (IOM), an inter-governmental organization known for its dynamic work in the field of migration, in coordination with the College's counseling services facilitated a pre-departure orientation training to 20 candidates for Fall 2013 graduation last October 19-26, 2013 at MITC, COM-FSM National Campus.



Create and implement an annual job fair to increase visibility of students in job market (**IEMP AP2, 2.2.**)

## Career Week

About 242 students participated in the Career Week hosted by the College's Counseling Services last October 28-November 1, 2013. The Career Week was highlighted by the following activities:

### October 28-29, 2013

Workshop on effective resume and cover letter writing facilitated by the College's counselors. To assess the effectiveness of the workshop, pre-and posttests were administered to participants.

## Counseling Services

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## EducationUSA College Fair 2013

The College hosted EducationUSA's fourth annual College Fair on September 20, 2013 at the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center. There were about 500 participants including senior students, teachers, high school principals and counselors.

More than 15 universities and college from the United States participated in the fair including various programs, such as FSM and Pohnpei State Scholarship Programs, Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), and COM-FSM Financial Aid Office and academic programs.

To determine the level of perceived satisfaction about the fair, a survey was administered to a nonprobability sample of 255 participants. According to COM-FSM Lead Counselor Penselynn Sam, "97% of the surveyed participants expressed satisfaction about the fair."

Formalize collaborative and integrated process with program faculty and students services staff for counseling and tutoring assistance (**IEMP 1A, SS2., 2.3**)

## National Campus' Counseling Services hired 12 tutors

The College's Counseling Services at the National Campus hired 12 tutors during the months of September and October, 2013. These tutors are assigned with the Counseling Services' A+ Center to help students in the following subject areas: education, English, computer information system, mathematics, natural and social sciences.

## Continuation ... Career Week

Tabulated results show that (a) 13% of the participants scored  $\geq$  the median in the pre-test, and (b) 80% scored  $\geq$  the median in the post-test.

### October 29, 2013

Job interview skills workshop as conducted by counselors Lore Nena and Mike Ioanis, where students were taught basic skills on how to

present themselves and answer questions during an interview.

The activity concluded with a mock interview, where counselors and their

work-study students assumed the roles of employer and applicants. To assess the effectiveness of the workshop, pre-and posttests were administered to participants. Tabulated results show 54% and 97% of the participants scored  $\geq$  the median in the pre-and posttests, respectively (or a difference of 43%).



### November 1, 2013

A job fair was held where job opportunities were announced and employment applications were provided to participants. The fair was geared to increasing the participants' awareness about what field of study would be appropriate for the types of job that particular agencies or companies required. Contact addresses and numbers were exchanged between representatives and students for future job opportunities, 13 organizations participated in the fair.

A satisfactory survey was conducted to a nonprobability sample of participants to determine their perceived level of satisfaction about the job fair. Tabulated responses show that 94% of the participants signified their satisfaction about the fair.

## 443 recorded visits to the Counseling Services

The Counseling Services' log recorded 443 visits during the period beginning July, and ending August, 2013.

The visits involved students seeking academic, career, transfer and other types of counseling services.

Strengthen support mechanisms for at risk students and improving student progression (IEMP 1A, SS2., 2.2)

## Health Services

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## World Diabetes Day 2013

The College's Health Services organized the World Diabetes Day on November 15, 2013 on the front premises of the Learning and Recourses Center (LRC) Building. According to Campus Nurse Benina Ilon, numerous health and government organizations were participated in the activity.



## Department of Student Services Mission Statement

The Department of Student Services' mission is to promote student development and leadership by providing quality programs and services that fulfill the diverse educational, recreational, social, and multi-cultural needs of the student population and the college community.



## Student Life & the Residence Halls

### Student Code of Conduct reviews by FCE Committee, the Management Team for review, and student leaders

The draft **Student Code of Conduct** was reviewed by the Facilities and Campus Environment (FCE) committee during its September 20, 2013 meeting. The draft Code was also submitted for review and comments to the Student Body Association (SBA) and the delegation of student leaders last October 21 and 25, 2013, and the Management Team, October 29, 2013.

The draft Code will be submitted to the Cabinet for review during its November 22, 2013 meeting.



### 21 student clubs and organizations registered

There are 21 student clubs and organizations at the National Campus that are currently officially-registered for academic year 2013-2014.

### Sports & Recreation 2013 Intramural Games

The College's **Sports and Recreation** division launched the 2013 Intramural Games last October 7, 2013. According to sports and recreation coordinator Castro Joab, there are 343 male and 108 female students who are participating in the intramural games that included various outdoor games, such as basketball, volleyball, softball, and soccer as well as some indoor games.

### 1,407 recorded visits to the National Campus' Dispensary

Campus nurse Benina Ilon reported that her office recorded 1,407 visits to the College's dispensary at the National Campus from September 1 to October 31, 2013. According to her, students seeking treatment for generalized aches, pains and headaches topped the list with 261 counts. This is followed by flu and cold syndrome, and health maintenance/prophylaxis treatment – both with 120 counts.

Other types of visit include treatments for gastro-intestinal, eyes-ear-nose, and genito-urinary related problems including skin diseases and infections, reproductive and family planning counseling, and others.

### Student Services closed-the-loop of the 2012-2013 assessment cycle, and 2013-2014 assessment plan now in TracDat

All units of the College's department of Student Services closed-the-loop of the 2012-2013 assessment cycle. Assessment reports are accessible in the TracDat. Additionally, units' assessment plans for the 2013-2014 assessment cycle are also posted in the TracDat.

### Student Clubs and Organizations conduct assessments of their activities

Beginning Fall 2013 semester, the Office of the Vice President for Student Services require that all activities sponsored by student clubs and organizations have articulated outcomes that should be assessed.



### Student groups began raising funds for the College's endowment fund

Several registered student clubs and organization began raising funds for the College's endowment fund. Among these student clubs are the ChuuChok Chuuk Organization, Nukap, Yapese Student Organization, and Kosrae Student Organization. Fund raising activities included bake sale, car wash, and concert.