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Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2002

- Jan. 10, 2002 (TH) - Freshman Orientation & Testing
- Jan. 10, 2002 (TH) - Academic Advising & Registration
- Jan. 11, 2002 (F) - Registration Day
- Jan. 14, 2002 (M) - First Day of Instruction
- Jan. 14-18, 2002(M-F) - Late Registration/
Drop & Add Period
- Feb. 15, 2002 (F) - Early Warning Progress Report
- Feb. 22, 2002 (F) - Last Day to Remove Fall 2002 Incomplete grades
- March 4-8, 2002 (M-F) - Mid-Term Period
- March 15, 2002 (F) - Holiday: Youth Day
- March 18-22, 2002(M-F) - Spring Break
- March 28, 2002(TH) - Last Day for all Withdrawals
- March 29, 2002 (F) - Holiday: Good Friday
- April 2, 2002 (T) - PCC Charter Day
- April 5, 2002 (F) - PCC Charter Day Celebration
- May 20, 2002 (F) - Last Day of Instruction
- May 13-15, 2002(M-W) - Final Examination Period
- May 17, 2002 (F) - Grades Due
- May 24, 2002 (F) - Commencement Exercise
- May 24, 2002 (F) - End of Spring Semester/
Students' Spring Recess

This calendar is reprinted to reflect changes. Please use it for future planning and reference.

BOBBY FONG TO LEAD BUTLER U.

The PCC Board of Trustees and President Patrick U. Tellei extend their congratulations to Bobby Fong, the twentieth president of Butler University. Fong will be inaugurated on Saturday the 9th of February at the Clowes Memorial Hall on the Butler University campus in Indianapolis, Indiana. While PCC will not be represented at the inauguration, the Board of Trustees, President Tellei, and the rest of the PCC family look forward to working with Fong and Butler University in our vision to guarantee quality and excellence in our programs and services. Once again, congratulations to Bobby Fong!

PCC CONTINUING EDUCATION

Will be offering the following classes beginning Spring 2002 Semester and on an as needed basis:

- *Basic Chinese Language Class
- *Basic Palauan Language Class
- *Woodcarving Classes
- *Secretarial Training
- *Office Management Training
- *Computer Training

For more information regarding these classes or other non-credit classes, please call 488-2470/2471, 237. Contact person: Ms. Eileen Babauta.

Or, if you have other interests you would like to receive training on, also contact Ms. Babauta and the Continuing Education office will try to make arrangements to offer such training. Remember, at PCC we always strive to meet your education and training needs.

Reminder to Article Writers

The Mesekius News encourages everyone to share with everyone information about their offices, divisions, and departments. Do so by submitting your articles every wednesday by 4:00 pm to the Development Office. Thank you.



Celebrating Birthdays

Veronica O. Sengebau	January 21
Huan Hosei	January 24

Happy Birthday To You!!!



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Weekly Newsletter

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PCC BOT Annual Organizational Meeting, Tellei Continues as President

On Monday January 14, 2002, the Palau Community College Board of Trustees held its annual organizational meeting in the College Board Room. During the meeting, the Board held election of officers with the following results:

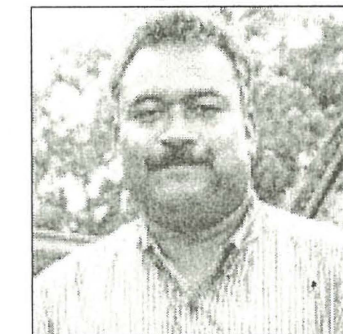
Chairperson: Bilung Gloria G. Salii
Vice Chair: Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl
Secretary/Treasurer: Valeria Toribiong



PCC Board Chairperson
Bilung Gloria G. Salii

The other members of the Board include Dr. Emais Roberts, who had served as Secretary/Treasurer last year, and PCC Student Trustee Weldon Gideon. While many boards and commissions have been increasingly scrutinized by national leaders these last few years, the PCC Board of Trustees has been commended for its work, particularly on what the College has become in the last three years. The PCC Board of Trustees attributes this to a great working relationship with the College President Patrick U. Tellei. In fact, these last three years, the College has taken a direction where improvements were made in College facilities (dorm renovation, cafeteria renovation, etc.), new structures were built (Orchestra Bldg., Child Care Ctr.), and additional program offerings were launched to meet community needs (Education, Nursing, Tourism and Hospitality, Adult High School). Enrollment has been steadily increasing and is expected to continue this trend into the future.

Because of the productive work under the Board of Trustees and President Tellei, and because of the accomplishments over the last three years, including the progress that continue to be made in many areas of the College, the Board of Trustees has signed a new contract with Patrick U. Tellei to continue as PCC President for the next four years. This comes as great news to the College staff and students who have come to depend on Tellei's competent leadership in heading the College. Thus, the College congratulates the newly elected Board officers and also congratulates President Tellei on his continuation as President of Palau Community College!



PCC President Patrick U. Tellei

COM-BOR Meets At PCC, Elects Officers

(The directives below were taken from the "Directives of the Board of Regents Meeting" held in Palau on January 14-15, 2002)

At its January 14-15, 2002 meeting held in the Palau Community College Training Room, the College of Micronesia Board of Regents (BOR) approved the following directives which were issued for implementation:

1. BOR hereby authorizes the Regent from each nation to approve, on behalf of the Board, reprogramming requests for FY 2002's unused funds from the line items "personnel" and "housing", taking into consideration BOR's concerns as expressed in BOR's November 23, 2001 directives as appropriate.

Any request for reprogramming of funds shall be submitted thru the Executive Director's office to all three Regents for consideration and consultation prior to approval by the respective Regent.

2. The Board of Regents hereby elects its new officers for 2002 as follows: Chairman is Wilfred Kendall (RMI); Vice Chairman is Andrew Yatilman (FSM); and Secretary/Treasurer is Masa-Aki Emesiochl (ROP).

3. The next BOR meeting will be held in Pohnpei on April 24-25, 2002.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

February 02-08, 2002

Sponsored by

Palau Community College (PCC)
Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL)
Pacific Islands Chapter (WESTOP, PIC)
Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel

The Sponsors of the 2002 Professional Development Seminar (PDS) - PCC, PREL, and WESTOP, PIC - invite everyone to attend this year's PDS conference. This year's conference theme is "Island Heritage: Collaboration for Success". Register for the conference and attend some of the many interesting and educational presentations on topics such as follows:

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| - Teaching Method: Thematic Approach | - Using Templates for Web Site Creation | - Multimedia in the Classroom (HyperStudio) |
| - Grant Writing | - Developing Self-Confidence and Manage Our Own Morale (Al Ta Bekeled E Kedungil) | - Evaluation Techniques |
| - TRIO Training | - Developmental Reading Assessment | - Changes in Palauan Music |
| - Database Training - FileMaker Pro | - Effective Classroom Organization and Management | - Student Motivation |
| - Chicken Soup for the Budgetary Soul | - Palauan Women in Politics | - Tutoring Method |
| - TRIO ThinkQuest | - Serving Students with Disability | - Creating Web Pages for Education |
| - Team Building | - Using Microsoft's Power Point | - Curriculum Development |
| - Environmental Conservation | - Digital Images: Using Photoshop | - Graphic Applications in the Classroom |
| - Technology for the Pacific Islands | - Communication Skills that Promote Team Success | - Basic Computer Networking |
| - Developing a Stronger Link in the Chain of Leaders | - Internet Research for Education | - Palauan Chants in Relation to Education |
| - Bilingual Nature of Reading Program | - Electronic Presentation in the Classroom (PowerPoint) | - Using Technology to Enhance Curriculum |
| - Sustainable Tourism | | - Basic Computer Troubleshooting |
| - Student Tracking with Technology | | |

Due to limited space, everyone is encouraged to register early to secure their slot. To register for the 2002 PDS conference, contact:

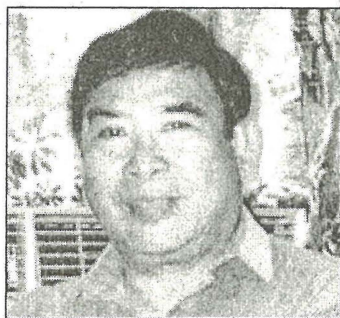
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Felix Domingo Resigns After Twenty-Two Years



Felix G. Domingo

It came as a shock to all who have known PCC Associate Professor Felix G. Domingo. After all, he is supposed to be always there. Everyone comes and goes

but not him. Therefore, when the College learned that he was resigning, not everyone believed it to be true. Especially when it was the first week of the 2002 Spring Semester. Still, Mr. Domingo has in fact submitted his resignation papers effective in February. Felix, as we all call him, first came to the College on October 17, 1979 as an Administrative Officer. In March of the following year, he became the Dean of Business. It was on January 27, 1982 that he then became a Business Instructor, a position he loved as he got to know the students and had the opportunity to make a difference in their lives.

In October 1989, Felix became Associate Professor, later assuming a position as Director of Finance in 1994. However, office work did not keep him

long. Just five months later, he was back in the classroom where he preferred, and it is in the classroom that he proved his faithfulness and dedication to the teaching profession and the College.

Felix said his resignation is purely for personal reasons. In his own words, he said "I love the College and everybody and everything that is part of it. I am leaving with great expectations and optimism that PCC will continue to grow and improve". He thanks everyone for their friendship and all the assistance he received from them. In parting, Felix says "I will surely miss all of you, even as I bid you all good-bye, Ak Merolung, and Paalam!"

PRACTICAL HINTS AND TIPS FOR THE FAMILY HOLES IN YOUR POCKET

Below is an article that appeared in an earlier issue of this newsletter. It is being reprinted based on the usefulness of the information it contains. This article was written by:

Ms. Ayano Baules, Extension Specialist
Family and Consumer Education
Cooperative Research & Extension
Palau Community College
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Do you sometimes wonder where all your money went? They may have slipped in the holes in your pocket. Let's see if we can help find those holes in your pocket.

Lunch Box

Many of us who have a nine-to-five job make excuses not to bring lunch to work so we buy a bento, sandwich, or some snacks to keep us going through the day. This practice may be convenient but it can burn a big hole in your pocket. For instance, there are 52 weeks in one year with 5 working days in each. So $5 \times 52 = 260$ working days in a year. If you spend \$2.00 a day on snacks or bento during working days, it adds up to \$520 a year. That can buy you a washing machine, clothes dryer, or even a small freezer. What about making your own lunch at home and taking it to work? Think about the money you will be able to save for other needs.

Smoking Cigarettes

Smoking cigarettes is not only a health hazard that affects yourself, your family, and your environment; but it can also burn a hole in your pocket. You may be amazed at the amount you are spending on cigarettes whether you smoke or chew. At the very least, think about your personal health and think about quitting chewing or smoking cigarettes. If you chew or smoke more than one pack a day, multiply the number of packs you consume per day to the annual cost per pack according to the price you spend on each pack. Look at the following price range (\$2.25, \$2.50, or \$2.75) for a pack of cigarettes.

\$2.25/pack x 365 days = \$ 821.25 a year
\$2.50/pack x 365 days = \$ 912.50 a year
\$2.75/pack x 365 days = \$1,003.75 a year

Beer Drinking

When you are tired, especially after a day of hard work, you may rationalize that you deserve a beer or two to unwind. Take a look at what it may cost you in a year:

1 beer/day at \$1.25 x 365 days = \$456.25/yr.
2 beers/day at \$1.25 x 365 days = \$912.50/yr.
1 case (24) a week @ 1.25/beer = \$30.00/wk.
\$30 x 52 weeks = \$1,560.00/yr.

Betel Nut & Pepper Leaf

Let us examine the expenses of chewing betelnut with all the works including cigarettes. Chewing betelnuts is a daily practice regardless of weekends or holidays. There are 365 days in a year to be considered.

Annual Costs:

1 bag betelnut @ \$1.25 x 365 days = \$456.25/year
1 bundle of leaves @ \$1.25 x 365 days = \$456.25/year
1 pack cigarettes every 3 days = 122 packs
(365 days ÷ 3 = 122 packs/yr x \$2.25/pack) = \$274.50/year
1 bag of lime (aus) bi-weekly = 26/year
26 bags/yr x 1.50 = \$39.00/year
Total Cost per year = \$1,226.00

This is the minimum amount you may be spending on chewing betelnuts. The amount can easily go up as the price of betelnut fluctuate with supply and demand for the nuts. Prices for cigarettes have gone up too as well as the price for aus. The price of kebu sometimes go up to \$1.50 a bundle.

Think of all the nice things you can enjoy with your family if you had \$1,226.00 in cash on hand. Chewing betelnuts and all related expenses can burn a huge hole in your wallet. Consider the extra money you can have if you cut down on these expenses.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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Reminders to PCC Staff

1. If you plan to buy back years of previous employment, contact Karen Mobel at extension 227, or contact Mr. Elliot Udui at the Pension Plan Office at tel. 488-2523.
2. If you have not enrolled in the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club and would like to enroll, contact Jay at the Development Office extension numbers 250 - 253.
3. With the beginning of a new semester, take time to offer help to students who may appear to need assistance but are somewhat shy about asking for help. They will appreciate it!

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LIBRARY NEWS

(Special Thanks!)

The Library staff would like to welcome students, staff, faculty and the community to our newly renovated library. Please take a moment to visit and familiarize yourself with new service changes and procedures.

Among many notable changes in the library, is the New Books display on your left, just upon entry into the library. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the library work - study students, volunteers and Seabees for their diligent and dedicated service in accomplishing our project goals.

Many thanks also to Nancy Wong (**Winchell's**), Santy Asanuma (**Asanuma's Enterprises**), Ebil Inabo (**Blue House**) and Victor Kumangai (**Kumangai Bakery**) for encouraging our project efforts by donating refreshments and baked goods throughout our "Library Paint Project."

Thank you for your patience, as our project extended itself past its original completion date. We are sure you will find the Library to your liking and commit ourselves to the highest standards of service.

- Library Staff