**RESEARCH COUNCIL AGENDA**

**Friday, December 13, 2024 @ 11 am**

**Zoom Meeting**

Zoom Connection Details:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2427531125?

Meeting ID: 242 753 1125

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 11:01 am
2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION
3. MINUTES from last meeting – 16 October 2024
4. REPORT FROM ORSP
5. ORSP **Fanuchånan** 2024 Training
   * Dos and Don’ts in Grant Writing by The Implementation Group (TIG) on November 14, 2024
   * Research Proposals and Awards in Cayuse To Date (Tracy) – 63 proposals in Cayuse; complete COI
6. Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education
   * <https://carnegieclassifications.acenet.edu/carnegie-classification/research-designations/>
   * New Research Designation for 2025 – Research Colleges and Universities (RCU)
   * Application available ~April 2025
7. ORSP Strategic Plan Updates 2023-2027
   * Proposed schedule week of January 20, 2025
   * Facilitated by Mr. Jim Hollyer
8. ORSP Upcoming **Fañomnåkan** 2025 Trainings
   * How to Create a Budget Proposal by ORSP
     + Tentative – Week of January 27, 2025
   * Cayuse Fund Manager: Pilot Training for Principal Investigators by RCUOG/ORSP
     + Convene a few faculty with active grants to review FM
9. Biosecurity (Environmental and Biological Safety) Oversight
   * Chair needed
10. USAID Spring 2025 Visit
    * Form a USAID Advisory Group
11. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY / INNOVATION POLICY BOARD (*SVPP S. Santos-Bamba*) – not present
12. REPORTS FROM COLLEGES/UNITS
13. Marine Lab (*L. Raymundo*)

* student/faculty delegation in Cancun, Mex; 2 full scholarships
* ML designated as Coral Reef Research Center from NOAA (CRRC) in 2024; opportunity to apply to become Reef Research Coordinating Institute (RRCI) w/ UH Manoa
* reno ongoing; applying for NSF facilities and marine lab improvement grants

1. WERI (*Y. Wen*)
   * The Office of Senator Joanne Brown would like to transfer some funds to support WERI (about $30K)
   * Program Manager of Guam Coral Reef Initiative, Guam Department of Agriculture contacted WERI for collaboration on a project focusing on updating Piti-Asan Watershed Management Plan. Director Wen will meet with the program manager sometime in January 2025 about the possibility of collaboration (about $140K)
   * Working with Dr. Peralta and Mr. Michael Conner from RCUOG for NSF GRANTED proposal for scientific instruments ($648K)
   * Guam Homeland Security reached out to WERI for collaboration on a project funded by NOAA Tsunami Technical Assistance (to provide technical assistance and research regarding mapping and modeling working with Dr. Fai from the University of Hawaii)
   * WERI graduate research assistant Ms. Mary Snaer was awarded the Farvolden Scholarship at the Groundwater Week of National Groundwater Association (NGWA) in Las Vegas, December 10-12, 2024
2. Sea Grant & CIS (*F. Castro*)
   * Today we are launching the Guam Sea Grant research competition for 2026-2028 funding cycle open to this region. These will be for two-year projects, and we will award 6-7 projects for up to $60K annually for a total of $120K over a two-year period.  An allowable cost is student tuition to be determined by the applicant.  Applications are due on February 28, 2025 and funding begins the following year on February 1, 2026.  SG CIS will hold a couple of presentations to talk about requirements likely right after the new year.  Everything should be up on website; check it out and let others who may be interested know about it
   * CIS/SG received a $3M award under the EPA Community Change Grant.  UOG CIS & Sea Grant, and our community partners will establish a workforce development program to build specialized expertise and enhance community capacity to address environmental and climate injustices.  These are legal research fellows that will have year-long placements with local law firms.  There will be opportunities for researchers and science experts to provide guidance to these fellows depending on the topical areas they are engaged in, and they will be given honorariums for their assistance
   * NFWF awarded $250K this morning to support the continuance of UGum under the GROW project. GROW submitted another $200K to USFS
   * Last meeting, Austin reported that Garrett O’Donnell was selected as Guam’s Knauss Fellow for 2025, and now the 2026 Sea Grant Knauss Fellowship opportunity is open for students to apply with an opportunity of up to $96K for the fellowship.  The closing date is April 26, 2025, and we will be hosting a webinar for potential applicants
3. MARC (*M. Storie*)

* 3rd year for Native American grant for Chamorro language training/documentation and culture
* ANA new grant proposals w/ Chamorro Affairs; language proficiency for trainers and transcriptions of interviews; external engagement training for self determination

1. CEDDERS (*J. De Leon*) – no update
2. WPTRC (*F. Camacho*) – not present
3. RCPP (*R. Jones*) - not present
4. CNAS (S. *Laguna-Blas*) – no update
5. CLASS (*T. Ames*)

Publications:

* Atienza, David. Scars of Faith : Jesuit Letters from the Mariana Islands (1668-1684), Jesuit Sources.
* Fine, Hunter H. “Austronesian Seafaring as Social Advocacy: Settler Colonialism and Decolonization in Micronesia and Oceania.”Ed. Santhosh Chandrashekar. *Unsettling Intercultural Communication: Rethinking Colonialism through Indigeneity*. New York: Peter Lang, 2024.
* Swamy, Arun. All:  the Springer (Singapore) Encyclopedia of the New Populism... is out with an entry from me. The full book is over 1000 pages with about 20 entries, organized alphabetically by title. Mine is under C for "Centripfugal and Centripetal Tendencies in Populism."

1. SBPA (*V. Perez*) - not present
2. SOH (*Y. Paulino*)

* 3rd year Guma Tinentom – build infrastructure for survey capacity for health
* Guam Cancer Trust Fund (GCTF) $1M from GovGuam with additional $2M for cancer survivors
* New publication on burden for oral cancer

1. SOE (*K. Gutierrez*)

Several School of Education (SOE) faculty have recent research/scholarly activities through present date 12-13-2024. Highlights follow below:

* Dr. Dean Olah, SOE Faculty: Received the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) Taiwan Fellowship to conduct his research, a comparative study, in 2025. The study’s title: “Teacher Training Programs, Guam and Tawain: A Comparative Study.”
* Dr. Kathrine Gutierrez, SOE faculty: Recently presented her work in Nov. 2024 at the University Council of Educational Administration (UCEA) convention. The presentation titled “Rekindling a Caring Ethos for Leading and Learning: Reflection of Practice.”
* Publications (Dr. Cheryl Sangueza)
  + Rabago, M. & Sangueza, C. (2024). The impact of peer feedback on fostering communication skills and improving project outcomes. *The Micronesian Educator. 34,* 89-108.
  + Melton, T., Sangueza, C., Wilson-Grimes, K., Harris, L., Black-Maier, A., Peterman, K., Park, S. (2024). The SEAS Islands Alliance: Envisioning STEM career pathways as braided rivers to support island students. *In the Trenches, 14*(3), 26-36.
  + Invited Speaker (Dr. Cheryl Sangueza) – 10/07/2024. SEA Change and Equitable Pathway Partners (EPP) Joint meeting 100+ attendees, UCLA Campus. Invitation to speak with Dr. Jenkins and Dr. Propper On *The Power of Partnerships* through the lens of our individual projects.
  + Grant Work (Dr. Cheryl Sangueza)
  + 07.09.2024; Co-Principal Investigator; Submitted NSF ECORE grant ($7M) with PI Donaldson and Co-PI Bentlage titled: *Research* Infrastructure: ECORE RII: Optimizing Research Infrastructure on Guam (ORIG)
  + 07.23.2024; Co-Principal Investigator and Steering Committee member; NSF INCLUDES: SEAS Islands Alliance Supplement ($1M) awarded.
  + 10.31.2024; Principal Investigator; Submitted Alfred P. Sloan grant ($500,000) with Co-PI’s Cruz, Wilson-Grimes, and Arias-Barberena titled: *Crossing (n)oceans, bridging wor(l)ds: Cultivating change agents through empowered mentoring and communication.*
  + Conference/Meeting Attendance (Dr. Cheryl Sangueza)
  + October 7-9: SEA Change and Equitable Pathway Partners (EPP) Joint meeting, UCLA Campus, CA. Invited to speak about our project through the lens of leveraging partnerships.

1. SENG (*E. Guades*)

3 proposals:

* NSF Engineering $200K
* NSF Major Research Instrumentation $275K
* FEMA Hazard Mitigation planning activity $97K
* SENG to establish research center; SENG Building ETA Sum 2025 w/ 3 labs

1. ESPSCoR (*T. Donaldson*) – not present
2. RCUOG (*M. Conner*)

* Cathleen retiring 12/20/25; Michael Conner as Acting Director; Danica Batac as Acting Chief Business Officer
* Audit ongoing
* Chrome River delayed; connects to Colleague for travel authorization
* Working on NSF Granted w/ USVI, UPR, UH Hilo, UAK

1. INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD *(P. Barcinas)*
   * + Summary Statistics
       - IRB Report—As of the 2024 year-end reporting period, 168 IRB submission applications were processed in Cayuse. Submission statuses varied from in-draft to under-review and post-review.
         * Out of 168 submissions, 103 were evaluated, with various appointed lead reviewers. Of 103 submissions, 34 required a full board review, 60 were Expedited, and 9 were exempt reviews
         * Total IRB members 13 IRB

Reappointments of expiring terms

* + - Other IRB Matters and Updates
      * Requests for post reviews and monitoring for IRB studies under other federal reporting programs (paperwork documentation).
      * Research interest from Health Institutions (Health Institution IRB)
        + GMH

Proposal to look at health data and explore collaboration with UOG research faculty

Request representation of the UOG-IRB on the GMH IRB

* + - * + GRMC collaboration on IRB reviews related to institutional health research requirements
        + Joint IRB research with CNMI and Cooperators
      * Intersession period
        + Workgroup meetings are planned to continue in-house IRB discussions

SOE continues to formalize its IRB structure and membership composition

CLASS is moving forward with recommendations to establish a similar structure

(IRB workgroup members expressed interest in being part of the discussions).

* + - * Working with the Faculty Senate to conduct an IRB presentation at the next faculty development session
      * CITI compliance for Student PI and application completeness
    - Thank you to the IRB board members for their commitment to the IRB roles and responsibilities and also to the ORSP IRB Admin support team for the technical and housekeeping backend of the Cayuse Infrastructure

1. INSITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE *(L. Jeng-Hung)* 
   * 8 applications; 6 approved
   * Need guidance for requests from outside UOG; CNMI govt requested from UOG to assist with IRB/IACUC; (PL 24-26) legislative mandate to house IRB at UOG
2. OLD BUSINESS
   * To subscribe to funding and grant announcements, please complete your email address at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/wKneLbZH9M>

* + Share your expertise by completing or updating the UOG Subject Matter Expert (SME) Directory at:

<https://www.uog.edu/directory/experts-directory>

* + All grant proposals/submissions should be entered in Cayuse Sponsored Projects. Please contact ORSP for assistance
  + Update PL 24-26 to include IACUC
  + Continue conversations with CNMI regarding IRB review on their behalf
  + Review fee structure for IRB

1. NEW BUSINESS
2. OPEN DISCUSSION
3. Next Meeting - ~Feb 2025
4. ADJOURNMENT – 12:28 pm