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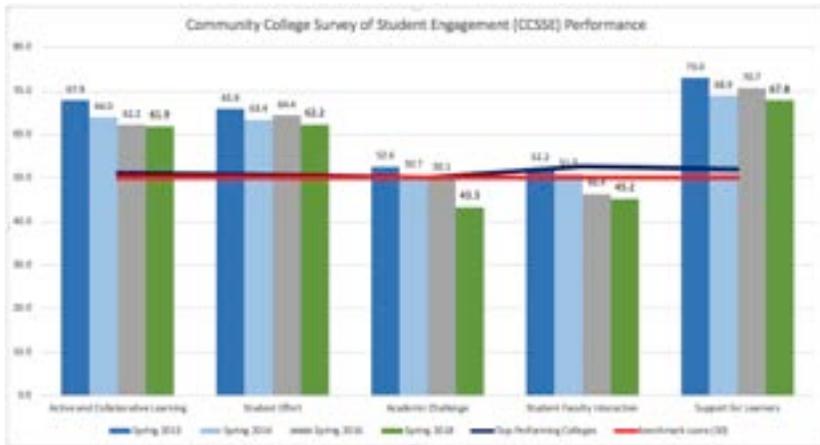
## Advising Summit: Innovating and strengthening academic advising to increase student success



The college held a successful Advising Summit on August 7 and 8, 2018. A total of 148 participants from across the college, including advising staff, faculty, and administration, took part in learning how to strengthen student advising. Keynote presenter Charles Sasaki, Dean of Academic Affairs at Windward Community College, presented on the subject of “Strengths & Dreams” and advising best practices. He also held a smaller Q&A breakout session with key advising personnel from the various campuses. As a means to share the student perspectives of advising to the college, a skit was performed by students expressing their experiences of advising at the college.

## Academic Quality

The Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) results for spring 2018 is a snapshot of how the college is performing compared to similar schools. The college remains above the benchmarks in three out five categories: *Active and Collaborative Learning*, *Student Effort*, and *Support for Learners*. The categories of *Academic Challenge* and *Student-Faculty Interaction* have dipped below the benchmark threshold. Continued focus remains on *Academic Challenge* as it has dipped further, with attention also given to *Student-Faculty Interaction* which has also decreased.



## Schoology

Schoology lead trainer and adoption coordinator, Professor Dana Lee Ling, acting IT Director Shaun Suliol, and SIS developer Kenneth Girrard attended the Schoology Next conference in San Diego in July. Meeting with Schoology users and engineers addressed user and design concerns that the college had in its first pilot phase of the platform. The direct integration and real-time usage Schoology with our SIS allow for a seamless exchange of interaction between the college’s system and Schoology.

Training and roll out to the other campuses will begin this spring 2018 with Yap and Chuuk being planned. Schoology allows for student and faculty engagement via the internet, and supplements face to face meetings with course materials and assessment available online 24 hours a day. The platform has also allowed for the delivery of electronic textbook to some of the classes where they text is available. No physical textbooks are required for these select classes who are piloting the electronic textbooks.

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Consolation prizes and certificates of participation were also given out to all student participants in the fair for their hard work.

The COM-FSM Yap Campus would like to thank and recognize the following for their support and contributions for the consolation prizes: Bank of Guam, Non-Communicable Diseases Program, Department of Health Services, FSM PetroCorp., and Department of Education. Special thanks to the CRS Project Adaptive Community Transformation (ACT) on Yap and the Yap Cooperative Association for providing Gift Certificates for prizes.

### Yap and FSM FMI enrollment for summer

For Yap Campus, we had an enrollment of 113 students, an increase in enrollment compared to summer 2017. The increase in enrollment included many high school graduates from YHS. This is a positive impact from the sessions that Yap Campus staff had with YHS juniors and seniors starting late fall 2017 till end of the school year. This was a collaborative effort between the two campuses as YHS had shortages of teachers. We filled those class periods without teachers.

FMI - the remaining cadets of 21 who began their second year with Advanced Safety courses. At the end of July, 11 of the cadets had the opportunity to do their shipboard training on the MV Voyager traveling to the neighboring islands. A planned second shipboard training for the remaining 10 cadets was cancelled at the last minute to allow for the vessel's return to Pohnpei.

For this school year, there are a total of 23 new cadets with 11-PNI, 10-Chuuk, and 2-Yap. 17 are in Navigation /Fishing; 7 Marine Engineering.

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work on data gathered by the students to write up their findings. This field trip served student learning centered on latitude, longitude, solstices, equinoxes, tilt of the earth, and provided an introduction to the physical science field of geodetics. Some students expressed much appreciation and satisfaction regarding their first ever experience and visit to Lelu Ruins in person. About a week later on June 26<sup>th</sup>, the same class also visited the Kosrae Utility Authority to enhance their learning about the relationship between current, voltage, resistance, power and energy. The following day, students in the class also visited the Green Banana Paper Production Facility. The students had an opportunity to observe the process of making banana fibers into wallets and other products.



### Kosrae Campus promoting faculty/student engagement (CCSSE)

This summer the students in EN 120A and EN 110 renewed the local thatch roof for the hut in front of the OARR office as their class bonus project. This is in line with the following CCSSE goal and SLO:

- ▶ To promote active/collaborative learning (CCSSE Benchmark #1), by providing opportunities for out of the classroom learning, focused on group work and community partnerships/presentations.
- ▶ To provide opportunities for intercultural knowledge/competency (ISLO #5), by teaching students and allowing them the chance to partake in traditional methods of cooking and weaving.



## Technology

To improve and support academic quality:

- ▶ Replaced old computers in Math and Sciences Lab and the English Lab at the National Campus.
- ▶ Replaced old computers in the LRC Lab at Kosrae Campus.
- ▶ Installed Networking Classroom at the National Campus.
- ▶ Fiber from FSMTC to Yap campus is on site. Finalizing subscription options with our provider to allow for faster and more reliable internet connection.

## Fall 2018 Orientation



College of Micronesia-FSM  
**7th ANNUAL CONVOCATION**  
 "CHARTING THE COURSE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION"  
 Friday, September 14, 2018 (1:00-2:00 PM)  
 FSM-China Friendship Sports Center  
 COM-FSM National Campus, Palikir, Pohnpei  
 You are cordially invited!



## Updates: Learning Resources Center

In May, Jennifer Helleisar, Director presented at the Ke Au Hou Pacific Librarianship Conference in Honolulu, HI with Jean Thoulag and Jane Barnwell on *A Few Caring People: the Legacy of Dakio Syne and Iris Falcam -- Two Librarians Who Changed the Micronesian Library World* as part of the panel discussions on *Honoring Our Past*.

Services	CC	CTEC	KC	NC	YC	Total
Patrons usage	5476	4228	2775	41390	1538	55405
Reserves	0	0	0	142	8	150
Materials circulated	177	126	302	1057	629	2091
Visitor usage	101	91	0	57	184	433
Computer use	2500	618	620	8993	709	13440
Computer assists	10	174	22	269	23	498
Reference transactions	5	7	57	227	24	320
Library instruction	25	0	29	0	0	54
Total volumes	10826	4549	2569	70954	10777	99675



## Summer and Fall 2018 course offerings

**Table 1. Summer 2018 course offerings**

Campus	No. of Courses-2017	No. of Courses-2018	Full-time Faculty	Part-time Faculty	Volunteer	Total Faculty-2018
National	54	49	23	5	0	28
Kosrae	15	17	4	6	0	10
CTEC	22	31	19	0	0	19
Chuuk	20	28	12	3	0	15
Yap	15	11	7	6	0	13
Total	126	136	80(79%)	20(25%)	0	100

\*University of Guam professors (1) of the 5 part-time faculty is UOG faculty

**Table 2. Fall 2018 course offerings**

Campus	No. of Courses-2017	No. of Courses-2018	Full-time Faculty	Part-time Faculty	Volunteer	Total Faculty-2018
National	298	381	38	11	0	49
Kosrae	83	88	8	5	0	13
CTEC	114	120	25	3	0	28
Chuuk	55	62	14	2	0	16
Yap	41	29	5	6	0	11
Total	451	420	90(77%)	27(23%)	0	117