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MINUTES
COMMISSION ON DECOLONIZATION
Commission Meeting
November 18, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 3:40pm. Roll call revealed a quorum was established and in attendance were:

1. Senator Rory Respicio- Acting Chairman
2. Speaker Judith WonPat
3. Senator Tony Ada
4. Mayor Ben Gumataotao
5. Leonardo Orsini- Youth Congress Vice Speaker
6. Victoria Leon Guerrero- Independence Task force
7. Jose Garrido- Chairman, Free Association Task force

High school Decolonization debate was the first item on the agenda. The Executive Director provided an update by stating a meeting with GDOE resulted with their suggestion the debate happen in March and end in mid April 2016. So far, there are 6 high schools interested in participating. He also met with the President of the Guam Bar, Jehan Martinez, who expressed interest in assisting, wanted to know the following:

1. Venues
2. Is a forensic format being used
3. Number of volunteer hours needed
4. Judges needed

Acting Chairman asked and was reassured that this debate will not about whether or Guam should decolonize, this is not an issue and is a given. A motion was made and

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approved to change the name to political status option debate. Executive Director stated that debates are good outreach venues for public education as reflected in UN resolutions and advised by UN experts, are on the whole more challenging than forums as expressed by Dr. Bevacqua previously. Victoria Leon Guerrero felt a good idea would be for the task forces should visit the schools and provide an educational packet for the students who will participate and guide for the coaches to use so as to avoid misinformation during the debate. She also felt a collective resource list be given to students so they can go to websites and other venues to gather information on the status options. We should know which schools are participating so we can go there and network with the teams. Leonardo Orsini stated that high school principals were concerned with accurate information during the program.

Approval of the October 9th meeting were approved subject to change. Motion made by Mayor Gumataotao and seconded by Sen. Tony Ada.

DOI grant application was discussed whereby the Executive Director gave a briefing, stating the Administration is now working with the Congresswomen's office and will find out who the point of contact will be. Also, that the former proposal and budget was forwarded to the state clearinghouse division, directly to Kate Baltazar for review. Dr's. Lisa Natividad and Mike Bevacqua will work on this but anyone on the commission can participate. Jose Garrido asked if there is interference from the federal government should we get the grant, can we reject it. Also, Victoria Leon Guerrero asked whether this grant can fund a governance study. She feels this study will be a great tool for providing education outreach for the community. Both questions will be dealt with at the next commission meeting. The commission will approve this grant application before it is submitted. The amount requested will be \$250,000.00.

On the matter of binding versus non-binding vote, the Executive Director is waiting for the attorney to get back about legal work to be done in segments since there were additional requests tacked on by the commission. Speaker Won Pat suggested we introduce resolutions from the Legislature and the Administration to this effect and also one from the Commission, as well as the Congresswomen's office, thereby establishing a united front with four entities passing resolutions.

The PBS video project was discussed and it was reported that there seems to be a bottleneck in the public law about sole sourcing for government to government service. Apparently, the law did not change as per the three law makers on the Commission, so we need to find out exactly what was meant by the PBS General Manager. Speaker Won Pat asked why do we have to pay for this video project. Further information will be sought and given to the commission.

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