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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE CALL

Date: April 13, 2025

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Meeting ID: 264 299 1785 Passcode: Z5tgRm

Started at: 8:32 pm EST

<u>Attendance:</u> Drs. Marisha Agana, Pauline Aquino, Rommel Aquino, Nardo Buena, Elwin Bustos, Myrna Ortega-Flores, Renato Flores, Jacqueline Gamiao, Leandro Maranan, Renato Raymundo, Ruby Reyes, Edna Solitario, Luven Tejero (N=13)

Excused: Drs. Orson Battad, Lydia Jacinto-Cohan, Roy Torcuator, Isabelita Casibang

Guest: Dr El Castro

Presided by: Dr. Rommel Aquino

Agenda taken:

TOPICS	DISCUSSIONS	OUTCOME
Roll Call by Secretary, Dr Ruby Reyes	13 Voting memberslogged on	Quorum established
Opening prayer by Dr. Pauline Aquino		
Secretary's Report by Dr. Ruby Reyes	 Minutes of 03-18–2025 Conference Call highlights read & reviewed no additional questions or corrections made 	Motion made to approve Minutes of previous (03-18– 2025) conference call. Made by Dr. R Raymundo Seconded by Dr. J Gamiao VOTE: YES (N=13) Result: Minutes approved

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Finance, Budget, Investment Committee (FBIC) Report by Dr. Renato Raymundo	 management of all investments of AFUSA have been moved to OLV group headed by Mr. Joel Lagore Ameriprise & Merrill Lynch accounts have been received by OLV Investments and awaiting JP Morgan Chase Mr. Lagore will only be charging 0.5% management fee 	Motion made to accept FBIC report. Made by Dr. M Ortega-Flores Seconded by Dr. J Fabella-Gamiao VOTE: YES (N=13) Result: Motion carried
	Budget: need to review existing programs in the COM AFUSA is sponsoring to come up with a comprehensive budget proposal	 Dr. R Raymundo, Head of FBIC, will convene the committee to create a one-year or 5-yr budget & present recommendations next meeting Need to review the existing committees & which ones have been removed as well as programs AFUSA is financially supporting & its relevance; also to include requests from the Dean of COM
	on June 4: meeting with the accountant, Mr. Romeo Coronacion by R Aquino, L Maranan, R Flores, M Ortega-Flores & I Casibang. More information will be obtained regarding the restricted, non-restricted & other funds. The current financial statement will also be obtained. Tax filing deadline for 501c3	 a report after the June 4, 2025 meeting with the accountant will be presented Mr. Coronacion has filled for an
Treasurer's Report by Dr. Leandro Maranan	organizationis is May 15. Report was screen shared Snapshot: (as of 4/11/2025) Chase account: Savings = \$17,784.11 Checking = \$28, 365.48 TOTAL \$46, 149.59 Investments: OLV = \$792,100.21 JP Morgan Chase = \$41,660.36 Amount received by Treasury = \$21,917.82 Amount disbursed by Treasurer = \$	 refer to Treasurer's report for details copy of Treasurer's report will be on file Motion made to accept & approve the Treasurer's report. Made by Dr R Raymundo Seconded by Dr R Flores VOTE: YES (N=13) Result: Motion carried
	Amount disbursed by Treasurer = \$ 57,790.43	

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President's and Board Manual Ad Hoc Committee Report

by Dr. Renato Flores with contributions from Dr. R Aquino & Dr. E Solitario Meeting with the Dean Ampil & President Norbert Lingling Uy of the College of Medicine (COM) on Feb. 14 & 15, 2025

- group of AFUSA BOT met with the Dean as well as some scholars
- some testimonials & photos were obtained that will be posted on the website after proper consents are given
- Pres. Uy commented on the Charity Hospital that "it is still alive" with the addition of a social worker who screens & interviews those applying for charity care
- comment given that the Scholarship award received by the student is very minimal and a need to increase the amount to truly help in their studies

Anna Lisa Raymundo Merit Award
 awarded to the best 1st year
 medical student (100,000 PHP)

Dean Ampil also mentioned having rules & regulations for the naming rights

Ad Hoc Committee on the Board Manual

 need to review the list of committees to determine which are still active and relevant **Motion** made to accept the President's report.

Made by Dr N Buena
Seconded by Dr E Solitario.

VOTE: YES (N=13) **Result:** Motion carried

Recruitment Ad Hoc Committee Report

by Dr. Luven Tejero

- committee met on 3-20-2025
- presented ideas on recruiting new members to AFUSA:
- Target alumni of classes from 1980 onwards
- involve MARVADC YADP
- contact each batch or class representative
- reach out to different existing & established UERM alumni organizations in different states
- reach out to the jubilations in the annual meetings in the Philippines
- Regular visits of AFUSA BOT and/or officers to the COM and having an open forum & presentation with the students, faculty members @ least annually

- copy of report will be on file
- refer to the report for more details
- Increase visibility of AFUSA through advertising/marketing during the annual reunion/ conventions both in US & Philippines

Motion made to accept the Recruitment Ad Hoc Committee report. Made by Dr E Solitariio

Seconded by Dr M Agana

VOTE: YES (N-13) **Result:** Motion carried

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Chairman's Report by Dr. Rommel Aquino

- Dr. R Aquino created a group text/chat where he can immediately give updates regarding issues concerning AFUSA. This helps quick responses & even discussions in preparation for the formal zoom conference calls.
- He has started to digitize files obtained from the previous officers (i.e. chairman, president, treasurer) which is already about 90% complete. These files are stored in external/flash drives.
- AFUSA is registered in Combined Federal Campaign - a website by the Federal government where charitable institutions (like 501c3s) can advertise so that federal employees can donate to these making us visible to more potential donors
- Website update: on-going changes by Dr. N Gavino (website Editor):
 - mobile friendly
- will be able to accept different modes of payment for donations: on-line check, Zelle, Venmo, printable forms
- analytics ability to determine who visits the website, etc.
- Las Vegas Annual Convention
 AFUSA breakfast meeting on
 June 13, 2025 @ Planet Hollywood

- refer to Chairman's complete report on file for details
- Website launching on June 13 at the annual convention in Las Vegas
- Dr. Nikki Gavino will be there to walk us through the features of the new & improved website
- Reminder to register for those attending the Annual UERM Convention & AFUSA breakfast meeting in June.
 This meeting is open to all interested.
- To be sponsored by OLV Investments. RSVP to secretary because headcount will be needed to make proper arrangements for the food & beverages.
- Use SignUpMaster link provided via the group chat or emails
- Completion of the members of the Board & officers of the

New Computer for Treasurer & Secretary

AFUSA's Laptop computer used by the previous Treasurer (Dr. Elmer Gilo) is outdated. Portability & immediate access (on-site) to Treasurer's reports, files & information on specific donations & investment information, etc. is important particularly during the annual conventions.

Secretary is currently using her personal computer. A large volume of files have to be digitized for records keeping.

These computers will also help in a smooth transition with the next administration.

Motion made to approve the chairman's recommendation for AFUSA to purchase a laptop computer each for the Treasurer & Secretary in the amount not to exceed \$3000 per unit.

Made by Dr. E Solitario
Seconded by Dr, M Agana

VOTE: YES (N=13) Result: Motion carried

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Joint AFUSA and MAAAI April 27, 2025 @ 8:30 pm EST via zoom	Invited Dr. El Castro to the joint meeting	Motion made requesting Dr. El Castro to explain and clarify the return of donation by a non-profit organization. Made by Dr. E Solitario Seconded by Dr. E Bustos VOTE: YES (N=13) Result: motion carried Letter of invitation addressed to Dr. El Castro will be sent regarding the joint meeting. MAAAI also has been informed to send the same letter of invitation to Dr. El Castro
ANNOUNCEMENTS		 Register for the UERM Annual Convention in Las Vegas RSVP to secretary about AFUSA breakfast meeting, June 13 @ 8 am, Planet Hollywood Hotel, Las Vegas Next meeting - April 17, 2025 via zoom @ 8:30 pm EST = Joint AFUSA and MAAAI meeting
ADJOURNMENT		Adjourned @ 10:17 pm EST

Prepared & Recorded by Dr. Ruby Reyes, Secretary May 3, 2025

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