



AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-007:

APPOINTMENT OF *TI'ALEMASUNU TUPUOLA DR. MIKAELE ETUALE* AS PRESIDENT AND EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO INTERIM PRESIDENT *SONNY J. LEOMITI*

WHEREAS, the Board of Higher Education of the American Samoa Community College ("ASCC") has conducted a thorough search for the position of President of ASCC; and

WHEREAS, a number of highly qualified candidates demonstrated exceptional leadership, academic vision, and a deep commitment to the mission and values of ASCC; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Higher Education has determined that Ti'alemasunu Tupuola Dr. Mikaele Etuale possesses the qualifications, experience, and strategic vision necessary to lead ASCC into its next chapter of academic excellence and growth; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Etuale brings extensive leadership experience, a promised commitment to student success, and a distinguished record in education;

WHEREAS, Sonny J. Leomiti has served with extraordinary distinction, dedication, and grace as Interim President during this transitional period, maintaining institutional momentum and providing exceptional stability to the campus community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Higher Education extends its profound gratitude and highest commendation to Sonny J. Leomiti for his exemplary leadership as Interim President, and warmly welcomes him back to the vital permanent role as Vice President of Administration and Finance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. Ti'alemasunu Tupuola Dr. Mikaele Etuale is hereby appointed as the President of American Samoa Community College, effective September 8, 2026.
2. As President, Ti'alemasunu Tupuola Dr. Mikaele Etuale shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of ASCC and shall have all the powers, duties, and responsibilities vested in the Office of the President as mandated by the American Samoa Code Annotated (PL 22-30) and institutional governance policies.
3. Chairperson Dr. Oreta Mapu Crichton of the Board of Higher Education is authorized and directed to execute the employment contract on behalf of the Board of Higher Education.



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Higher Education, campus community, faculty, staff, and students extend their warmest welcomes, full support and cooperation to Ti'alemasunu Tupuola Dr. Mikaele Etuale as he assumes the role of ASCC President.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of September, 2026.

Approved:

Oreta Mapu Grichton, DrPA
Chairperson, Board of Higher Education

Attest:

Pualani P. Pulu Fui
Secretary / Trustee, Board of Higher Education