



CONSORTIUM FOR BELIZE EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION

Winter Conference; February 7-8, 2019

San Pedro Junior College (SPJC)
Banyan Bay Conference Room
(San Pedro, Ambergris Caye)



San Pedro Junior College
 "Anchor in Success"

Theme: **"Stronger Together"**

Final DRAFT COBEC Agenda

Tuesday, February 5, 2019		
Arrivals	Delegates arrive in Belize and stay in Belize City for College Fair/on to San Pedro for CAFÉ workshops	
Wednesday, February 6, 2019		
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9:00 a.m. – 3:00p.m.	Belize Tertiary Options and Opportunities Education Expo 2019 (College Fair)	Location: TBA (Belize City)
9:00a.m. -3:00p.m.	<p>COBEC Café Professional Development Training Topic: Entrepreneurship in Business and Tourism Co-facilitated by Dr. Osmond Martinez (Galen University) and Dr. Ruben Boling (Director for UNG's Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation).</p> <p><i>Course Description:</i> <i>Entrepreneurship drives growth and development in any industry or economy. In Belize, the tourism industry is playing an increasingly important role in business, hospitality and leisure industries. Development and sustainability of this industry requires innovation and skilled entrepreneurs. As educators, we need to be cognizant of the wide range of entrepreneurial opportunities that the tourism industry provides. Also, it is critical that we understand our role in developing the entrepreneurship mindset and curriculum in our institutions that will attract and prepare students to be innovators and entrepreneurs. This seminar provides an understanding of entrepreneurship within the context of a contemporary and dynamic tourism sector. It will expose educators to a wide range of activities related to creating and operating a legal tourism enterprise, creative business approaches and innovative strategies for developing entrepreneurship programs in their institutions.</i></p>	San Pedro High School/Junior College Conference Room
3:00p.m.-3:30pm	Wrap up and Evaluation	
7:00p.m.	Cocktail	Legends, San Pedro
Thursday, February 7, 2019		
7:30 a.m.- 8:30 a.m.	Belizean Breakfast (open to all participants)	Banyan Bay Conference Room
8:30a.m. – 9:00a.m.	COBEC Registration (Table 1 and Table 2 for pre-registered participants and Table 3 for late registration)	Banyan Bay Conference Room
9:00a.m. – 10:30a.m.	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Master of Ceremonies – Mr. A. Nunez ✓ National Anthem – USA & Belize ✓ Invocation – Mr. Froylan Gilharry 	Banyan Bay Conference Room

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Welcome – Mayor Daniel Guerrero ✓ Welcome – COBEC Co-Chairs – Dr. Karen Martinez (Belize), Dr. Emilia Hodge (United States) ✓ Greetings – Mr. Andre Perez, outgoing Chairperson of SPJC Board of Management/Business Community ✓ Cultural Presentation ✓ Keynote Speaker – Hon. Manuel Heredia ✓ Vote of thanks – Dean Gustavo Ellis, Dean of SPJC 	
10:30a.m.–10:45a.m.	Break	
10:45 – 11:30 a.m.	New Opportunities for Collaboration: <i>ATLIB and Universities in Belize</i> (Panel Discussion)	Banyan Bay Conference Room
11:30 am. – 12:30p.m.	<p>Update from Ad Hoc Strategy Development Committee: This Ad Hoc committee, organized at the July meeting, will present a practical action plan that integrates the work of the strategic planning committee, findings from the evaluation report, and researching the feasibility of establishing a Secretariat attendant fundraising capabilities—within the provisions of the COBEC bylaws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eve Aird, Galen; Ingrid Alvarado, Advance LLC • Rick Bateman, Jr., BPCC; Larry Daniel, Citadel • Warren Hodge, UNF Retired; John Kempainen, UNF • Edward Leach, NISOD • Andy Novobilski, UNG • Sharmayne Saunders, ATLIB • Mariot Simon, UB • Cynthia Thompson, UB Retired 	Banyan Bay Conference Room
12:30p.m. – 1:30p.m.	Networking Lunch	Banyan Bay Conference Room
1:00p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Continue update from Ad Hoc Committee.	Banyan Bay Conference Room
2:00 – 2:40p.m.	<p>Presentation from Belize Ministry of Education: Demystifying the process (conditions/procedures/deadlines) required for Partnership in Belize.</p> <p><i>Mrs. Jeannie Garbutt-Franklin (Executive Secretary of the Belize Board of Teacher Education) and Mrs. Luana Moguel-Sosa (Secretariat, Teaching Service Commission)</i></p>	Banyan Bay Conference Room
2:45 – 3:00p.m.	<p>Strengthening the Culture of Entrepreneurship in Belize: a 2+2 Partnership in Business Education.</p> <p><i>Dr. Cynthia Eve Aird (Provost, GALEN University) Dr. Andy Novobilski (Chief Research Officer, UNG)</i></p>	Banyan Bay Conference Room
3:00pm. – 3: 15p.m.	Break	
3:15 p.m. – 4:15p.m.	COBEC Standing Committees Meetings and Report outs CFACT; CAFÉ; Study Abroad	Banyan Bay Conference Room
4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Wrap up and evaluation	Banyan Bay

		Conference Room
6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m.	Dinner Reception/Cultural Night - under the auspices of Hon. Manuel Heredia	San Pedro High School – Angel Nunez Auditorium
Friday, February 8, 2019		
8:00a.m. – 9:00a.m.	Belizean Breakfast (open to all participants)	Banyan Bay Conference Room
9:00a.m. – 10:15a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Business Meeting Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome and Greetings - Call to order – Executive members - Acceptance of Agenda - Acceptance of Minutes - Reports by Officers: Secretary, treasurer - Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Small grants - Budget 	Banyan Bay Conference Room
10:15a.m. -10:30a.m.	Presentation on Full Basket Belize (Ron Herring, President FBB)	Banyan Bay Conference Room
10:30a.m. – 10:45a.m.	Break	
10:45a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Business Meeting (Continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emeritus Nominations - Membership Applications - Any Other Business <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Elections of Officers - Venues for next COBEC conferences: Summer 2019 – University of North Florida Winter 2020- University of Belize Summer 2020 – Northeast Wisconsin Technical College 	Banyan Bay Conference Room
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Evaluation and Closing	Banyan Bay Conference Room
12:00 noon. – 1:30p.m.	Networking Lunch	Banyan Bay Conference Room
3:00 p.m.	Catamaran Sunset Cruise	TBA, San Pedro
Saturday, February 9, 2019		
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	Catamaran to Mexico Rocks	SPJC Complimentary

If you need pick-up in San Pedro, kindly send information of arrival and departure by January 25, 2019. Please send information to: gustavoellisspjic@yahoo.com