WHEREAS, Section 6610.8 of the Government Code of Guam provides that the Executive Branch shall have exclusive jurisdiction and control over persons under its supervision authorized to travel at government expense and in all matters relating to provisions for travel authorization, advancements, reporting and accounting for expenditures, and reimbursement of expenses; and

WHEREAS, Section 6610.9 of the Government Code of Guam provides that the Governor may issue rules and regulations to implement travel procedures; and

WHEREAS, Section 11831 of the Government Code of Guam provides that the University shall be under the general cognizance of the Governor and shall be governed by the Board of Regents.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam and statutes of the Territory of Guam, it is hereby ordered that the Board of Regents is empowered to authorize travel at government expense while on official business for officers and employees of the University and their dependents consistent with the travel criteria established in Section 6610.3 of the Government Code of Guam.

Dated at Agana, Guam this 25th Day of November, 1974.

CARLOS G. CANACHO
GOVERNOR OF GUAM

COUNTERSIGNED:

KURT S. MOYLAN
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF GUAM
MEMORANDUM

To: The President
    Vice President

From: Legal Counsel

Subject: The Law in Regard to Travel Authorization: Who May Authorize Travel

The "Government Travel Law" Title VII, Chapter VIII, Government Code of Guam refers to travel authorization only in terms of "persons authorized to travel", not in terms of which agency may authorize travel. Persons authorized to travel at government expense while on official business are 1) employees, 2) dependents of employees traveling incident to recruitment/termination/home leave, 3) spouses of certain high officials, and 4) persons rendering service to the government - Section 6610.3, Government Code of Guam. However, the Director of Administration is given the power to "advance funds to any person who is authorized to travel on official business for per diem, mileage allowance, or reimbursement of expenses for subsistence." - Section 6610.7, Government Code of Guam. The three separate branches of government are each given exclusive control with regard to persons under their respective supervision authorized to travel at government expense - Section 6610.8, Government Code of Guam.

The "Travel Law" may be supplemented by rules issued by the Governor - Section 6610.9, Government Code of Guam. In view of the above, there is nothing in the "Travel Law" or its amendments which would prevent or make illegal an executive order authorizing the Board of Regents to authorize travel at government expense for those employees of the University who meet the criteria established in Section 6610.3 of the Government Code of Guam. However, the advancement of funds or reimbursement of expenses for those employees authorized to travel would still, under the law, take place through the Director of Administration.

CHARLES D. STAKE