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PACWIMA GUEST LECTURES AT USP MS210 SHIPPING CLASS – 05TH JUNE 2017



Ms. Mavis Joseph-Logavatu – Chairperson of PacWIMA highlighting key activities of PacWIMA to the MS210 USP Students in Suva, Fiji.

In February 2017, Dr. Peter Nuttal, Senior Research Fellow in the Sustainable Sea Transport Research Programme, School of Marine Studies at the University of the South Pacific invited the Pacific Women In Maritime Association (PacWIMA) Chairperson to give a guest lecture to his MS210 Maritime Transport Class on the subject of “Pacific Women in Maritime”. With the support of Ms. Joseph-Logavatu’s employer, the Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji, Ms. Joseph-Logavatu accepted the invitation.

Ms. Joseph-Logavatu highlighted the role played by and the strategy for gender networks in the promotion and capacity building activities for pacific women in the maritime sector. When

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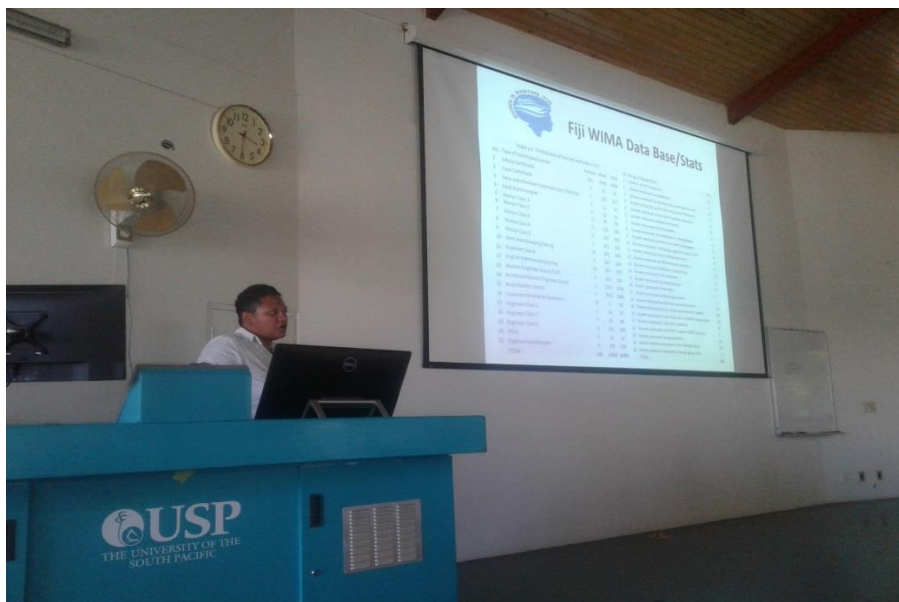


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looking at the statistics on the number of persons employed in the maritime sector in the Pacific and the proportion of women in the sector, Ms. Joseph-Logavatu stated “The current statistics provided by the Pacific Community (SPC) is indicative of the need to have strategies in place to address the “why” in relation to the gender imbalance in maritime, and “how” we can address the gaps with strategies such as the establishment of regional associations and national associations.

Ms. Patricia Ho – President of Women in Maritime (Fiji) (commonly referred to Fiji WIMA) was also invited to provide an update of its activities and concluded *“To advocate, promote and create awareness to young girls and women to have an interest in the maritime industry, and for those already in the industry to be encouraged to work towards achieving leadership roles in Fiji’s maritime, it is extremely important that our youths and women must fully understand the industry.”*.



Ms. Patricia Ho – President of Fiji WIMA highlighting the activities of Fiji WIMA to-date and the Challenges faced by youths and women in maritime.

Dr. Nuttal was appreciative to PacWIMA and Fiji WIMA for the well prepared, beautifully presented, highly relevant discussions relating to Pacific Women In Maritime.

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