

Coastal Fund
Minutes of Board of Directors Proceedings
January 31, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Coastal Fund Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Michelle Petitfils, Chair.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Pilar Alomia
Michelle Petitfils
Danni Storz
Donovan Maccarone
Tanya Jones
Leslie Stirling

Administrative Assistant

Miranda Walker

Legislative Council Liaison

Dina Varshavsky

External Vice President of Local Affairs Liaison

Taylor Fulton

Coastal Service Program Coordinator

Emma Panish

Outreach Coordinators

Jennifer Verhines - Absent
Erica Aguilera

Grants Manager/ Advisor

Scott Bull

II. ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES, TARDIES, ABSENCES.

MOTION to accept proxies, tardies, and absences:

MS Alomia

MSC Storz

Motion was approved at 6:0

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The budget and questionnaire are due for all BCCs on Wednesday, February 2.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

MOTION to accept minutes for 01/24/11:

MS Alomia

MSC Storz

Motion was approved at 6:0

V. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MOTION to accept agenda for 01/31/11:

MS Alomia

MSC Petitfils

Motion was approved at 6:0

VI. BUDGET

- a. Total Account: \$212,645.68
- b. Available to Projects: \$171,856.68
- c. Operating

Total Expenses: \$4,578.38

Total Account: \$7,921.62

- d. Grants / Projects

Total Expenses: \$167,027.70

VII. BUSINESS

1. Graduate Student Board Interviews. The four graduate students were interviewed for 10 minutes. Marie from IVCRC, Taylor from EVPLA and Dina from Leg Council were also on the on selection committee with Coastal Fund Board and student staff (13 total voting members). Each applicant had 4 standardized questions. The questions were rated from 1-5. The applicant with the highest total points was selected. Suzanne received highest points.

MOTION to approve Suzanne McFerran as Graduate Student Board

Member

MS Petitfils

MSC Jones

Motion was approved at 6:0

2. Representative Report

- a. Legislature Representative: Thursday, February 20th there will be a pink zone UCSB women's basketball game – the event is to support women and those with breast cancer. Recently a resolution was passed condemning the fee increases of students, as well working to modify the elections bill; a letter was sent to Jerry Brown regarding the issue.
- b. IV Surfrider: last weeks meeting was focused on planning future events. Potential fundraising events include Valentine's Day flowers with catchy surf phrases, and Chico bags. Currently Concert for the Coast is being planned and the date has been set for May 21nd and Earth day will be April 9th.
- c. EAB: Recycle Mania will take place the week of February 28th. This week EAB has tabled outside of the UCEN, and has made signs along the bike path. EAB is hoping to show a movie about garbage, but it has not yet been planned. Also, Earth Day demos for bands are going to be accepted until Friday, February 4th.
- d. EVPLA: no meeting took place this week.

3. Coastal Service Program Report: no changes have taken place.

4. Outreach and Education Report:

a. EVENTS

- i. Strategic Planning Retreat: outreach has been very occupied with event planning; aside from the retreat, nothing more has been done.
 - ii. Recyclemania February 28th – plastics awareness
 1. Bag It Screening: Tuesday, March 1st. Collaborating with Surfrider.
 2. Glen Russell Coastal Land Use Planning February 16th at Bren
 - iii. CF Reception: Sunday, May 15th.
- b. Outreach coordinator recruitment: outreach will begin accepting applications soon for a new replacement.
 - c. Week of Plastics: partnering with EAB/Surfrider to create signs of high-quality photos, information, stats, and quotes regarding animals that are endangered/harmed because of plastics. Right now outreach is working towards receiving the rights to potential use of photos.

- d. MPA Panel Discussion: the panel discussion is still in progress.
 - e. Lock-in Reaffirmation: the reaffirmation itself is still in the process of being updated. There will be no campaign but general CF outreach is taking any suggestions ideas for promotions of CF, ie nexus articles, promotion of CSP,etc
 - f. Press releases: today's press release featured Meet Your Wild Neighbors.
5. Partnership for Excellence Conference: Thursday, March 17th: Stirling and Walker will attend in the afternoon.
6. Coastal Fund Beach Clean-up: Saturday, March 5th.
7. West Campus Bluffs Update: Maccarone recently broadcasted over the KCSB radio to discuss the progress of the West Campus Bluffs.
8. Board Member Sub-Committee Updates
- a. Website, application, final report workshop: the work needed has been delegated; bylaws, final report, intern evaluation forms and applications are being updated. In the near future the website will be reviewed and updated as well.
 - b. "Expanding" Coastal Fund Sub-committee: emails have been drafted and a list of names and emails has been made. Other UC's will be contacted soon.
 - c. Recruitment and Social – board and staff – questionnaire, advertising: the decision has been made to hire on Suzanne McFerran as the new graduate board member representative.
 - d. Grants Committee – Tours and Board member project assignments: no updates to be made, Jones was sick.
 - e. Reception: the date has been set, however the venue is still a struggle.
 - f. Strategic Planning/Logistics: the retreat went great.
 - g. Education: still no meeting has taken place.
9. Eligibility guidelines of undergraduate and graduate board members:

MOTION to increase the rate of eligibility guidelines of undergraduate and graduate board members: undergraduates increased from \$8.50/hr to \$9/hr and graduates increased from \$10/hr to \$12/hr.

MS Jones

MSC Storz

Motion was accepted at 6:0

10. Meetings Scheduled: February 7th and February 28th.

IX. APPLICATION REVIEW

WIN11-01 Restoring coastal dunes to learn the effects of invasive iceplant on insects and other arthropods Sponsoring Organization: UCSB

The biodiversity and ecological functioning of rare coastal dunes at Coal Oil Point Reserve are threatened by invasive iceplant. This invasion is impacting the native community of arthropods, which are an essential component of the food web and are vital to proper ecosystem functioning. Habitat is being restored in experimental plots where the effects of iceplant invasion and habitat restoration on native arthropod assemblages are investigated. Local volunteers and undergraduate interns are participating in the effort, promoting ecological appreciation and providing career experience. This comprehensive study will repair habitat while improving restoration techniques and increasing ecological understanding. Coastal Fund feels this project would be beneficial for students, however the board feels that the applicant would serve better as a project oversight/overseer than a principle investigator to dedicate more one-on-one time with student interns.

MOTION to fund WIN11-01 \$2540.00

STIPULATION: the new student overseer/project manager is paid \$12/hr for 150 hours:

MS Alomia

MSC Petitfils

Motion was approved at 6:0

WIN11-02 UCSB Fun in the Sun-Summer of Service (FITS-SOS)

UCSB's FITS-SOS Project is a 7-week service-learning-oriented program from late June through early August, integrating hands-on, experiential interaction for at-risk, underserved, middle school students in UCSB's educational coastal setting. The UCSB FITS-SOS project is part of the FITS-SOS and FITS programs which are geared to promote reading, character development, and civic engagement (focusing on environmental awareness). Students learn subjects they study in school as well as potential career paths, such as: water conservation, recycling, water quality, nature study and wildlife preservation. The FITS and FITS-SOS programs are research-based and are proven to dramatically increase students' self-esteem and life skills. Coastal Fund loves the project, but feels that their needs to be more students incorporated. Coastal Fund has decided to table the project to allow the applicant to submit a revised budget that can incorporate event more student interns.

MOTION to table WIN11-02:

MS Alomia

MSC Petitfils

Motion was approved at 6:0

WINN11-11 Kids in Nature Peer-to-Peer Environmental Education Program

Ten undergraduate students will be selected to serve as Kids in Nature (KIN) interns during spring and fall quarter 2011. The interns will have successfully completed the Education Practicum course (EEMB 189/ES 191), which we have offered each quarter since 2008. The KIN interns will serve as mentors for the newly enrolled UCSB students and also for the over 90 5th grade students who are part of the KIN program. The interns will each lead one of the KIN groups of 4-5 students in classroom activities and on field trips. During spring quarter, the interns will also be responsible for serving as leaders for the development of the final Power Point presentations, which each KIN group presents on the final Celebration Day at UCSB in May 2011. Because the applicant has had tremendous success in the past, with great feedback from interns, Coastal Fund strongly believes in this project as it benefits the youth, and the students of UCSB.

MOTION to fund WIN11-11 \$7,800.00:

MS Maccarone

MSC Petitfils

Motion was approved at 6:0

WIN11-15 Explore Gaviota Coast! Fun Run and Hike

This is a fun run and hike to provide people with the opportunity to go out to the Gaviota Coast and enjoy it. There will be two distances: 12.2-mile point-to-point run from Gaviota State Beach to El Capitan State Beach and a 5-mile loop run (or hike) from El Capitan State Beach to Refugio State Beach and back to El Capitan State Beach. Though this project has always been a great way to allow UCSB students to participate/enjoy the local environment in a fun way, the Coastal Fund board would like to table the project on the basis that the applicant be contacted about ways in which Coastal Fund can be acknowledged at the event; this includes potential Coastal Fund labeled re-useable water bottles, rather than the proposed standard re-useable water bottles.

MOTION to table WIN11-15:

MS Alomia

MSC Maccarone

Motion was approved at 6:0

X. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 09:27PM

MOTION: Motion to adjourn

MS Storz

MSC Stirling

Motion was approved at 6:0