Coastal Fund
Minutes of Board of Directors Proceedings
November 19, 2007

The Coastal Fund Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM by Cheryl Chen, Chair.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present
- Cheryl Chen
- Pilar Alomia
- Joel Armin-Hoiland
- Jenna Newburn
- Kaela Jorgenson
- Jessica Spence
- Lexie Brown

Administrative Assistant
- Kevin Le

Legislative Council Liaison
- Chris Wendle

Coastal Service Program Coordinator
- Sue Green

Outreach Coordinators
- Hannah Perry
- Michelle van Oppen

Grants Manager
- Scott Bull

II. Acceptance of Proxies, Tardies, and Excused Absences

Sue Green left early

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Tuesday, the 20th, at 5-8PM, at the Corwin Pavilion, there will be a Town Hall Meeting that will discuss issues on campus. This meeting will have a discussion about the average of 15 units a quarter that students need to take in order to qualify as a full-time student, which amounts to 45 units a year that a student needs to take. Other Ucs have implemented this policy and it seems as is UCSB is following in their footsteps. All student organizations are recommended to come a they represent the student body.

On Wednesday, the 21st, at 1PM, there will be a meeting to discuss the updates on the vernal pool signs at IVRPD.

The IV Surfrider ad that will display current information about water quality will be in the Daily Nexus on Monday, the 26th.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Acceptance of the Minutes from the meeting of October 29th were approved.

MS Armin-Hoiland motion to approve the minutes.
MSC Perry, Motion is accepted.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MS Alomia motion to approve this addition into the Agenda.
MSC Newburn, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted 7:0.

VI. BUDGET REPORT

Currently, there is $172, 931 in the account and there is $102, 000 left to fund projects for the remainder of the year.

VII. PROPOSAL REVIEW

MAJOR FUNDING PROJECT APPLICATIONS

FALL07-10 Gaviota Coast Protection Project/Naples Expert Analysis

One aspect of the mission of the coastal fund is to preserve the coast. Areas adjacent to UCSB that contain sensitive resources are threatened by excessive overdevelopment, The Board feels students would be supportive of Coastal Fund's support in the process since the organization claims to protect the coast. The project consists of non-profit EDC hiring expert analysts to review the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and is essentially double checking the information and uncovering more data that was not covered in the report. The information will be provided by experts regarding biological resources, aesthetic resources and economic feasibility of alternatives.

The Board met with David Landecker, executive director of EDC,. By hiring experts the EDC will be able to ensure that impacts on the environment is limited. Students may be hired by the experts and be directly involved in the process, but they may also be looking for volunteers to help out as well. Students would also benefit indirectly by having less development in the area, which will keep the character of the coast rural. Naples is walking distance from Sands, which is a popular spot of students so not conserving Naples would impact the lifestyle of Santa Barbara's student community. The EIR can be used as an educational tool as it will educate members of the community, which will benefit the students. It is a high profile issue on the coast and on campus, which has student organizations and environmental courses discussing and debating over the issue and there is a lot of research being done by countless people at UCSB to better understand the issue. In fact there is a large student video production being producted at this time that will be screened for student as a way of outreaching to UCSB for student to get ingaged in the issue of the development just up the coast, adjacent to UCSB. By supporting experts to review the EIR, the information presented will give the decision makers more complete analysis to make a better informed decision. The information would be available to the UCSB public so they will have more information on potential impacts of development to natural resources in rural areas, generally.

MS Spence motion to approve this proposal at $10, 000.
MSC Armin-Hoiland, Motion is accepted.

Stipulations made that the decision is not advocacy for any issue (to clarify) and is only to be used for expert analysis and education of decision makers and student body.

The Motion was accepted at 7:0.

FALL07-11 Student Engagement in Critical Coastal Issues

Project is to fund student interns to work at EDC on coastal related topics.
After meeting with David, the new executive director of EDC, the Board had a clearer understanding of the project. EDC wants to be able to compensate their interns for their time and hard work and is hoping to defray some of the costs that staff has been doing voluntarily, such as supervision and the cost of using supplies in the office (both of which were denied). EDC also wants students to start an outreach campaign on campus and get the student body involved, either through film screenings or with field trips, or other outreach ways, to be determined.

MS Armin-Hoiland motion to approve this proposal at $5. 000.
MSC Jorgenson, Motion is accepted.

Stipulations were made that $3, 000 be distributed to the student interns and $2, 000 are given for the outreach campaign, but before the $2, 000 is given, there need to be a breakdown of the costs. Board will not fund office supplies or EDC staff supervision.

The Motion was accepted 6:0 and 1 abstained.

FALL07-14 UCSB Phenology Stewardship Program

After meeting with Brian Haggerty, the Board had a clearer understanding of the project. The project is still questionable of being his Ph.D. project and therefore is unsure about certain aspects to fund. There is an overwhelming amount of student support on the project, as there are students monitoring plants and birds, doing graphic design, and creating the website, and eventually there will be students working on creating GIS maps. Haggerty has requested other funding to cover different parts of his project, but he will not find out if he is granted the money until next year, which will be too late for his outreach program which starts in February 2008. The outreach program reaches out through different institutions, such as the Gervitz Graduate School of Education and CCBE Kids in Nature, which will reach about 45 teachers, 32 docents, and about 1900 students within the Santa Barbara region. This is a pilot program which will teach students how to observe seasonal biological events and it is partnered with COPNR, SB Botanic Gardens, Sedgwick Natural Reserve, Lotusland Botanic Garden, CCBER, and the Gervitz Graduate School of Education. These partners will benefit as they will have community and students learning from presentations given by himself and interns and have a deeper understanding of the environment.

MS Alomia motion to table this proposal at $6, 330.
MSC Spence, Motion is accepted.

Potential stipulations were made that $3, 000 goes to student stipend, $1, 200 goes to undergraduate internships, $120 given for travel, $1020 given for field supplies, $990 for outreach and office supplies with $500 given towards printer and ink cartridges.

The Motion to TABLE was accepted 4:0.

VIII. BUSINESS

1. Honoraria

   The 7 Board Members will be receiving honoraria for a total of up to $2, 000. ($250 Chair, $200 board member. $25 subtract for every missed meeting.)

MS Armin-Hoiland motion to approve this proposal at $2, 000.
MSC Newburn, Motion is accepted.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

It was motioned to adjourn at 8:16PM. Everyone unanimously agreed.