

Coastal Fund
Minutes of Board of Directors Proceedings
November 26, 2007

The Coastal Fund Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM by Cheryl Chen, Chair.

1. ROLL CALL

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

Administrative Assistant
Kevin Le

Legislative Council Liaison
Chris Wendle

Coastal Service Program Coordinator
Sue Green

Outreach Coordinators
Michelle van Oppen

Grants Manager
Scott Bull

AS Advisor
Cindy Lopez

E-Coalition Guest
Nina Salvador

II. Acceptance of Proxies, Tardies, and Excused Absences

Kaela Jorgenson	tardy
Sue Green	absent
Jessica Spence	absent
Hannah Perry	absent

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Devereux Slough Monitoring Program was front-page news today in the Daily Nexus. The odd part was that no one from the Program or from Coastal Fund was interviewed.

The IV Surfrider ad with water quality information was also featured in the Daily Nexus (funded by Coastal Fund).

On Wednesday Dec 5th, at the 6700 DP block, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new IV beach access stairs. Since the Board was involved with that project 3 years ago, Chen will be giving a speak on behalf of the Board.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Acceptance of the Minutes from the meeting of November 19th was put on hold.

Newburn is having difficulties in opening the doc attachments and therefore cannot review the minutes. Minutes send out via email embedded in message rather than attachment.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Cheryl motioned to accept the agenda. Everyone unanimously consented.

VI. BUDGET REPORT

Currently, there is \$203,878 in the account and there is \$185,728.61 left to fund projects for the remainder of the year.

VII. PROPOSAL REVIEW

MAJOR FUNDING PROJECT APPLICATIONS

FALL07-14 UCSB Phenology Stewardship Program

This project was tabled from the 11/19 board meeting. The board wanted to fund the project, but not all its field supplies. Alomia found minor price differences regarding the price of paper reams. Paper reams cost \$2.75 per ream, not \$8 a ream as the applicant listed. After discussing the project further, the board discussed the merits of funding an undergraduate intern, coordinating fees, partial travel, and a GIS key.

MS Newburn motion to approve this proposal at \$5370

MSC Brown, Motion is accepted.

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, \$30 to GIS hardware key.

The Motion was accepted at 5:0 and 1 abstained.

FALL07-01 Eyes in the Sky (EITS/Meet Your Wild Neighbor, MYWN)

This project was tabled from the 11/19 board meeting. The board discussed only funding the education program on sea birds, not on local birds or raptors. The board considers EITS a worthy project because it includes student teacher-interns and benefits IV Elementary and Elwood Elementary, which is located in close proximity to the university. Other student organizations, such as the Environmental Affairs Board, demonstrate interest in IV Elementary through environmental education. Therefore, supporting more university student teaching opportunities is appropriate and the entire program will be all on shorebirds only.

MS Chen motion to approve this proposal at \$5600.

MSC Armin-Hoiland, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted 6:0.

MINOR FUNDING PROJECT APPLICATION

FALL-07-16 Ecological Consequences of exposure to natural oil contamination

After initially reviewing the project, the board was concerned that Heather Coleman's project was too specific and of too small a scope for non-science oriented UCSB students to find relevant. The board also worried that the project was initially intended for research purposes and that outreach was only a secondary objective. However, the board thought the context of her project – the natural tar-seeps – was an important aspect for the student community and would want students to learn about this local phenomenon. If her project included more outreach such as taking students to see the tar-seeps via boat as IV Surfrider has done in the past, then it might be more valuable for the student body.

After listening to Coleman's presentation, the board learned that she wanted to incorporate outreach into her project. However, she could not begin outreach until the sea urchin oil-compatibility experiments were finished. She discussed her strategy for studying the sea urchins, which included caging, feeding, and periodically monitoring them. The board's

grant would fund a student diver to accompany her on dives and aid with research. After her presentation ended, the board remained uncertain about the project being more than “research for research’s sake.” The board discussed potential alterations to the project that would make it more applicable to the student community and more likely to secure funding based on outreach. The board recommended that she research more specific ways to reach the student community, know exactly which professors and classes to approach, include more information about the seeps rather than technical research aspects, and include a student boat ride to the seeps during freshman orientation or another appropriate time. Brown claimed that it would be better if the applicant applied for outreach funds in a future quarter after the research phase.

MS Armin-Hoiland motion to deny this proposal.

MSC Brown, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted 6:0.

VIII. BUSINESS

1. Cindy- Status of Fall 07-03 “Condor Express Rider”
 - a. Cindy asked the board to re-evaluate funding the “Condor Express Rider” because she wanted to confirm that the board was fully informed about the project. She stated that Rec Cen Sports, MSI, the University Residence Halls, and other organizations that directly benefit from riding on The Condor Express should contribute to its university-required, \$8000 insurance waiver. The responsibility for paying for the insurance waiver should not rest solely on Associated Students. She also requested a receipt proving that the \$8000 waiver was paid in full.
 - b. Lexie and Cheryl defended funding the Condor Express Rider. However, they stated that in the future Coastal Fund would only fund the project in part. The project was funded on a one-time basis due to time constraints. If the insurance waiver could not be paid, then numerous programs, including the UCSB Adventure Program, would not be able to take Fall trips to Santa Cruz Island.
 - c. Joel and Chris proposed asking Rec Sports where the money was spent because they should fund these types of needs.
2. Cindy – Status of Fall 07-10 “Gaviota Protection Project / Expert Analysis”
 - a. Cindy had no problem with the Coastal Fund granting money for Expert Analysis for The Gaviota Protection Project. She was comfortable with Coastal Fund’s actions because Coastal Fund

paid for information to be gathered, not for information to be manipulated in a way that favored one side over another. As long as the project was not an advocacy project it would fit within our mission and AS policies.

- b. Cindy also approved of the project because the Environmental Defense Center applicant is a non-profit organization.
- c. Joel and other board members are open to speak about the support for funding at the Legislation Council Meeting held at 5 pm on Wednesday, 11/28 if necessary

3. A.S. Policies on Student Governments

- a. Lexie drafted a brief report on A.S. Policies.
- b. There were 3 key points applicable to Coastal Fund:
 - i. Maintain a viewpoint neutral basis on issues.
 - ii. Lobbying must be done for educational purposes, not advocacy.
 - iii. Transfers to non-university organizations must have direct educational benefits.

4. Logo Update

- a. The board discussed and voted for various logos. Scott and Cheryl to meet with tyler, graphic artist on Wednesday.

5. Outreach Committee Report

- a. Photo Contest
 - i. The Photo Contest is now open to UCSB students, staff, and faculty instead of only students.
 - ii. The deadline has been extended to January 12th, 2008.
- b. Press Releases
 - i. A press release including all projects funded Fall Quarter will be sent to The Nexus this week.

6. FALL 2007 Part II RETREAT!

- a. The board will meet at Giovannis at 6 pm on Monday, 12/3 for an informal meeting retreat.
- b. Items to discuss include: website, bylaws, grant guidelines, and final guidelines.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

It was motioned to adjourn at 8:40PM. Everyone unanimously agreed.