

Coastal Fund
Minutes of Board of Directors Proceedings
February 4, 2008

The Coastal Fund Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM by Lexie Brown, Chair.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Pilar Alomia
Joel Armin-Hoiland
Kaela Jorgenson
Jessica Spence
Lexie Brown
Cheryl Chen

Administrative Assistant

Kevin Le

Legislative Council Liaison

Chris Wendle

Coastal Service Program Coordinator

Outreach Coordinators

Hannah Perry
Michelle van Oppen

Grants Manager

Scott Bull

II. Acceptance of Proxies, Tardies, and Excused Absences

Chris Wendle left early

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Coastal Service Program Coordinator open position has been advertised throughout campus but no one has submitted an application or shown an interest in applying.

The UCSB campus has proposed to have a tech fee and parking fee attached to the ballot for spring quarter. The tech fee brought in from student lock-in fees would be used for updating the GOLD system and provide wireless internet on

campus. The parking fee would be used to bring the department in charge of parking structure out of debt from building the new infrastructures. Also, the UCEN is in talks of installing solar panels and going to be LEED certified. Pardall Road is subject to being renovated which is part of the IV Reconstruction project.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

MS Alomia motion to approve.

MSC Jessica, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted 6:0.

V. BUDGET REPORT

Currently, there is \$188, 105.18 in the total account and \$174, 368.71 left to fund projects. Three projects have been funded so far, at a total of \$2, 545, which leaves a projected \$171, 823.71 left for the year.

VI. PROPOSAL REVIEW

MAJOR FUNDING PROJECT APPLICATIONS

WIN08-05 The Ecological Coalition

The Ecological Coalition is a network of campus and local groups who have a shared interest in environmental sustainability. As the university campus is located on the coast, it is inherent that groups will face a lot of coastal issues such as the issue of Bacara Resort in favor of amendments to the Goleta City Plan, which would put the sensitive environment at risk as it favors industrialization. There are local groups interested in this issue but they are not aware of other groups' interest. It would be beneficial for all the groups to coordinate their efforts and not duplicate each other's work. This is an example of how the Ecological Coalition could assist the community. It could also network campus organizations with the community organizations so that students could talk and learn from professionals in the community. Students will benefit from this networking as they will have access to a plethora of information that may not be available on campus and they are engaged in the community for coastal related issues. The Coalition looks to be an amazing resource. As the present coordinator for the Ecological Coalition is graduating in June 2008, she will be assisting and training a new coordinator for the next school year, 2008-2009 and will volunteer hours if needed to make sure the new coordinator is ready to handle the job. The Board is excited to see that someone is taking the initiative and has the motivation to organize all the environmental student groups together, as it is a daunting task with over 15 environmental groups on campus.

MS Cheryl motion to approve this proposal at \$2, 856.00.

MSC Jessica, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted at 3:2:1.

WIN08-03 Self Guided Tour Program at Coal Oil Point Reserve, Phase 1

Coal Oil Point Reserve is an area of land that a lot of students as well as community members go through to get access to Sands Beach or just take walks around. The issue is that these people do not necessarily know that they are in a Reserve and this project will help educate them about the Reserve. An estimated 50-100 people go to the Reserve daily and there are classes that go out on the guided tours 3-5x a week and there are restoration groups that come out on several weekends. In this project, 17 signs will be made and planted around a 3 mile looped track in the Reserve and these signs will have information on them based on the spot they are at. Podcasts/audiocasts will be available for users to hear more information than what is posted on the signs. Additional information includes frog sounds/bird sounds that wouldn't be able to be replicated on the signs. These signs will not take away from the guided tours, in fact it will enhance the experience as the guided tour can only offer so much information and then more details with additional information will be available. In essence, the signs, audiocasts/podcasts, and guided tours will not have replicated information, but rather more detailed information or new information. There will also be two kiosks for brochures that visitors can take to remember their experience and have information on there that they can remember to guide them around the Reserve. A lot of the graphic work to make the signs and brochures has been generously funded by the graphic artist of the Santa Barbara Botanical Gardens, Don Matsumoto, and a friend who knows how to make the signs out of plastic lumber. The final outcome of this project will be amazing as it will educate so many students and community members who come out to the Reserve. Tours will no longer have to be booked in advance and people can come out to the Reserve on a whim and have a tour planned out for them already. The Board is amazed that someone is exceptionally motivated to take on this huge project and it will benefit the community for years on end.

MS Joel motion to approve this proposal at \$4, 600.

MSC Cheryl, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted at 6:0.

Stipulations were made that an undergraduate student intern assist in the research and compilation of data and materials for 2 quarters. \$600 will be for the student intern for 2 quarters and \$4, 000 will be allocated to the Coordinator of this project.

VII. BUSINESS

West Campus Bluffs

The different types of pavement that could be used for the pathway was brought in so that Board members could physically see the color and feel the material of the pavement samples. The pavement that was originally favored at the last meeting was discovered that it needed to be maintained every so often otherwise it would crumble. It's less weather durable and it is uncertain of the cost to have someone maintain it and the amount of inconvenience it would cost students using the pathway. The higher cost pavement is more weather durable and will not require anyone to maintain it. It is more convenient to use this pavement and it will be less of a hassle to deal with in the future. More information needs to be found out from the Facilities Department as the color of the pavement also indicated the price of the pavement. Money needs to be transferred to Facilities in order for them to put the bid out for the construction companies.

Final Report Form

After looking at the final report form that the Snowy Plovers sent in, the Board decided that each question should have a word limit and questions should be more explicit so that certain questions the Board wants answered will be answered and there is no evasion of the answer. It was also suggested that the applicants list print sources where the project was referred in such as the Daily Nexus so that the Board knows that community members are able to be aware of the project.

Stewardship-Scholarship Award Form

It has been posted on the list-servs but no one has responded yet. It was suggested that there is a lack of interest in research in the students and that a different approach might be needed to receive applicants. The first thing that will happen is that graduate students who have undergraduate interns will be targeted as then the undergrads will benefit in receiving funds when they are already working for free and be able to travel with the graduate students to research locations. If there are no applicants through this process by the March 15th deadline, then the scholarship will no longer be based on research but more on merit.

Website

There are ads running in the Nexus this week and there are ads in the computer labs recruiting students to design the Coastal Fund website.

Outreach

Stickers & Magnets

Mock-ups were shown to the Board and revisions were suggested to the font of the text. After revisions are made, then it will be sent to the Board to preview before ordering. 5,000 stickers will be ordered as an estimated 1,000s will be handed out at Earth Day and Concert for the Coast. Two different style of magnets will be ordered at \$500 each.

MS Cheryl motion to approve this proposal up to \$1000 for stickers, up to \$900 for magnets (two designs).

MSC Joel, Motion is accepted.

Tide Calendars

These are ordered but still waiting for the invoice receipt.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07PM.