

**Joint Meeting of HMSC Management Committee
and HMSC Master Planning Committee
Friday, November 21, 2008 1:00 p.m.
Guin Library Seminar Room**

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Rebecca Baldwin (Hatfield Students Organization), Michael Banks (CIMRS), George Boehlert (HMSC), Rick Brown (NOAA-NWFSC), Carol Cole (COMES), Bob Dziak (NOAA-PMEL), Ken Hall (HMSC); Nancee Hunter (Oregon Sea Grant), Bruce Mate (MMI), Walt Nelson (EPA), Pat O'Connor (OCCC), Janet Webster (Guin Library), Pete Zerr (Ship Operations)

Not represented: NOAA-AFSC, ODFW, USDA-ARS, US Fish & Wildlife Svc

New Business

Northwest National Marine Renewable Energy Center

George Boehlert reported on US Dept. of Energy grant awarded to OSU, one of two grants awarded nationally (the other to Univ. of Hawaii), to advance development of wave energy technologies. Roughly 80% of the \$13.5 million in funding will go to OSU for continued research and testing of wave energy systems and study of environmental impacts; 20% will fund research at Univ. of Washington on energy from currents/tides.

HMSC will lead research on marine environmental impacts, with the hiring of a benthic ecologist and recommended projects from last year's workshop on ecological impacts of wave energy. Other activities include research by MMI (supported in part by Oregon Wave Energy Trust) and development of an electronic archive of published literature in this area, coordinated by Janet Webster.

In Corvallis, OSU Engineering Professor Bob Paasch will serve as Director of the NNWMREC, with a focus on developing a mobile test berth for in-situ analysis of wave energy devices in different locations. COAS will be doing some modeling analysis of physical impacts on nearshore environment from reductions in wave energy.

Questions and discussion followed on local community reactions, role of commercial fishing industry, competing technologies, timeline for development.

Master Planning Update

George Boehlert provided an update on plans for the Marine Mammal and Marine Genomics Building, designed as a 2-story building with 28,000 sq. ft. of office and lab space in the first phase and an additional 14,00 sq. ft. in phase 2. The building is part of the OSU Capital Campaign and funding is also sought from other sources, including the National Institute of Standards and Technology, which issued a RFP earlier this year. A proposal was submitted for \$13.8 million from the NIST, with a contingent commitment of \$9 million in state bonds, and it is on the short list of six out of 93 total proposals submitted. Building siting with the proposed location of the building to the south of Guin Library was

discussed. A motion for the committee to approve this location was made and seconded, and was unanimously supported by the committee.

The idea of moving the HMSC Facilities maintenance shop from its current location to the perimeter of campus where the mobile housing units are now, originally proposed during the Master Plan development process, was discussed again. Carol Cole suggested an alternate location across from the ODFW parking lot, west of the proposed OCCC building site, closer to Marine Science Drive and the sliding chain link fence gate entrance.

Vehicle speeds on campus

The HMSC Safety Committee requested that the HMSC Director's Office address the issue of drivers violating the speed limit on campus after a complaint from a bicyclist regarding a particular driver routinely driving too fast. It was suggested that an email reminder from the HMSC Director to the general community about safe driving speeds might help, but it would be preferable to address the problem directly with the offending driver(s).

Action: HMSC Director to send out email to the community list.

SeaFest 2009

Ken Hall reported on planning and budget needs for SeaFest 2009. The coordination role, structured in previous years as an AmeriCorps service-learning assignment under the direction of the HMSC Program Manager, is not eligible for AmeriCorps support in 2009, though the position is still needed and we are seeking candidates.

Planning for SeaFest usually starts in December/January with financial commitments ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 per OSU and state and federal agency unit at HMSC. The HMSC will solicit grants and sponsorships from community institutions which have traditionally brought in about \$4,000 to support SeaFest, though it is expected to be more difficult to raise funds from the community this year due to the poor economy.

Planning for SeaFest 2009 will require financial contributions totaling roughly \$14,000 from OSU and state and federal agency units at HMSC. The last couple of years, the HMSC Business Office has encountered problems collecting actual contributions due to various restrictions on use of funds for costs such as advertising, hosting, and professional services which make up the bulk of the budget. Ken proposed that this be collected in the form of general "sponsorship" or "participation" fees (in the same range as previous years), rather than hunting around for particular expenses that can be charged to individual groups.

Distinguished Lecturer Series

Discussion of potential speakers for the HMSC Distinguished Lecturer Series, intended to periodically bring in speakers of particular renown or accomplishment in their fields to give a talk at HMSC. Bob Dziak chairs the Distinguished Lecturer committee, which is soliciting suggestions. NAS member and AAAS fellow George Somero, former director of the Hopkins Marine Station has been suggested; George Boehlert agreed to make initial

inquiry. All were reminded of the purpose of this series and encouraged to keep the program in mind.

Roundtable updates

Nancee Hunter announced that an upgrade of audio-visual equipment in the Hennings Auditorium has been completed, including a new projector and re-located controls from the back of the auditorium to the front stage and podium, making it easier for the presenter to control. Oregon Sea Grant has also announced the selection of Stephen Brandt as its new director, to begin in January.

Rebecca Baldwin reported that HsO is working on designs for a new T-shirt, to be unveiled in December, which they plan to sell as a fundraiser and use as occasional gifts for special invited guests. This comment prompted discussion on the idea of giving HMSC mugs to seminar speakers as a token of appreciation.

Action: HMSC Director's Office to order coffee mugs for Seminar Speakers

Pat O'Connor reported on progress on the OCCC's central campus in South Beach and invited committee members to join him on a tour of the site.

Janet Webster reported on the library's forced elimination of dozens of journal subscriptions to trim \$600K from the OSU Libraries budget. More cuts are coming.

Bruce Mate reported that the RV Pacific Storm is now equipped with a new winch. Also, MMI has extra off-site storage space in South Beach, if anyone needs to sub-lease some storage space (indoor or outdoor).

Michael Banks reported that CIMRS showed a healthy increase in grants and publications for the previous year.

Pete Zerr reported that the RV Wecoma is on its way back from Hawaii; will be in Seattle around Dec. 8th