

HMSC Management Committee
Minutes
August 13, 2003

Present: George Boehlert, Rick Brown, Al Stoner, Janet Webster, Bob Embley (for Steve Hammond, Gil Sylvia, Marion Mann, Fred Jones, Jay Rasmussen, Roy Lowe, Mark Camara, Walt Nelson

Not represented: ODFW, CIMRS

Action items from previous meeting

1. Security issue: HMSC Director's office to develop an alert system for cross campus communications regarding security issues, including a phone tree listing for high priority/emergency issues and an email list for informational items (thefts, etc).
 - Pam Rogers has developed both measures, which will be handled out of the HMSC director's office. Key people across HMSC are aware of the telephone tree and alerts are to be sent to the HMSC director's office for dissemination.
2. HMSC Director's office to examine options for security gates on campus. These would be locked nights and weekends much like the back gate.
 - Two options were examined. First, a locking bar gate across road entry near Barry Fisher Bldg. would cost approximately \$1.3k. At the drive entryway near ODFW, the second gate would be a key-pad combination opening gate, with pressure plate to allow egress from inside, is estimated at \$11.1k plus the cost of getting electricity there. The merits of this added security were discussed, but it was decided to put the change on hold pending more compelling security requirements. It was also suggested that homeland security funds from federal agencies might fund this measure if it were needed.
3. Graduate students to further evaluate the concept of a brown bag luncheon for communicating current research across the diverse HMSC campus. The Graduate Student Association has developed a web site and would like for everyone to visit it and give input: www.flyingrockfish.com/hso. They have decided to go with the last Wednesday of every month, starting September 24th at noon to have the Brown Bag Lunch. They will put it on the web, as well as hand out flyers. A decision will be made to have it year around or to confine it to certain terms, maybe spring and fall. This is so it will not interfere with other things going on during winter and summer terms.

New Business:

- Directional Signs at HMSC - Rick Brown

Rick is having 3 signs made (Fisher Bldg 955, NAL 950 and RSF 951) to provide visitors with building locations. He has a design and any input/suggestion is requested. It was suggested that we use a color-coded map for directions that are user friendly. Numbers for the Fire Department identification are not on the building yet, but they have been ordered. If we could come to an agreement for these types of signs there could be a consistency across the campus. The price could be reasonable if Rick can have them made in Seattle. It was also suggested that these maps have the key meeting rooms marked so directions could easily be given to visitors.

- Seawater System - George Boehlert
 1. The chlorine discharge from FDL has been higher than is permitted. HMSC/NWFSC will be looking at new control systems.
 2. Pipe replacement for all four intake pipes on the dock is about \$15,000. A problem with the screens could mean an added expense of \$25,000 each for replacement. We are looking into getting an exemption from new screens and modifying the ones we currently have.
- Library Computers - Janet Webster
 1. Library computers are being upgraded with TRF funds. Most will be password protected for OSU ONID users. These are located in the back of the library. The 5 computers in the front are not password protected so are accessible for all non-OSU agency users as well as the general public.
 2. They are in the process of pulling journals that are available via JStor. The Guin Library will also cancel 35 journals that are available electronically and in print at the Valley Library. This is part of a strategy to pare down duplication and save money. OSU Libraries Collection Budget for the 2003/2004 fiscal year will be cut by \$300,000. It will save money and space this way, yet it will have printing costs associated with it too.

Informational Items

Janet Webster: The Yaquina Bay bibliography she has been working on now has a linked map of Yaquina Bay. You can now go to the site, click on it and pull the references. <http://oslibrary.orst.edu/guin/geoterms/>

Bob Embley: Would like to know about the HMSC Distinguished Lecturer Series, specifically if this is going to be started again and if so, when. See Action Item below.

Jay Rasmussen: Sea Grant to go forward with filling the position for the marine education position, planning for early 2004. Sea Grant's proposal reviewed for '04 and '05 is ongoing; the science panel and then an advisory committee will meet in September followed by funding decisions.

Al Stoner: Seawater supply to facility is a real concern. The Seawater Committee should meet to discuss issues concerning this matter. He also noted that with new federal budgeting procedures occurring quarterly that it may become more

difficult to have emergency funds available to do emergency repairs. He suggested developing some kind of HMSC Consortium that would oversee and fund the seawater system to improve reliability and have improved mechanisms of funding.

George Boehlert: OSU President Ray will be coming to visit HMSC for the first time Thursday, September 4th. The grounds are looking better and we should do all possible to assure good appearance of the facility.

The planned staff lounge, which is currently Meeting Room 9, is in progress. At this time we are looking at approximately November for it to be finished.

Two CoML workshops, Seamounts and Submarine Canyons and Deep Sea Sediments are being held here next week, from Thursday evening until Sunday morning. We plan on having about 60 visitors coming in from 17 different countries.

Energy savings contractor bid has come in for about \$350,000 to make repairs and we have been approved for a 15-year loan. We will go ahead and get selected projects done, starting with lighting. In the long run the savings from the projects will pay off the loan.

The Research Channel is a potential outlet for videos on what research is being done here at HMSC. OSU has purchased 10 hours for the year to be able to broadcast these. You would be responsible for your own production and editing. It will then be viewed on the Research channel on cable. Al Stoner mentioned that he had worked with the Oregon Public Broadcasting's "Oregon Field Guide" with very favorable results. If they are interested in a story, they will do the filming and production.

Fred Jones – NSF funding has been received for managing a new pool of lab vans. There will be construction going on to enlarge the parking lot by ship support.

Rick Brown – The Barry Fisher building will have its dedication Friday, October 3, 2003 at 10 AM. Invitations will be sent out with the expectation of 600 being in attendance. It will be an open invitation for the HMSC campus.

Roy Lowe – His group has opened a new office in Bandon including facilities for a residence. They are now starting on the bunkhouse and a large parking lot and a boat storage area.

They are working on a NEPA permit for red fox control. They have had problems at some sites with this introduced species getting into bird nesting areas and predated on eggs and chicks.

Construction in Siletz Bay will be starting to remove about a mile of the dike as part of the restoration project.

Mark Camara – Is seeking to hire a full-time permanent molecular laboratory technician to conduct research in the areas of quantitative and molecular genetics of shellfish, especially oysters. The position is with the USDA Agricultural Research Service as part of a program for the selective breeding of cultured shellfish. There is an ARS ecologist position presently open, also to be located at HMSC.

There is a new GEL documentation system that has been purchased and will be located in the old darkroom in the east wing.

Marion Mann – The Graduate Student Association will soon start kicking off some fundraisers, including T-shirts.

New Action Items

1. The HMSC Director's office will follow up on reinvigorating the HMSC Distinguished Lecturer series on a quarterly basis.