



Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium

## Dauphin Island Sea Lab

*2011 Fall Executive Committee Telephone Conference*

*October 3, 2011*

### Meeting Minutes

**In Attendance:** Dr. J. Valentine, Executive Director, Dauphin Island Sea Lab, Mr. V. Gordon Moulton, Pres., University of South Alabama, Dr. Robert E. Witt, Pres., University of Alabama, Dr. William Cale, University of North Alabama, Dr. Jay Gogue, Auburn University

**Dauphin Island Sea Lab Faculty and Staff:** Dr. John Dindo, Mr. David England, Ms. Lori Angelo (recording)

The telephone conference began at 2:00pm at which time a quorum was established through a brief roll call. Mr. Moulton welcomed the Executive Committee members and turned the meeting over to Dr. Valentine, Executive Director of DISL for agenda items and the approval of minutes.

Minutes from previous meetings were approved separately; May 11, 2011 – Motioned -Hawkins (Troy), seconded by Cale (UNA). September 13, 2011 – Motioned -Hawkins (Troy), seconded by Cale (UNA), and unanimously approved by the board.

Dr. Valentine's Executive Director Report consisted of a review of the Discovery Hall Programs, University Programs, Physical Plant operations, and the status of the BP fine reimbursement.

Noted: Dr. John Dindo and Mr. David England present to speak to any potential issues arising from the Executive Directors Report:

- Discovery Hall Programs exceptionally good year with almost all programs fully subscribed program was a financial success, facility upgrades realized; K-12 Computer Lab completed consisting of 20 work stations, smart board technology, and wireless slates made possible through a grant and match in kind funding through DISL Maintenance
- UP Programs similarly had a phenomenal summer, every summer course was fully subscribed to. Teacher evaluations indicated that students were pleased with the courses and facilities. Mean Teacher Evaluation Rating – 8. Teachers are rated on a scale of 1 to 10. As a result of the success, auxiliary services enjoyed maximum revenue with all dorms filled.

Approved 7-17-12

Dr. Valentine announced that he would step down as DISL University Program (UP) Chair following his appointment as DISL Executive Director. DISL Senior Marine Scientist and world renowned expert in sea grass ecology, Dr. Kenneth Heck has agreed to serve as UP Chair for the two year's remaining in the term.

Dr. Valentine went on to announce the third quarter of the BP Rapid Response funded investigations now complete, with 95% of funding recipient continuing. President Moulton inquired as to recent proposals, Dr. Valentine explained that eight proposals had been selected, none fully funded at this time.

Dr. Valentine went on to report that DHP and UP had received technology upgrades in classrooms and that the University Programs' mesocosm facility was now online and fully reserved.

Dr. Valentine noted BP reimbursements still pending as a result of procedural changes which had occurred following a change in governorships. President Moulton commented on Governor Bentley's confusion regarding former Governor Riley's relationship with BP in regard to Marine Science funding and the Gulf States.

Dr. Valentine presented the FY2012 budget with explanations by Mr. David England. Dr. Valentine explained the need to begin replacing entry level college faculty and key administrative level personnel. Dr. Valentine also asked the board to approve a 7% aggregate salary increase for full time state funded employees. The Budget was approved by a motion made by Dr. Hawkins and seconded by Dr. Cale, as was the salary increase pending justification (see explanation attached). The meeting was adjourned.