



**Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium  
Dauphin Island Sea Lab**

*Executive Committee Telephone Conference  
August 11, 2015*

In attendance: Executive Committee Chair -Dr. Tony Walrop (USA), Dr. John Valentine – Secretary (DISL), Dr. Jay Gogue (AU), Dr. S. Bell (UA), Dr. John Stewart (UM), Mr. David England and Ms. Lori Angelo (DISL).

Absent Members – Dr. Jack Hawkins (TU)

After a roll call of conference attendees, President Tony Waldrop, Executive Committee Chair welcomed the group and brought the meeting to order then turned the attention to the first agenda item, approval of January 28, 2015 minutes. Dr. Jay Gogue made a motion from the floor for approval, Dr. Bell seconded the motion and the minutes were approved and adopted.

Having no old business or action items to discuss, President Waldrop moved to the second item on the agenda; Review and Approval of FY 2015-2016 Budget and asked that Dr. Valentine give a brief overview of the proposed budget. During the discussion, Dr. Valentine requested that a 3% merit raise be given in January should finances allow. The board voted to adopt the FY2015/16 budget and to allow a 3% raise pending the availability of finances. (Dr. Jay Gogue motioned, Bell seconded).

Dr. Valentine then gave the DISL Director report the board which included the following: MESC Summer Programs and DHP Performance, which were both favorable. Dr. Valentine called to the group's attention, the increase of UP enrollment since 2012. Dr. Valentine continued to report the completion of the DISL 2014 State Audit Results with no findings. Dr. Valentine gave a status update on ongoing and completed campus additions, and gave an overview of planned projects for 2015.

In the director's report, Dr. Valentine also gave updated information regarding the pending MESC Center of Excellence Proposal with Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council, (RESTORE ACT) and an update of the completion of the Draft Strategic Plan.

The last item which required a vote by the board was to adopt the Graduate Tuition Return. The MOU outlined the sharing of revenue generated from graduate course tuition according to a 75-25 percent rate between USA Faculty and DISL. President Waldrop abstained from the vote; a motion to adopt the MOU was made by Dr. Bell and seconded by Dr. Stewart, the motion was approved and adopted. The meeting was adjourned.