



MEMORANDUM

TO: President Edward T. Foote II

FROM: *SG* Steven Green *S. Green*  
Chair, Faculty Senate

DATE: January 14, 1999

SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Legislation #98003 (B) –Approval of the Name  
for the National Center for Atlantic and Caribbean Reef Research

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*Stan,*  
*Dom,*  
*Thanks.*

*SG*

The Faculty Senate, at its meeting on November 28, 1998, voted to approve the name for the National Center for Atlantic and Caribbean Reef Research for the duration of it being self-supporting. The Center will have no teaching or programmatic responsibilities and will require no set up funds from the University. The aim is to bring together institutions that have coral reef researchers doing independent work into a common focus.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

SG/b

cc: Provost Luis Glaser  
Dean Otis Brown, RSMAS  
Professor Samuel Snedaker

CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #98003(B) – Approval of the Name for the “National Center for Atlantic and Caribbean Reef Research”

Rosenstiel School received \$800,000 from the EPA to establish a National Center for Atlantic and Caribbean Reef Research. The aim is to bring together institutions that have coral reef researchers doing independent work into a common focus. The Center will have no teaching or programmatic responsibilities.

RESPONSE BY THE PRESIDENT: Approved DATE: 2/25/99

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: Provost

APPROVED: Yes [Signature]

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: \_\_\_\_\_

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): \_\_\_\_\_



MEMORANDUM  
6 November 1998

TO: Dr. Steve Green, Chair, Faculty Senate  
COPY: Barbara Hoadley, Secretary, Faculty Senate  
FROM: Dr. Sam Snedaker, Chair, RSMAS/MBF  
SUBJECT: National Center for Atlantic and Caribbean Reef Research

I request that the enclosed proposal to create a new National Center for Atlantic and Caribbean Reef Research be placed on the 23 November 1998 agenda for approval by the Faculty Senate.

The Center is to be established for research coordination only. It will neither offer an academic degree nor teach courses, or have any academic responsibilities involving curricula.

The proposal has been approved by the full faculty of the Division of Marine Biology and Fisheries, the Rosenstiel School Council, and the Dean of the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science.

*Samuel C. Snedaker*

# **National Center for Atlantic and Caribbean Coral Reef Research**

A Proposal to the Faculty Senate from the:  
Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science  
University of Miami

## **Mission**

The principal mission of the National Center for Atlantic and Caribbean Reef Research is to foster and promote scientific research on the coral reef systems of the western Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea through regional inter-institutional collaboration.

## **Center Objectives**

The Center will organize and sponsor scientific workshops and conferences, support the doctoral research of graduate students, provide research and learning opportunities for undergraduates, fund a core program in coral reef research, and increase the public visibility of coral reef research at the University of Miami. The Center does not plan to develop an academic degree-granting program or teach courses.

## **Background**

Coral reef research has historically been a major theme within the Rosenstiel School and has involved individual scientists in the School's divisions of Marine Biology and Fisheries, and Marine Geology and Geophysics. Heretofore, the research, which has been supported by extramural funding from a variety of sources, has been conducted by principal investigators working alone or in loose collaboration with other faculty at the University of Miami and other universities. With funding in the amount of \$800,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, an opportunity is presented for creating a formal Center to integrate individual initiatives, develop relevant research themes, foster inter-institutional collaboration, and promote basic and applied research on the coral reefs of the region.

## **Staffing**

The Center will consist of a Scientific Director (TBA) holding the academic rank of Associate or Full Professor, a Post-Doctoral Associate (TBA), and an Advisory Committee consisting of University of Miami members and a smaller number of members from outside the University of Miami. The University of Miami members will predominantly consist of faculty from the Division of Marine Biology and Fisheries, the Division of Marine Geology and Geophysics, the Department of Biology in the College of Arts of Sciences, and departments within the University of Miami Medical School. Administrative support for the Center will be provided by the Division of Marine Biology and Fisheries.