



# **MEMORANDUM**

To: Donna E. Shalala, President

From: Mary Coombs

Chair, Faculty Senate

**Date:** April 8, 2004

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2003-22(B) – Establishment of the Pew Institute for

Ocean Science

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The Faculty Senate, at its March 31, 2004 meeting, voted unanimously to approve the establishment of the Pew Institute for Ocean Science at the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. The proposal is enclosed for your reference.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

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cc: Luis Glaser, Executive Vice President and Provost

Otis Brown, Dean, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science

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# PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE

APPROVED: DATE: 4/22/04  (President's Signature)
OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: 13 rown / Brown /
EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION:
(if other than June 1 next following)
NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO:
REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED):

# MEMORANDUM

TO:

**Mary Coombs** 

Chair, Faculty Senate

FROM:

Otis B. Brown, Dean

DATE:

January 20, 2004

SUBJECT: Pew Institute for Ocean Science

This memo is in support of the appended materials for the "naming" of the new sponsored research center at the Rosenstiel School, the *Pew Institute for Ocean Science*.

- 1.) Institute Staff: all staff are supported by extramural sources. The staff and research program (budget) is limited by the level of extramural support, so while the budget is flexible, it is constrained by resource availability.
- 2.) Library Collections: there is no impact on Library collections, either at the School or University level.
- 3.) Approval: The Rosenstiel School Council has recommended approval of the Center/Institute. I endorse the creation/naming of this center.
- 4.) Budget: As noted in 1.) above, since I approve each extramural support request, I approve the Institute's operating budget by default. Thus, I approve and endorse the operating budget for the Institute.

CC: Kimberly Litman, Faculty Senate Office

# CHARTER PEW INSTITUTE FOR OCEAN SCIENCE

#### Mission

The principle mission of the Pew Institute for Ocean Science is to undertake, sponsor and promote world-class scientific activity aimed at protecting the world's oceans and the species that inhabit them. The scientific role of the institute is to increase public understanding of the causes and consequences of problems affecting the marine environment. The conservation role is to promote solutions to these problems.

# Background

Over the past several years The Pew Charitable Trusts have initiated and maintained a variety of projects to advance marine science and research on issues of particular relevance to the protection and management of marine life. The Trusts' focus has been not only to develop high quality research projects on critical issues, but also to disseminate the results of such research in ways that reach beyond the highly specialized scientific audience. With this in mind, The Pew Charitable Trusts established the Pew Institute for Ocean Science to build on and expand the Trusts' marine science efforts, making a major scientific contribution to the essential task of protecting the world's living marine resources.

## **Center Objectives**

The Pew Institute for Ocean Science will fulfill its mission by conducting and sponsoring groundbreaking interdisciplinary scientific, economic, and policy research and analysis to support conservation and restoration of marine ecosystems and highly threatened marine fish populations. The institute will provide science-based solutions that are urgently needed to guide policymakers and the general public to make better-informed and more effective choices for ocean conservation. The institute will provide selective technical assistance and scientific support for marine conservation efforts and will also manage the Pew Fellows Program in Marine Conservation, the most prestigious marine fellows program in the world.

### Composition

The Institute's staff will consist of the following positions, the Executive Director, Board of Advisors, Pew Fellows, visiting scientists, and administrative and technical/scientific staff. The Institute's Executive Director is a University of Miami faculty member appointed by the Dean of the Rosenstiel School. Institute technical/scientific staff may include faculty, advanced technical or scientific staff positions, post-doctoral research associates, senior research associates, and senior scientists.

The Board of Advisors is a group of pre-eminent marine biologists, economists, ecologists and experts in other disciplines with relevant experience vital to helping the institute meet its objectives. Members of the board will provide advice on Institute activities. The Executive Director will Chair the Board. The Dean of the Rosenstiel School will be an *ex-officio*, voting member of the Board.

Fellows will be selected by an international, external advisory committee on an annual basis (approximately five *p.a.*). The Fellows are collectively known as the *Pew Fellows in Marine Conservation*.

Visiting scientists will be appointed through extant University appointment mechanisms. University of Miami faculty may participate in the Institute's activities and programs with the concurrence of the Executive Director.

# Sponsorship

The Institute is a "sponsored center", with the purpose of coordinating and promoting research, conferences, seminars, workshops, *etc.* in ocean science and conservation. The *Pew Charitable Trusts*, other philanthropic organizations, corporations and private individuals and various granting institutions will provide extramural support of the Institute.