



MEMORANDUM

To: Donna E. Shalala
President

From: Stephen Sapp
Chair, Faculty Senate

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Sapp".

Date: October 30, 2008

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2008-09(B) – Disestablishment of the Pew Institute for Ocean Science

On October 29, 2008, the Faculty Senate voted to disestablish the Pew Institute for Ocean Science as requested by the dean of the Rosenstiel School. This Institute was initially established through Faculty Senate Legislation #2003-22 at the March 31, 2004, meeting.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

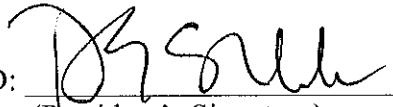
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Enclosure (background documents)

cc: ✓ Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost
✓ Otis Brown, Dean, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Studies

Faculty Senate Legislation #2008-09(B) – Disestablishment of the Pew Institute for Ocean Science

PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE

APPROVED:  DATE: Nov 3 2008
(President's Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: DEAN OTIS BROWN

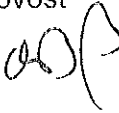
EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: December 31, 2008
(if other than June 1 next following)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____



MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomas LeBlanc, Provost
FROM: Otis B. Brown, Dean 
DATE: October 9, 2008

Pursuant to the memo from The PEW Charitable Trusts, dated April 25, 2008 (enclosed), the Rosenstiel School requests the formal disestablishment of the PEW institute, effective December 31, 2008.

Please contact me if any additional information is requested.



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April 25, 2008

Dr. Otis Brown, Dean
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Dear Dean Brown:

I am writing to follow up with you on the recent phone conversation you had with Margaret Bowman and Ellen Pikitch describing our plans for the Pew Institute for Ocean Science (PIOS) and the Pew Fellows Program. As you know, these programs have been supported by the Pew Charitable Trusts at the University of Miami since 2003. Over the years, this collaboration has proved to be a valuable arrangement for the Trusts and, we hope you agree, for the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science as well. The Rosenstiel School has provided strong institutional support for these two valuable programs and has greatly enhanced their academic standing amongst marine science institutions.

As you may know, in 2004 Pew changed its legal status from a foundation to a public charity. This has resulted in a series of fundamental institutional changes over the past four years. Nowhere has this been more evidenced than in the environmental work of the Trusts. First and foremost, the Pew Environment Group is an environmental policy group which specializes in the design and operation of campaigns aimed at strengthening environmental policy at the regional, federal and international levels of government. The Group currently consists of over 130 staff working on four continents, and directly operates the great majority of campaigns and large-scale initiatives in which we are engaged.

Our rapid transformation from a foundation to a policy advocacy group has prompted us to reassess the goals and objectives of our marine science programs. As a result, we have submitted two restructuring proposals for consideration by the Pew board of directors in June. The first would transfer operation of the Pew Fellows Program to Pew. The second would transfer core research components of PIOS to an institute at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

As Margaret and Ellen discussed with you, the decisions described in this letter were pragmatically based on Pew's institutional changes and have nothing to do with the excellent work performed by the University of Miami or PIOS. Accordingly, I want you to know that Pew is committed to making this transition as smooth as possible for all parties involved.

The Pew board has not yet acted, and nothing is decided until that occurs. If the board approves these two proposals, it is expected that PIOS would remain open at the University of Miami until the end of December 2008, and will conduct the majority of its currently planned activities,

Dr. Otis Brown, Dean

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including the November 2008 Pew Fellows in Marine Conservation Annual Meeting. The Stony Brook Institute for Ocean Science would be established on July 1, 2008, which will enable a six month period to ensure a smooth transition between the two institutions.

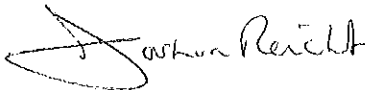
The terms of the current grant agreements between the University of Miami and Pew remain in place, and it is Pew's intention to honor the commitments in that agreement through the end of December 2008. This includes providing funding for PIOS staff at the University of Miami. Funds are included in the grant budget for staff support through September 30, 2008. Ellen Pikitch and I expect that it will be possible to adjust the budget allocations so that support will be available for any staff member who wishes to remain at the University of Miami through December 31, 2008.

As you know, the grant agreement between Pew and the University of Miami provides operational funding for PIOS for one year (October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008). In addition, it includes three years of funds for the University of Miami to provide fellowship subgrants to the 2008 class of five Pew Fellows (October 2007 to September 2010). Once the Pew board has made its decision in June, it is Pew's intention to work with the University of Miami to transfer all existing Pew Fellows subgrants from the University to Pew and to facilitate the transfer of other (non-Pew) grants, contracts, and other financial support provided to the Pew Institute for Ocean Science to the Stony Brook Institute for Ocean Science.

In early July, we would like to meet with you or someone you designate on your staff to develop a transition agreement to ensure that these changes occur smoothly and the needs of the Trusts, the University of Miami and Stony Brook are adequately addressed.

Dean Brown, Pew has enjoyed its relationship with the University of Miami, the Rosenstiel School and with you over the past four years. I trust that you can appreciate the challenges we face in changing the way Pew conducts its environmental work, especially in trying to make those changes prudently so that we can maintain the valuable relationships we've developed with so many institutions over the years. If you have any questions as the process goes forward, please don't hesitate to call me or anyone on our staff.

Sincerely yours,



Joshua S. Reichert
Managing Director, Pew Environment Group

cc: Ellen Pickitch