

**Report of the Science Council
Corporation Meeting of the Marine Biological Laboratory
August 8, 2003**

Members of Science Council:

Chuck Hopkinson
Paul De Weer
Peter Smith
Leah Haimo
Peter Armstrong
Janis Weeks
Jelle Atema
Scott Fraser
Steve Hajduk
Robert Palazzo, Chair

Members represent summer science, year round research, members at large, BUMP and education. Council members previously served two years. Board of Trustees approved extension of SC service from two-three years.

Council Duties:

- 1) Review Committee Reports
- 2) Review Centers and Programs
- 3) Review and recommend appointments and promotions
- 4) Review applications for corporation membership
- 5) Recommend Scientific Trustees to the Board

2002-2003 Activities:

- 1) Elected a Chair of Council
- 2) Review of Appointments and Promotions:
 - a) Appointment of 10 corporation members
 - b) Reappointment of 1 Adjunct Scientist
 - i. Appointment of 2 Adjunct Scientists under review
 - ii. Reappointment of an additional 2 Adjunct Scientists under review
 - c) Appointment of 4 Assistant Scientists
 - d) Appointment of 1 Senior Scientist
 - e) Promotion of 3 Associate Scientists to Senior Scientists
 - f) Appointment of 2 Staff Scientists
 - g) Appointment of Research Specialist

- 3) Completed a review of the Marine Resources Center.
 - a) Report discussed extensively with the Director
 - b) Report delivered to Board of Trustees
 - c) Recommendations and Actions
 - i. Establish External Advisory Committee to advise MRC on future development
 1. Science Council Member Paul De Weer to Chair Committee
 - ii. Appoint new personnel to manage service component of MRC
 1. Scott Lindell appointed.
 - iii. Review MRC again in three years rather than typical five
- 4) Recommended that “All formal educational courses offered at MBL be subject to review by Education Committee”. This includes undergraduate and graduate courses and all affiliated education programs.
 - a) This is now practice.
- 5) Review Policies and Guidelines for all appointments and promotions
 - a) Chuck Hopkinson, Chair of Committee
 - i. Strengthen mechanisms and outline expected criteria for review of all scientific promotions (Special thanks to Jelle Atema)
 - ii. Modify and clarify policy on all scientific appointments
 1. Guidelines and recommendations for modifications passed to MBL-Director, Center and Program Directors for review and comment

- 6) Long Range Plan
 - a) Science Council Members involved in various committees of Long Range Planning Process
 - b) Science Council Chair served as Co-Chair of Governance Committee
 - c) Urged establishment of roughly \$20 million endowment for salary support of year round scientists
 - d) Approved pursuit of joint graduate program with Brown University
 - e) Encouraged pursuit of graduate program development with Boston University
 - f) Urged discussions to establish a Center for Cell Dynamics and identify potential Director
 - g) Urged establishment of Whitman Center
 - i. Approved Bob Goldman as interim Director
 - ii. Urged Whitman renovation plan, long sought-after priority of Science Council
 - h) Reviewed proposals and recommended establishment of following summer and year round programs and projects
 - i. Dart Foundation Fellowships in learning and memory discussed and established
 1. Relationship to Neuroscience Programs under discussion
 - ii. Grass Institute for Neuroscience
 1. Grass Faculty fellowships established
 - iii. Comparative Hematology and Innate Immunity Cluster
 - iv. Clam cluster EST database project
 1. Funding identified and obtained
 2. Project initiated
 - v. Neuroimaging cluster
 1. Renovations initiated
 2. Key equipment obtained
- 7) Searches for directorship of various courses discussed. Directors identified for the following courses.
 - a) Microbial Diversity.
 - b) Computational Neurosciences
 - c) Biology of Aging (still under discussion)
 - d) Physiology (still under discussion)
- 8) Established Science Council Election committee

Respectfully Submitted,
 Robert E. Palazzo, Chair