



**Minutes**  
**Diving and Boating Safety Committee**  
**March 14, 2017**

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**Members Present:** Dale Gawlik, Ph.D., Chair, Program Director & Professor, Dept. of Biological Sciences  
Gabriel Alsenas, Director, Core Facilities  
Robert Coulson, Research Programs Coordinator, SeaTech Research Center  
David Muncher, Diving & Boating Safety Officer, EH&S  
James Nelson, Dive Safety Officer, HBOI  
Gary Rose, M.D., Associate Professor, Medicine  
Jeanette Wyneken, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Biological Sciences

**Members Absent:** Joshua Voss, Ph.D., Assistant Research Professor, HBOI  
Matthew Ajemian, Ph.D., Assistant Research Professor, HBOI

**Division of Research/ Ad Hoc Consult:** Jack Ludin, J.D., LL.M., Deputy General Counsel

**Committee facilitators:** Elisa Gaucher, M.B.A., Assistant Vice President for Research Integrity  
Judith Martinez, M.Ed., Coordinator, Research Integrity

Start Time: 2:04PM

Adjourned: 2:54PM

• **Introduction and Welcome**

- Members who have not yet submitted them were asked to sign and return CDA's

• **Committee member COI disclosure with agenda items**

N/A

• **Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

- Motion made and seconded to move and approve the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as presented.  
(8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained)

• **Old Business**

- Review of the revised Charter incorporating comments and edits submitted by the committee
  - Assistant VP for Research Integrity questioned DBSO regarding title online. DBSO agreed "Diving Boating Coordinator" is acceptable for the Charter
  - Motion to recommend the revised DBSC Charter to the VPR for final approval and signature.  
(8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained)

➤ Motor Boat Operator Certification Course

- Discussion of offering course locally on the SeaTech campus to relieve time commitment and lodging issues for students taking the course commuting to HBOI. Issues with SeaTech campus involve the need to transport a boat from HBOI as SeaTech's boats would not be accommodating to the needs of the course. Discussion that the time and efforts involved to transport the 26ft. required boat from HBOI to SeaTech outweighs the inconvenience to students to make the drive up to HBOI and it will be preferable for the time being to maintain the course on the HBOI campus.
- Approximately 10 students per year are currently certified as boat operators
- The MOCC involves 1 classroom session plus 2 hands on training days
- Consideration of training more instructors to yield a bigger class. Because MOCC is a national organization, external instructors may be called upon to teach at FAU
- Online portion of training has no cap on the amount of students that it can allow. Individualized attention is provided to each student in the hands on portion of the course which requires a 3:1 student to instructor ratio. Large class can be broken up into groups of 3's to administer the hands on part of the course by these standards. Length of time for the hands on portion is dependent on the students' ability to master the necessary skills throughout the course of a day.
- Budget for boat course includes the boat fuel (approximately \$30-\$40) and costs of maintenance and boat repair as needed.
- Priority for training will be given to new motorboat operators, with existing operators included as space allows.
- Concerns regarding lodging costs for students (3 days) and instructors (~5 days), considerations of corporate sponsorships to provide for these costs
- Request for a detailed outline of the boat-training course to include the schedule, hours, classes, who course is applicable to etc.

**Motion made and seconded to have a trial period of the DOI Motorboat Operator Certification Course. After one year, the committee will evaluate costs, student feedback and participation, need for additional course offerings, and other aspects to determine whether to implement the course permanently. Effective March 14, 2017, the DBSC has approved a motion to adopt the DOI-MOCC training contingent on an approved implementation and transition plan.**

• New Business

N/A

• Other Business:

➤ Incident reporting

- DBSO inquired about what the committee wants to be informed of regarding incidents as well as what constitutes a boating incident or reportable incident. This can be included at meetings for informational purposes only. No action required.