Executive and Management Meeting at FIU

February 22\textsuperscript{nd}, 2007

\textbf{Present}
Jim Fourqurean, FIU
John Yancey, NPS
Peter Swart, UM
William Perry, NPS
Carol Daniels, NPS
Jerry Lorenz, Audubon

\textbf{By Phone}
Sheryl Kunickis
Richard Dodge, NOVA
Ken Rice, USGS
Frank Mazzotti, UF

1- Minutes of the last meeting, November 29\textsuperscript{th}, 2007 were approved.

2- A discussion was held regarding the ACOE. Vicksburg is the research arm of the ACOE and is currently in the process of joining the SFC CESU.

3- Funding from NPS. Carol Daniels reported that funding through NPS was approximately similar to last year. CESI awards have just been approved. Letters of declination do not get sent to persons not being awarded grants. Perry will look into NPS sending declination letters (Action Item).

4- Discussion was held regarding funding awarded by other CESU partners. The University of Miami at present has no way of knowing what funding is coming through the CESU from other federal agencies. We would like the contacts at the agencies to send on an annual basis the amounts of funds allocated. This information is important as it maintains support for the CESUs within the schools.

5- A discussion of process of allowing members to join the SFC CESU was held. Yancey applauded the SFC CESU for trying to develop rigorous but fair standards. It is clear that not everyone can be allowed to join the CESU. At the present time a new applicant must be supported by at least one federal partner. If after preliminary discussion by the management committee an application is considered of interest, then the applicant will be invited to attend a meeting of the management committee to present their case for admission into the SFC CESU. There must be a quorum of members present. A quorum is defined as being 50\% plus one of the management committee.

6- Dr. Swart reported that after the last management committee meeting he had circulated the presentations of the two applicant universities/NGOs, FIT and IRC in order to obtain
feedback. No feedback had been obtained and therefore he is proceeding to have these universities/NGOs join the SFC CESU.

7- Sheryl Kunickis has been added to the management committee.

8- Revisions will be made to the Strategic plan reflecting the enlarged SFC CESU.

9- Dr Swart will attempt to develop an annual work plan. Dr. Swart pointed out that the SFC CESU does not receive any funds to support this activity. Neither is there a clear picture on a year to year basis what opportunities there are within the federal partners.

10- John Yancey mentioned that some agencies were posting opportunities on Grants.gov. NPS and NRCS are still working under the old rules.

11- The meeting concluded at 16:00 pm.