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**Subject:** Please review before Thursday's Meeting  
**Attachments:** Reed SLP SOS Full FY2020.pdf; RE: Sightseer Marine HBOIF  
**Importance:** High

Dear Board Members,

Please do not REPLY ALL. If you have any questions prior to Thursday's meeting, please call me directly.

As you will note from the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, we find ourselves with residual spendable (due to the New Faculty Hire Grant not using funds as anticipated in FY19 – these will be used in FY20). Original we thought we would have a possible **-\$16,000** spendable at year end. Now, we are tracking an available residual is **\$660,000**. While we will may be needing some of those funds for administrative purposes (to be discussed further and subject to the approval of the Finance Committee Report), I recommend use of some of the residual spendable as follows:

1. To fund an Save Our Seas grant proposal which was not able to be funded. This was largely because there was \$2,045,674 in requested proposal funding for \$705,839 in available funds for the FY20 Funding Round. The start of this work was funded previously and it should be continued: ***Preservation of Historical Johnson-Sea-Link Submersible Videotapes and Data for Research, Conservation, and Education***. See the proposal attached. \$89,989
2. To fund the purchase of a **36 passenger Pontoon Boat** for Harbor Branch for the purpose of supporting the HBOI Ocean Discovery Visitors Center Indian River Research Boat Tours (<http://www.fau.edu/hboi/community/immersiontours.php>). The ODVC has contracted with a local vendor to provide these tours. There may be issues that will prevent them from engaging with this vendor in the next season and other vendors with close proximity are unavailable. In addition to providing a high impact, highly visible opportunity to support the very popular tours, the boat can be wrapped with our license plate information as SLP plate marketing and Harbor Branch can use this for visits from elected officials, student recruitment, and development efforts. I am waiting for an estimate from a vendor recommended to us by Salty Dog Marine who was recommended to us by Vero Marine. Attached please find my email for more information. In addition, I have discussed this with Jim Sullivan, Patrick Boles, and Dr. Gabby Barbarite – they appreciate the idea and are exploring potential approvals and implications (insurance, maintenance, etc.) on their end with receiving a boat. \$Price TBD

These opportunities have come up since the April 18 Board Meeting and I realize this is not only out of process and protocol for us but also is out of the box thinking. But it is nimble! I look forward to discussing this at the Board Meeting.

Katha

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