


# Investigate the feasibility of a more flexible UNOLS

- Background: dwindling demand/funding for research vessels suggests the need for creative approaches to funding and applications
- At the fall meeting an ad hoc committee was formed:
  - John Diebold
  - Nancy Rabalais
  - Mary Jane Perry
  - Stan Winslow
  - Dennis Nixon can contribute.
  - Agency reps.

- **The Consortium for Ocean Leadership formed a parallel “Working Group to Develop Future Funding Models for New Ships”**

“The Working Group to Develop Future Funding Models for New Ships shall review existing models to fund and support the academic research fleet and shall develop alternative approaches that can be prioritized and recommended to the Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel (ORRAP). The Working Group shall conduct its review in the context of recent studies of the research fleet by the National Research Council, the University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System, and the Federal Oceanographic Facilities Committee.”

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- Membership:
    - Mark Abbott, Chair
    - Vernon Asper
    - Susan Avery
    - Rob Dunbar
    - David Farmer
    - Steve Lohrenz
    - Shirley Pomponi
    - Nancy Rabalais
    - Jon Alberts (tentative ex-officio)

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- Suggestion: Abandon our ad hoc committee and provide full support and endorsement to the COL effort
  - Comments?