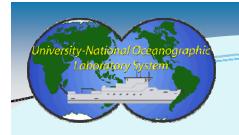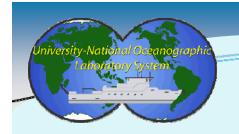The Fleet Improvement Committee recommends that The FIC and Council establish recommendations for fleet size and composition based on consideration of key parameters and variables identified below.

Motion Regarding Fleet Planning

1) Parameters: UNOLS (FIC and Council) should work with the Agency Representatives to assemble data on:

- Fiscal operational constraints (projected annual operation budgets),

- Research initiatives and geographic areas of interest,

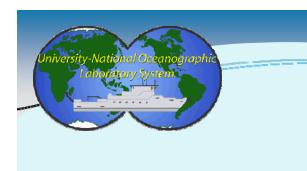- A realistic projection of ship demand across classes

Motion Regarding Fleet Planning

2) Evaluate the variables that make up the current and future fleet composition, including:

- Current and planned fleet capabilities
- Operating range and home ports
- Role of UNOLS in setting Safety Standards
- Operational Costs
- Ship Condition
- Service Life End dates

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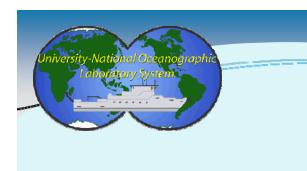
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Strategy for carrying out Fleet Planning activities:

1) Collect data and statistics (Agencies and UNOLS Office)

2) Hold a series of Web/Phone Conferences to formulate recommendations

3) If needed – hold a 2-Day workshop of the FIC, Council, and Agency representatives to finalize the recommendations.

4) Time frame: First Phone meeting – Jan 2012

FIC Response to the COL Working Group Report

- A motion was made and passed to:
  - Hold phone meetings to review the COL Working Group Report recommendations and to formulate a response.
  - Upon completion, forward the FIC response to the UNOLS Council.

Early Career Scientist – Cruise Training Program

- A motion was made and passed in favor of establishing a 3 year pilot program for an Early Career Scientist – Chief Scientist Training Opportunity with one cruise training cruise per year. The program would be modeled after this year's cruise training program.

- Clare Reimers will be the lead PI on this program. She will work with NSF to determine program feasibility and ship/cruise options.