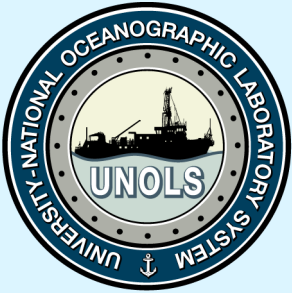


UNOLS Charter: Review of Standing Committees

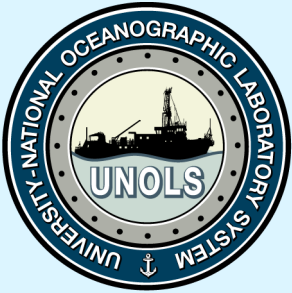
- **g.) Committees:** Committees are established for such special purposes as decided by the UNOLS Council. These Committees address issues as set out in their terms of reference. ... Permanent or standing committees shall be established by vote of UNOLS members, and then formed by the UNOLS Chair in consultation with the UNOLS Council. ... Terms of reference for permanent or standing Committees are adopted as annexes to the Charter.

UNOLS Committees shall remain in effect for no longer than three years, after which time they shall be dissolved unless they are reaffirmed by the UNOLS Council. The Council shall review all Committee's terms of reference and activities as a basis for affirmation, change or dissolution.



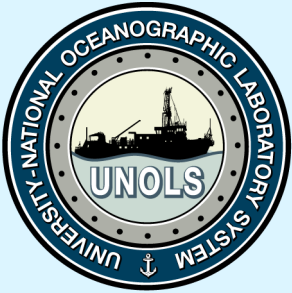
Ocean Observing Science Committee (OOSC) Terms of Reference

- **2. PURPOSE** - The Ocean Observing Science Committee, (OOSC), is charged with providing advice and guidance on decisions and plans from the science users' perspective related to NSF observing infrastructure. The OOSC will be an essential element in the process of communicating the science user perspective to the National Science Foundation and to the program teams involved in operating ocean observatories.



Ocean Observing Science Committee (OOSC) Terms of Reference – Annex X

- 4. SPECIFIC TASKS
 - a. **Provide advice on decisions and plans from the science perspective related to NSF ocean observatories** (MARS, ALOHA, HOTS, BATS, OOI, and others) and ocean observing support systems. These may include the US Academic Research Fleet, AUV/ROVs, and other unmanned systems such as gliders. The OOSC will not review proposals, but rather provide a research community perspective on the strategic, tactical and prioritization issues that program teams and agencies are addressing for the portfolio of ocean observatories.
 - b. **Represent science user perspectives.** The OOSC will provide through the UNOLS process, the science user perspective to the program teams and the federal agencies that are operating ocean observatories. The OOSC will develop a process and structure for effectively representing the community who use or who have interest in NSF ocean observatories and supporting systems.



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- 4. SPECIFIC TASKS (continued)
- c. **Provide technical advice.** The OOSC will be requested by NSF to review technical decisions and trade off analyses to inform decisions and provide advice as needed. This may require establishing subcommittees.
- d. **Program Reviews.** NSF will conduct periodic performance reviews of the OOI program using personnel not associated with the OOI Program Team. The OOSC will be requested by NSF to observe (1-2 OOSC members) these reviews and provide science users perspectives.
- e. **Evaluate best practices across ocean observatories.** The OOSC will identify and disseminate best practices for ocean observatories across both technical and managerial regimes.
- f. **Reporting.** Reports of activities shall be made to the UNOLS membership on at least an annual basis and to the UNOLS Council at regularly scheduled Council meetings.



Ocean Observing Science Committee (OOSC) Membership

- Larry Atkinson, ODU (Chair) – Now Chair of OOIFB
- Emmanuel Boss, U. Maine
- Suzanne Carbotte, LDEO – Now on FIC
- SteveDiMarco, TAMU
- Mary Jo Richardson, TAMU
- Ruoying He, NCSU – OOIFB member
- Raphael Kudela, UCSC – Also on SCOAR