

ACADEMIC FLEET REVIEW

1. The UNOLS system should be retained.
2. Respond to management issues in fleet operation and continue to improve the capability, productivity, and quality of fleet operations...
3. The funding agencies and UNOLS need to support fleet improvements by enhancing quality control, expanding training of personnel in technical and safety procedures, and developing even higher standards for shared use of facilities.
4. There is a need for a strong, continuing program of new technology introduction; improvement of facilities; greater, continuing attention to quality control and safety; and a more systematic, standard approach to maintenance, renovation, upgrade and replacement.
5. Consider a trial, which includes commercial operators to provide unique capabilities not otherwise available.
6. Periodically compete the UNOLS office and use a cooperative agreement to ensure necessary management oversight.
7. Accelerate efforts within the community to articulate a broadly based vision for the future of ocean science and technology requirements.
8. Prepare and maintain a long-range plan for the modernization and composition of the oceanographic research fleet...to provide Congress with a unified roadmap...