U.S. Advisory Committee for
Scientific Ocean Drilling (USAC)
January 28-30, 2020
Galveston, TX

Draft Agenda

Monday, January 27 (9 AM – 5 PM)

Schlanger Fellowship Review Session

Tuesday, January 28 (9 AM – 5 PM)

I. Welcome and Introductions
   A. Welcome, introductions, rules of engagement, logistics (Torres, Labonté, Spencer)
   B. Approval of agenda, review of meeting goals, and action items from last meeting (Torres)

II. Status Updates and Reports
   A. Report from NSF (Allan)
   B. Report from Science Evaluation Panel and MSROC (Gulick, remotely)
   C. Report from JRSO (Clement)
   D. Report from JRFB (Neal)

III. Reports from USSSP
   A. Overview, shipboard staffing, next NSF/USSSP cooperative agreement, other items (Brenner)
   B. Science Report (Slagle)
   C. Education and Outreach (Cooper, Kurtz)

IV. Update and Discussion on Science Framework Development (Koppers, remotely)

   [Cocktails and group dinner]
**Wednesday, January 29 (9 AM – 5 PM)**

V. *NSF Presentation on IODP-related Proposals*
   A. General trends in funding rates (if allowed to share)
      1. Proposals during moratorium periods
      2. Proposals for collection of site characterization data
   B. NSF strategies for handling of interdisciplinary proposals

VI. *Breakout Sessions*
   A. Education & Outreach Subcommittee – joidesresolution.org updates; diversity initiatives; review of Exp 385 JR Academy and onboard outreach activities; E&O workshop recommendations
   B. Workshops, Pre-Drilling Activities and Nominations Subcommittee – proposal reviews; other business
   C. Staffing Subcommittee – review of Exp 386 special call application; wrap-up of Exp 392 staffing review (if needed); other business

VII. *Reports and Full Discussion of Breakout Group Activities*

VIII. *Planning for U.S. Activities Beyond 2024* (Torres)
   A. Potential for a drilling hiatus or period of reduced drilling activity
   B. Encouraging continued use of ocean drilling data
   C. Soliciting community ideas for workshops and syntheses
   D. Partnerships with other science programs

IX. *AGU Activities Report – Town Hall, Booth, Mentoring, and Other Activities* (Brenner)

**Thursday, January 30 (9AM – ?)**

X. *Schlanger Fellowship Recommendations* (Torres)

XI. *Diversity in IODP* (Torres, Cooper, Kurtz)
XII. *USAC Executive Session / Action and Consensus Items*

XIII. *Other Business*

XIV. *Next Meetings*
   A. Summer 2020 (AMNH – July 28-30, 2020)
   B. Winter 2021 (Location and date TBD)