

**U.S. Advisory Committee for
Scientific Ocean Drilling (USAC)
Agenda**

January 26-29, 2021
Somewhere in Cyberspace

[There are two main sections to the meeting. Part 1 focuses on current status, while Part 2 is oriented toward plans for the future. Each day starts with 15 minutes of coffee and socializing – meeting room will “open” at 11:45 AM Eastern.]

Part 1: Current Status

Tuesday, January 26, Noon Eastern

Module 1 (up to 2 hours, including questions): Welcome, Introductions, Community Reports

- A. Welcome, introductions, logistics (10 minutes; Torres, USSSP)
- B. Approval of agenda & review of meeting goals (10 minutes; Torres)
- C. Report from NSF (20 minutes; Allan)
- D. Report from Science Evaluation Panel (20 minutes; Christeson)
- E. Report from JRSO (20 minutes; Clement)
- F. Report from JRFB (20 minutes; Neal)

[15-20 minute break]

Module 2: (up to 1.5 hours) USSSP Reports

- G. USSSP Overview (20 minutes; Brenner)
- H. USSSP Science Report (20 minutes; Slagle)
- I. USSSP E&O Report (30 minutes; Cooper, Cotterill)

[Optional Happy Hour]

Wednesday, January 27, Noon Eastern

Module 3: Breakout Reports (up to 2 hours)

- A. *Education & Outreach Subcommittee* (up to 1 hour) – Shorebased outreach officer plans; regular e-newsletter strategy; E&O workshop update; virtual School of Rock activities; longer term initiatives
- B. *Staffing Subcommittee* (up to 20 minutes) – Report on recently staffed expeditions; outcome of staffing diversity discussions with JRSO
- C. *Workshops, Nominations and PDAs Subcommittee* (up to 20 minutes) – Report on recent workshop proposal activity; recommendations on future workshop solicitations

[15-20 minute break]

Module 4: Novel Projects (USSSP, up to 1 hour)

- A. Goal of Novel Projects program
- B. Project types (Legacy data/samples, Outreach/Communication, Education, Other)
- C. Program design, Funding, and Review procedures
- D. Discussion

Part 2: New Directions

Module 5: Introduction to Planning for Future Scientific Ocean Drilling (Torres & USSSP, up to 1 hour)

- A. Big Picture: Recap of where we are now (Torres)
- B. Report on JRFB Working Group activities (Neal)
- C. Update on ECORD plan for MSPs (Torres)
- D. Implementation areas to be discussed in Part 2 (Torres)
 - 1) Outreach and diversity
 - 2) Virtual expeditions/databases
 - 3) 2050 Framework's Flagship Initiatives
 - 4) Funding initiatives

Thursday, January 28, Noon Eastern

Module 6: New Directions for Diversity (USSSP & Torres, up to 2 hours)

- A. Current (ongoing) and planned activities
- B. Diversity in shipboard staffing
- C. New directions
 - 1) Codifying diversity in SOD
 - 2) Strategies
 - a) Outreach to minority serving institutions, etc.
 - b) Guidance for workshop proponents
 - c) Other paths

[15-20 minute break]

Module 7: Virtual expeditions/databases (Torres, 1.5 hours)

- A. Status of current databases
- B. New directions and strategies
 - 1) Scope of virtual expeditions
 - 2) Using this platform to increase diversity
 - 3) Funding pathways

Friday, January 29, Noon Eastern

Module 8: Developing and/or Promoting New or Supplemental Funding Models for Scientific Ocean Drilling (USSSP & Torres, up to 1 hour)

- A. Current activities
- B. Future paths
 - 1) Outreach to Congress
 - 2) Exploring industry, corporate, and non-profit donor sources
 - 3) Encouraging synergies with other programs (ICDP, NASA, others)

- 4) Research Coordination Networks
- 5) Encouraging/supporting international scientists to work with their funding agencies

Module 9: Other Business, Action & Consensus Items, Next Meetings (up to 1.5 hours)

- A. Regular community outreach (letters, Town Halls, etc.)
- B. Other USAC business
- C. Action & consensus items
- D. Next meetings
 - 1) Summer 2021 (AMNH?)
 - 2) Winter 2022

[Optional Happy Hour]