

**Meeting Report of the
U.S. Advisory Committee for Scientific Ocean Drilling (USAC)**

31 January – 4 February 2022

Virtual Meeting

**U.S. Advisory Committee for
Scientific Ocean Drilling (USAC) Meeting
January 31 - February 4, 2022
Virtual Meeting - Roster**

Committee Members

Rebecca Robinson (Chair)	University of Rhode Island
Stefanie Brachfeld	Montclair State University
Stephanie Carr	Hartwick College
Bernard Coakley	University of Alaska Fairbanks
Justin Dodd	Northern Illinois University
Laura Guertin	Penn State Brandywine
Michael Gurnis	California Institute of Technology
Sidney Hemming	Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory
Priyank Jaiswal	Oklahoma State University
Cecilia McHugh	Queens College/SUNY
Mitch Schulte	NASA Headquarters
Geoff Wheat	Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute
Yige Zhang	Texas A&M University

Liaisons, Observers & Guests

Gary Acton	JRSO
Jamie Allan	NSF
Carl Brenner	USSSP – LDEO
Gail Christeson	SEP
Carol Cotterill	USSSP – LDEO
Sharon Cooper	USSSP – LDEO
Kevin Johnson	NSF
Lawrence Krissek	JRFB
Mitch Malone	JRSO
Clive Neal	FBP – WG
Katerina Petronotis	JRSO
Tim Reston	SEP
Angela Slagle	USSSP – LDEO
Debbie Smith	NSF
James Spencer	USSSP – LDEO

**Consensus Statements and Action Items:
USAC Winter Meeting 2022 (Virtual)**

Consensus Statement 2022.02-1: USAC applauds JRSO's resumption of full operations, including the reincorporation of scientists into the shipboard contingent. We offer particular thanks to JRSO and the ship operator for their efforts during the shipboard covid outbreak during Expedition 391.

Consensus Statement 2022.02-2: USAC applauds JRSO's implementation of new policies around gender identity and berthing.

Consensus Statement 2022.02-3: USAC thanks USSSP and the Science Communications Subcommittee for their work to create a visual brand for US scientific ocean drilling.

Consensus Statement 2022.02-4: USAC is encouraged by preliminary evidence of increased diversity in the pool of applicants to join expeditions.

Consensus Statement 2022.02-5: USAC thanks the IMPACT workshop steering committee and SERC for their efforts to implement, synthesize, and disseminate outcomes from their online workshops in 2021 and for their work planning the in-person workshop schedule for June 2022.

Consensus Statement 2022.02-6: USAC acknowledges and thanks the IMPACT workshop participants for their enthusiasm and level of engagement during the workshops.

Consensus Statement 2022.02-7: USAC thanks USSSP for organizing the winter USAC meeting and for seamlessly pivoting to online implementation as a result of the emergence of omicron.

Consensus Statement 2022.02-8: USAC applauds USSSP's continued efforts to connect with the scientific community in the face of the pandemic by hosting a booth and participating in sessions at the 2021 Fall AGU meeting.

Action Item 2022.02-1: USAC asks USSSP to tabulate available demographic information around race and ethnicity in staffing to investigate trends in diversity.

Action Item 2022.02-2: USAC encourages the Legacy Data Working Group to collaborate with the JRFB Virtual Expedition working group in their efforts to define the range of activities that could be considered virtual expeditions.

Action Item 2022.02-3: USAC encourages USSSP to implement a question that allows respondents to provide their pronouns where appropriate.

Action Item 2022.02-4: USAC encourages USSSP to implement a new gender identity data gathering question that includes a justification for collecting this information and simply asks respondents to fill in their gender without a list of predefined terms.