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Tentative Agenda
UNOLS COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, October 13, 2005, 8:30 am
National Science Foundation, Room 1235

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0800 Coffee and Pastries

0830 Call the Meeting: Peter Wiebe, UNOLS Chair, will call the meeting to order and provide an opportunity for introductions.

- **Accept the minutes of the July 2005 Council Meeting.**

0845 Budget Shortfall and Impact on Fleet Operations and Construction: Introduction by Peter Wiebe

- Status of Budget shortfall on Ship Scheduling for 2006 and beyond, as well as its Impact on Facility Construction Plans - Larry Clark
- NSF Response to UNOLS Recommendations regarding Budget Shortfall – Larry Clark
- The impact of budget shortfalls on NOAA and Navy ship time in 2006
 - NOAA – Beth White
 - Navy – John Freitag
- 2006 Fleet Operation Estimated Costs as compared to budget projections -Mike Prince and Rose Dufour
- Next Steps – Where do we go from here?
 - Evaluate need and timing of vessel retirements
 - NSF and other agency funding projections
 - Fleet scheduling in future years
 - Methods for reducing the time between proposal award and project scheduling
 - Fuel issues
 - Other

1015 Break

1030 Academic Fleet Renewal Activities and Plans:

- FOFC Fleet Renewal Plan Update – Beth White
- FIC Meeting Summary – Plans and Recommendations - Dave Hebert
 - Fleet Improvement Plan Update
 - Fleet Renewal Activities since the summer Council Meeting
- Federal Agency Plans for Academic Fleet Renewal Implementation:
 - Regional Class Acquisition – Acquisition Status, RFP for Operator and IPT –Mike Reeve, NSF and Pete Kilroy, NAVSEA
 - Ocean Class Acquisition –Next steps - John Freitag, ONR
- Other Facility Planning:
 - USCG Polar Class Icebreaker Science Operations, Service Life Extension Plans, and Major Issues – Simon Stephenson (OPP)
 - Deep Submergence Facilities, *Alvin* Replacement Status – Dolly Dieter
- Open Discussion and Identification of Fleet Renewal Issues that require Council Attention

1200 Lunch

1300 UNOLS Discussion Items:

UNOLS Office Review and Competition – A status report from the subcommittee of Peter Wiebe (Chair), Margo Edwards, and Wilf Gardner regarding UNOLS Office review and competition. Discuss possible Charter revision to reflect NSF's requirement for periodic review. (Peter Wiebe)

Establishment of a National Oceanographic Facility – Seismic Vessel – Marcia McNutt will review the subcommittee recommendations regarding the terms of reference and standing committee membership.

Establishing Safety Standards for the use of Human Occupied Vehicles - NSF has requested that DESSC form a subcommittee to establish safety standards for HOVs.

Review Draft UNOLS objectives, priorities and goals for 2005/2006 - Mike Prince

University of Delaware Preliminary Application for UNOLS Vessel Designation of *Hugh R. Sharp*
- Peter Wiebe

US Fish & Wildlife Service Importation Policy – Review issues that arose during summer cruise on R/V Ron Brown and determine what further actions are needed. – Peter Wiebe.

Marine Mammals and Acoustic Permitting Update – Mike Reeve, NSF

RVOC Safety Committee Membership and Safe Working Loads – Tim Askew

Status of BBSR plans to acquire *Seward Johnson II* from HBOI and retire the *Weatherbird II* – UNOLS Office

UNOLS STR/Scheduling Database - Mike Prince will provide brief status report on database project.

Discussion Item – Overall Perceptions on how requests for facility support may or may not impact proposal success - Peter Wiebe

Codes of Conduct - The Impact of Scientific Studies on the Environment - Cindy Van Dover

ADA Guidelines for Research Vessels - Peter Wiebe

Review the Status of Past Action Items – Peter Wiebe

Opportunity for Additional Reports:

- **Committee Reports** – Committee Chairs will have an opportunity to raise issues requiring Council attention. Full reports on their past year's committee activities and plans for the upcoming year should be provided at the Annual meeting.
- **Agency Representatives**
- **Council Members**

Other Business:

- Annual meeting - If needed, review plans for meeting on 10/14/05.
- Calendar of UNOLS meetings for 2005/2006, Winter activities

Adjourn