

School of Marine Science and Ocean Engineering

Facilities Committee — Charter

The Facilities Committee is charged with oversight of the SMSOE facilities, vessels, common scientific equipment, and support programs (e.g. Diving). The Committee will work with individual faculty members and research programs to maintain the highest level of research support and to advance new research initiatives within the SMSOE.

Committee membership will be made up of the Executive Director of SMSOE, laboratory directors, marine operations staff, and other interested members of the SMSOE faculty. The standing committee will be comprised of up to ten members, although all members of the SMSOE are welcome to attend meetings and bring issues to the attention of the committee.

Facilities & Operations under the oversight of the committee include:

- Chase Ocean Engineering Laboratory
- Jackson Estuarine Laboratory
- Judd Gregg Marine Science Complex Pier and Coastal Marine Laboratory
- Shoals Marine Laboratory
- R/V Gulf Challenger
- CCOM Research Vessels
- Diving Program
- Small Boat Program
- SMSOE Vehicles

The Facilities Committee will meet on a quarterly basis to insure regular communication between members, staff and user groups. In addition, the committee will meet on an as-needed basis to address areas of particular need or concern.

The committee will work with the SMSOE Director and the Research, Education, and Outreach Committees to define priority areas of facility and research instrumentation need and opportunity, and take a lead in pursuing funding opportunities to address common needs.