

UNH School of Marine Science and Ocean Engineering

Outreach Committee - Charter

In the spirit of an SMSOE that integrates across disciplines and programs, the Outreach Committee will work closely with the Research and Education SMSOE Committees in the planning and implementation of all activities.

The Outreach Committee is charged to provide input to the Executive Committee on issues related to Outreach for the SMSOE. The committee will work with individual faculty members and programs with significant outreach/extension programs (e.g. NH Sea Grant and JHC/CCOM) to advance outreach/extension activities for the SMSOE. The overall goal of the Committee is to collaboratively facilitate the flow of knowledge among SMSOE personnel and stakeholders in order to 1) inform research priorities and to expand research opportunities, 2) make connections and build capacities for engaged research at UNH, 3) to educate the public, and 4) to transfer knowledge and information to society.

Committee membership will be made up of the Associate Director for Outreach, Outreach/Extension representatives of NH Sea Grant, JHC/CCOM, UNH Cooperative Extension, EOS, Shoals Marine Laboratory and any other interested members of the SMSOE faculty.

The Outreach 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.

Roles and Responsibilities of the SMSOE Outreach Committee

Infrastructure and Process

1. Annually review changing opportunities, needs and stakeholder priorities that are relevant to SMSOE faculty and staff. Results will then be reported to the SMSOE Executive Committee for consideration of appropriate actions and programs that will connect SMSOE faculty and staff to relevant stakeholders and organizations.
2. Support organization and stakeholder engagement for scheduled events such as the SMSOE Research Symposium, Ocean Discovery Day as well as stand-alone events such as an SMSOE Seminar or Discussion Series or Workshops designed to facilitate targeted discussion around topics of societal interest.

Strategic Long-Term Actions

3. Work with the other SMSOE Committees to support the development of research centers and programs within SMSOE that capitalize on current or developing interdisciplinary research themes by integrating existing expertise across the UNH community and connecting them to relevant stakeholders.
4. Collaborate with the other SMSOE Committees to develop efforts that will raise awareness of the value-proposition offered by the SMSOE to researchers, students, stakeholders and potential funders.