

**ADPCCJ Executive Board Meeting  
ACJS Annual Meeting (Seattle, Washington)  
Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**Present:** Jack R. Greene (President), Todd R. Clear (Secretary), Vince Webb (Secretariat)

**Minutes Prepared by:** Natasha A. Frost

Jack Greene opened the meeting by presenting Todd Clear with a plaque in appreciation of his 8 years of service as ADPCCJ President.

Jack Greene opened the meeting with a discussion of the organization's vitality. Programs, particularly non-U.S. programs, are wondering what they are getting for the \$700 dues that they are being asked to pay. This is a legitimate question for all member organizations. It was agreed that a fairly rudimentary annual survey, although useful, is certainly not enough.

The larger set of questions to be addressed include:

**(1) What is the role of the Secretariat (Sam Houston State University)?**

- This question arose particularly with regard to recouping some of the costs associated with running the annual survey and the website.

All present agreed that SHSU should bill the ADPCCJ for some of their costs. An exact amount was not discussed.

**(2) What are the deliverables?**

It was suggested that the ADPCCJ expand the annual survey of doctoral programs considerably. Jack Greene suggested that the ADPCCJ convene a subcommittee responsible for revising the annual survey to make it more useful. A number of areas for potential expansion were suggested (comprehensive exams, student support (financial and otherwise), proposal development, theory/methods curricula, what happens to graduates, etc.).

- Todd Clear was concerned that the annual survey would become too cumbersome – that many of these areas are fairly stable over time – and suggested that we expand the annual survey, but consider covering program curricula areas on a five year rotation so that one year there would be a series of questions on comprehensive examinations, the next there would be questions around theory/methods curricula, then requirements for candidacy and so on. All in attendance agreed that this might be a reasonable approach.

Other Ideas:

- Jack Greene suggested that each year we ask the doctoral programs to identify the students in their program who will be coming on the market in the coming year. It was suggested that we could host a "meet the graduates event" at either the ASC or the ACJS meetings.

- It was also suggested that we consider annually holding a “doctoral student breakfast” at the ASC annual meetings so that students from the various programs could meet each other and potentially develop relationships for future collaborations.
- Jack Greene suggested that we consider recognizing doctoral students – perhaps putting aside money from the annual dues to provide \$1000 mini-grants for dissertation support (perhaps recognizing strong proposals in the area of theory, methods, and policy).
- Todd Clear suggested that we create a list-serv where members could distribute (to other members) articles on substantive issues in doctoral education. For example, the US News and World Report rankings (and the article that accompanied those rankings) could have been posted. Notice about the recent Chronicle article ranking programs could also have been sent over the list serv.
- It was agreed that we should host ADPCCJ sponsored panels at the ASC annual meetings each year. It was further agreed that we do this effective immediately (as the deadline for ASC proposals is Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>).
  - Natasha Frost agreed to submit the following panel proposals for the 2007 ASC Annual Meeting in Atlanta.
    - Criminology in an Era of Rankings
    - Strategies for Funding Doctoral Students
    - Examining Doctoral Students (comprehensive exams and advancement to candidacy).
  - These panels were submitted for inclusion on the ASC program (the latter two will be roundtables). Currently Jack Greene and Todd Clear are on the panels, but it was agreed that we would seek panel members from the membership to try to get diverse representation across the programs.
- The final suggestion was that we consider commissioning white papers on substantive issues of interest (perhaps for a stipend of \$1500). These would be posted on the organization’s website and would accumulate over time.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- Ad Hoc Committee on Survey Development (Natasha will serve on this committee, Jack Greene will identify the other members – at the ASC meetings, Sally Simpson had volunteered to be part of this, as did someone else – possibly Cheryl Maxson).
- Todd Clear will put together a working group to make sure that we continue to focus on the various ranking entities (NRC, USNWR, and the Chronicle).