

Minutes

Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice November 19, 2010

Present: Julie Horney, Karen Parker, Mona Danner, Jack McDevitt, Amie Schuck, Alan Lizotte, Martin Gottschalk, Kate Auerhahn, Rob Gordon, Tim Brezina, Ed McGarrell, Jeff Walker, Mike Vaughn, Mark Stafford, Vince Webb, Jack Greene, Beth Huebner, Jennifer Roberts, Sally Simpson, Scott Decker, Jim Finckenauer

- I. Maria Garcia from the National Institute of Justice briefed the group on the Graduate Research Fellowship program.

Garcia indicated that some applications are lacking strong support letters from the dissertation chairs/advisors. The letters are highly considered as the selection wants to ensure that advisor will see the student through the process.

For students to be considered, they need to have completed their comprehensive exams, coursework, prospectus and advanced to candidacy by the award start date. The awards are for up to \$25K and on average, it takes 6 – 9 months from application to award. Garcia's contact information is: maria.garcia@usdoj.gov

- II. Chris Eskridge discussed ways to build better international ties.

Eskridge proposed having something like a visiting scholars program. There was discussion of what some of the individual departments/schools are currently doing.

Question was raised as to whether the association could help fund the travel and then different institutions could share the visiting scholar. In this way the association would serve as a clearinghouse and potentially match the scholars with different institutions. It was suggested that a sub-committee make some proposals to bring back to the association. The committee is: Jack Greene, Chris Eskridge, Sally Simpson, and Jack McDevitt.

- III. ADPCCJ Student Award and winners

The award is determined by a sub-committee of the association. The awards are for up to \$3K and are meant to fund specific activities (e.g., travel to conference, hiring research help) rather than broad living expenses.

Following last year's recommendation, the committee funded two student awards (with one designated for a minority student). Last year there were approximately 12 applications for the awards. Ashley Arnio (FSU) and Eric Piza (Rutgers) were the winners. These students discussed how they used the monetary award to support their research.

For the upcoming year, the committee to select the winners will be: Beth Huebner (chair), Mona Danner, Kate Auerhahn, and Jack Greene.

IV. Budget

The association has a budget surplus this year. Roberts reported that the association administrative assistant (Amanda Burris) had run budget projections for a variety of scenarios. If the association were to reduce or eliminate dues, it would run out of funding quickly.

Burris stated that the association typically receives dues from 34 out of the 39 members. This past year two schools had contacted the association stating they were not able to pay dues because of budgetary constraints at their home institution. These schools were invited to continue participation in the association but will not vote on business.

There was discussion about continuing the Student Awards and whether these should be increased. Baumer made a motion to continue supporting the Student Awards and to allow that sub-committee to determine the number awarded (based upon available funds). J. Greene seconded the motion. Following a vote, the motion was approved.

V. ADPCCJ Survey

Simpson did a brief overview of last year's survey and asked for any comments/suggestions. Simpson also encouraged all of the members to complete the survey every year.

VI. Request for letter of support from ADPCCJ from Helen Taylor Greene

H.T. Greene is writing a grant to the Ford Foundation that will work on capacity building at HBCUs with doctoral programs. She requested a letter of support for this effort from the association.

The association has not written letters of support like this before. A general discussion of whether this is something the association should be doing ensued. Two main issues were discussed.

- 1) Should the association be providing these types of letters/endorsements? J. Horney made a motion that we would entertain requests which are consistent with the mission of the association from dues paying members. The motion was passed.
- 2) How would these requests be reviewed/processed by the association?
 - a) Step 1: Proposer would make a full request to the association to be reviewed by the board. The proposer needs to make a case that this request is consistent with the mission of the association. The board will then vote/discuss. The board will only move the request on to step 2 if the proposal is consistent with

the mission. There was a motion to approve. Following a vote, this step of the process was approved.

- b) Step 2: The board may request more information (if needed) from the proposer. The board will make a recommendation and share this with the membership of the association. A majority vote from the association would be needed in order to provide the letter of support/endorsement. There was a motion to approve. Following a vote, this step of the process was also approved.

Discussion also included perhaps a need to prospectively require at least 30 days notice to the association for these types of requests.

VII. ASC Graduate Student Table

This recruitment table was eliminated from ASC and may be eliminated from ACJS.

There was a discussion of whether the association could sponsor an event where all of the programs attend. In this way, prospective doctoral students could meet with multiple schools. Suggestion was made that we could do this similar to the poster sessions. Each school could bring posters and recruitment materials.

Also, there is nothing on the ASC website about the organization.

VIII. Election of vice-president

There were no nominations submitted. Beth Huebner was nominated from the floor. Following a vote of the membership, she was elected vice-president.