

ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGIATE SCHOOLS OF PLANNING

Annual Business Meeting

Columbus, Ohio

October 31, 1992

MINUTES

Meeting convened at 5:43 pm.

Forty-five member schools were present constituting a quorum.

**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Approved unanimously

**2. Introduction of New Executive Committee Members**

Kaufman introduced the names of new Executive Committee members: Sandra Rosenbloom, Michael Hibbing, and Ruth Steiner. He also expressed thanks to outgoing members: Rafael Fischler, Amy Galsmeier, and Donald Miller.

**3. Review of Executive Committee Actions**

Conferences: After noting that the 1994 conference cannot be held in New Mexico, Kaufmann reported that two substitute proposals were being prepared from Phoenix and Atlanta. The 1995 conference will be held in Detroit as planned. The Executive Committee approved the 1996 as a joint conference with AESOP in Toronto.

In news of publications, Kaufman reported that the new *Guide to Graduate Education* was ready and the new brochure was also ready.

Elections are scheduled for this coming winter and nominations for officers and regional representatives are due Nov. 10.

Kaufman also reported on the progress of the new student liaison network and the ACSP/AESOP joint committees: education, research, policy, and planning theory. He also noted the ACSP/AICP Open Forum to be held on Sunday in Columbus.

**4. Urban Policy Agenda**

Grigsby described the committee's process. They were charged to explore the question: "What is the ACSP capacity to address a national urban agenda?" The charge needs to address the credibility and legitimacy of ACSP in doing this.

Godschalk described the public meeting held the previous day. Of 41 persons attending, 34 felt the committee should go forward, 7 neutral or negative. Group sought to devise a

statement aimed at proposing changes in ACSP operations:

- Taking a public stand on issues of national import
- Changing ACSP behavior
- Changing behavior of member schools
- Changing behavior of faculty

Grigsby will draft a statement culled from the position papers done earlier. Publication of these papers is planned by end of the year together with a policy statement.

A proposed institutional agenda was set forth:

- A code of conduct for schools and faculty pertaining to diversity that would better position programs to provide equal opportunity.
- Use annual meeting to stress themes for urban policy and diversity.
- Urban Policy Activities - publish case studies that illustrate the promotion of diversity.
- Approach foundations to help fund movement toward diversity.
- Create E-Mail network to provide communication links.
- Develop guidelines for evaluating urban policies: ie. equity impact analysis.

**Discussion:**

Opposition was expressed, particularly to the idea of a code of conduct and "taking over annual meeting" and organizing it around set themes. The view was expressed that a code of conduct is alien to ACSP -- an inappropriate role. ACSP can advise AICP and APA and help member schools around questions of ethics.

Objection was also expressed to idea of a scholarly association adopting a political agenda -- viewed as dangerous. ACSP not a polity -- we are scholars with skepticism and all of us could not truly reach agreement on many issues. ACSP is in a position to provide a forum and facilitate expression but not take a political stance.

Counter views were also expressed, noting the importance of diversity to the planning profession and the importance of taking an active role. The view was offered that a code of conduct for schools would be an aid to teaching.

President Kaufman noted that the Task Force will prepare a draft to send to schools, and

there will be opportunity for further discussion in Philadelphia. —

**5. PhD Commission**

Innes reported on the Commission's work. The Executive Committee voted to accept report. Copies will be available from Rolf Engler at cost. Departments will get a copy and *JPER* will publish the Executive Summary.

**6. Threatened Schools**

Kaufman reported on the work of the Committee and discretionary powers voted to the president in individual cases. Discussion.

**7. Fiscal strategies**

Kaufman noted that the work of this committee is in an early stage and that they provided only a preliminary report to the Executive Committee. Forkenbrock reported for the committee and noted that the committee placed great stress on observing the mission of ACSP. Thus, we should seek new needed revenues but without losing compass.

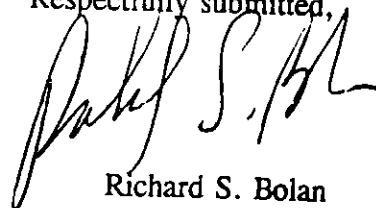
**8. Reputational Survey**

Kaufman reported on the actions of Executive Committee regarding this issue. He noted that the Committee voted that ACSP does not endorse the use of reputational surveys for the purposes of ranking programs and discourages the participation of member schools in such surveys.

He also noted that he will be setting up a task force to examine ways in which objective measures of the quality of member schools can be displayed and to recommend the types of studies required to do such evaluation and the diffusion of such information to the various potential users.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary-Treasurer