

CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Executive Committee Meeting
The Hilton DeSoto
Savannah, Georgia
February 28, 2010

The President of the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS), Dianne Barron, convened the meeting of the Executive Committee (the Committee) at 7:50 am on February 28, 2010, in the Lafayette Suite of the Hilton DeSoto Hotel. In attendance were Patricia Bishop, Edward Dupuy, Carolyn Hodges, Philip Langlais, Larry Lyons, Nancy Marcus, Robert McGehee, Elaine McNiece, Brian Mitchell, Bryan Noe, Max Poole, Jean Pugliese, Dorris Robinson-Gardner, Robert Roer, Sherry Sandkam, Susan Sell, Andrew Sustich, Maurice C. Taylor, Troy Terry, John Watret, and Karen Weddle-West.

The Committee reviewed the Minutes of their June 18 - 19, 2009, Committee held at the Hilton DeSoto hotel and upon motion duly made and seconded the Minutes were approved.

The President thanked the Committee members for their contributions to a successful conference and annual meeting. The Committee then acknowledged those members whose terms expired at the close of this meeting including Phil Cohen, Phil Langlais, Max Poole, Jean Pugliese, and Karen Weddle-West.

Dianne Barron opined that the attendees seemed to particularly enjoy the conference session on "How to be a Dean." She also observed that the roundtable discussions appeared to be appreciated by the attendees but that the number of such sessions should at future conferences be limited and/or governed by perceived interest in the roundtable topic.

The Committee discussed the overall theme for the 2011 conference to be held in Huntsville, Alabama. The Committee reviewed the five underlying themes around which past conference plenary sessions and roundtable discussions have been planned including Diversity and Inclusiveness, Internationalization, Interdisciplinarity, and Quality. Committee members agreed that the 2011 conference plenary sessions, breakouts, and roundtables should continue to be organized around these five underlying themes. After further discussion and upon motion made and seconded it was

RESOLVED: that conference theme for the CSGS 2011 annual in Huntsville, Alabama is "Launching New Paths to the Future."

The Committee discussed filling Nancy Marcus' unexpired term created by her election as Vice President/President-elect. The Committee agreed that it is responsibility of the President of CSGS for making appointments to fill unexpired terms of departing Committee members. With the advice and consent of the Committee, Ms. Barron stated that she would appoint Debra Moriarity (University of Alabama-Huntsville) to serve the remainder of Ms. Marcus' term.

Upon the call for committee reports the Treasurer, Max Poole, disseminated a Revenue and Expense Statement for the period beginning January 1, 2010 through February 19, 2010. The Committee noted a beginning cash balance of \$88,855.58 as of January 1, 2010. Mr. Poole explained that to date CSGS has collected revenues of \$53,947.23 but has also incurred expenses, largely related to the 2010 Conference and Annual Meeting and Executive Committee meetings of \$3,428.24 resulting in an ending balance of \$139,374.57. Mr. Poole observed that the annual membership dues tend to cover expenses related to Executive Committee meetings while registration fees and vendor fees should be sufficient to cover annual conference and meeting costs. The Committee agreed that a robust ending balance is necessary to insure that CSGS has sufficient funds to pay for increasingly higher charges and fees related to travel, hotel, and meeting site expenses. Mr. Poole also reported on discussions with the Treasurer of the Council of Historically Black Graduate Schools (CHBGS) concerning cost sharing for the joint receptions. Upon motion duly made and seconded the Treasurer's report was accepted.

Next the Committee discussed cities to host the CSGS 2012 annual meetings. The Committee reviewed the benefits of holding the annual meeting in Charlotte (NC), Jacksonville (FL), and Greenville (SC). It was agreed that newly elected Treasurer, Andrew Sustich would be responsible for compiling the appropriate information on these sites to guide the Committee's selection.

The Committee members agreed to meet at the conference hotel in Huntsville (AL) June 9th through the 11th, 2010 to plan the 2011 Conference and Annual Meeting. There being no further business, the Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:40 am on Sunday, February 28, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted
Maurice C. Taylor
Secretary