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**Conference of Southern Graduate Schools  
MINUTES - Executive Committee Meeting  
Greenville, SC February 24, 2013**

The new President of the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS), Edelma Huntley, convened the meeting of the Executive Committee (ExCom) at 7:30 AM on February 24, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Greenville, SC. Executive Committee members in attendance were Edelma Huntley, Jeannine Blackwell, Duane Larick, Andrew Sustich, Paula Williamson, Carolyn Hodges, Brian Mitchell, Len Roberson, Mark Garrison, Dennis Grady, George Flowers, F. Doug Boudinot, Maureen Grasso, Patrick Pellicane, Peter Cunningham, Amy McCandless, Sheryl Tucker, Paul Gemperline and Bryan Noe.

President Huntley thanked the current Officers and Executive Committee members for their efforts on behalf of CSGS and for a great meeting. New members (Gemperline, Boudinot, Cunningham, McCandless and Tucker) were introduced.

It was announced that, as a result of taking a new position at NC State University as Senior Vice Provost, Duane Larick will vacate the position of Secretary of CSGS. Jeannine Blackwell will be responsible for identifying a replacement to serve the remaining 2 years of his appointment.

**1. Update on 2014 Annual Meeting in San Antonio**

- a. The meeting is scheduled for February 20 – February 23 at the Omni La Mansion Del Rio Hotel in San Antonio, TX.
- b. Venues for the Friday reception are currently being considered. There is a new museum ~10 minutes from the hotel (Western Art) with indoor and outdoor space.
- c. The Thursday social will be at the hotel and they have both indoor and outdoor space available depending on the weather.

**2. 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting Planning Meeting in San Antonio in June**

- a. There will be a two-day ExCom planning meeting in June. It is currently being planned for Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> (dinner), Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup> (all day meeting), Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> noon departure.
- b. Travel is provided by CSGS.

**3. 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting Debriefing**

- a. A preliminary look at the evaluations indicates the Plenary Sessions were all very good.
- b. The New Dean's Breakfast/case studies went very well. Paula Williamson had solicited preliminary input from current deans and, as expected, there was no real consensus relative to the "right" answer. That was good for the new deans to hear.
- c. Many potential themes/session topics for the San Antonio meeting were discussed. The following is a partial listing.

- i. We need a new theme moving away from “riding the wave”. How about “climate change?”
  - ii. Legal impacts of the anticipated Supreme Court decision.
  - iii. Mentoring – aiding faculty in their efforts to be better mentors - a student panel to identify the mentoring skills our faculty need was suggested.
  - iv. Training our doctoral students for alternative careers – a student panel was suggested for this topic also.
  - v. The Fiscal Cliff – implications/impacts of sequestration.
  - vi. New Immigration Laws – pathways to green cards and what can Graduate Schools do?
  - vii. Texas is a State with a high Hispanic populations – can they help us better understand how to recruit prospective Hispanic students?
  - viii. Visibility of Graduate Education on our campuses. Alternatively, communication with students and faculty; what do they pay attention to?
  - ix. Health Care – cost of insurance and impact of new ¾ time employment rules.
  - x. Dealing with student debt and/or increasing access to financial aid.
  - xi. The fund raising session went great. We should consider having a Workshop where we keep the sharing features.
  - xii. Update on MOOC’s and potential for impact on Graduate Education.
  - xiii. In the future, the plenary sessions may only need two speakers to help insure there is time for discussion.
  - xiv. Scheduling a break-out session for after lunch worked well. It kept people awake and moving!
4. **Locations for CSGS 2015** – Future locations for the CSGS Annual Meeting in 2015 and 2016 were discussed. The only venue currently on the table for 2015 is New Orleans. Mardi Gras ends on February 17<sup>th</sup> so starting on Thursday, 2/19 may be too soon. The starting date of Thursday, 2/26 was proposed. There was also discussion relative to the need to at least consider a second venue in case room cost in New Orleans in late February are still too high (in excess of \$200). Suggested possible alternate locations (or locations for 2016 and beyond) were Memphis, Knoxville or Nashville, TN and Wilmington, NC.
5. **Other Business** – Jeannine Blackwell and Edelma Huntley were commended for a great 2013 meeting in Greenville, SC. Andy Sustich was also recognized for all his planning efforts with the Hotel.
6. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned by President Huntley.

Respectfully Submitted  
 Duane Larick, Secretary CSGS