



LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

LASA Executive Council Meeting Boston, MA — June 1–2, 1996

Participants

In attendance: President Jane Jaquette; Past President Cynthia McClintock; President-elect Susan Eckstein; Treasurer Charlie Hale; Council members Sonia Alvarez, Arturo Arias, Carlos Iván Degregori, and Rose Spalding; Executive Director (ex-officio) Reading. Also present: Assistant Director for Institutional Advancement Sandy Klinzing. **Not present:** voting member Lourdes Arizpe; ex-officio members Gil Merkx, Victoria Rodriguez, and Peter Ward (the latter two LASA97 Program Co-chairs).

Action Items

1. The minutes were approved as amended.
2. Resolutions process: the new multi-step procedure (Forum publication option, EC vetting by email, coordinators, pre-business-meeting sessions, etc.) will be implemented and outlined in the September LASA Forum.
3. The word “relevance” will be removed from the Advisory Committee mission statement.
4. Advisory Committee: the EC will continue with the plan but raised concerns re: name/role/makeup; Jaquette will communicate these concerns to the Ad hoc Committee and share her draft letter with the EC first (including suggested names such as “Distinguished Friends,” “Outreach,” “Visiting Committee/Council”).
5. Nominations: in the future the EC will play a larger role in deciding what instructions the President gives the Nominating Committee (prefaced with appropriate constitutional wording).
6. Vice President candidates will be asked for a brief (≤200 words) goals/vision statement; the Nominations Committee will facilitate.
7. In the absence of a two-thirds vote to overturn the Nominating Committee slate as presented, the slate stands.
8. Discussion of reserves/investment strategy will continue at the EC meeting in Guadalajara after the FY1996 audit and post-audit review.
9. Klinzing’s contract is extended to June 30, 1997; Jaquette will work with Klinzing and Reading to update the job description accordingly.
10. Jaquette will invite the Business & Politics Working Group to proceed; she will also mention BALAS to Silva for a possible tie-in.

11. LARR subsidy / Merkx proposal: the EC will use the proposal as an opening to ask about rising salaries/production costs and to reconfirm LASA's right to ask questions; Reading will draft the letter to Merkx.
12. Discussions with Mellon and LARR regarding JSTOR should continue.
13. Jaquette will prepare a letter to the MacArthur Foundation stating what measures LASA will take to avoid a repetition of 1995, after gathering as much information as possible on what happened.
14. Jaquette will prepare an announcement that some portion of LASA reserves will be committed to: (a) travel support for Latin American scholars who demonstrate need (LASA97), and (b) support for plenaries and Latin America-based award winners as appropriate.
15. Venues: Reading will check the possibility of 2001 dates for San Diego; if not possible, Washington, DC will be booked for the available Sept. 6–8, 2001 dates.

Consensus

1. Unanimous agreement by the EC for Miami in 2000.
2. Carlos Fuentes should be approached first for the opening night plenary.

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