



LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

**Meeting of the LASA Executive Council
November 10, 2012, Marriott Wardman Park**

Action Items

1. The minutes of the May 2012 EC Meeting are approved as amended.
2. Seventy-five current LASA members must agree to be founding members to form a new Section, but LASA will retain at 50 the number needed to maintain a Section.
3. In years when the Endowment's return is 10 percent or greater, 5 percent may be taken in payout; in years when it is 8 percent to 9.9, 4 percent may be taken; and when the return is 7.9 percent and below, 3 percent would be the maximum payout.
4. LASA will seek to pursue a flexible policy of priority allocation of travel grants. The EC will re-evaluate annually based on changing circumstances.

Consensus Items

1. The interest expressed by the Universidad de las Americas in Puebla, Mexico in hosting the LASA Congress will be added to the May 2012 EC Meeting minutes.
2. The EC will make more of an effort to assure that the membership understands that the EC does not block resolutions.
3. Huber will include a note in her president's message regarding the change in approval of resolutions, i.e., 20 percent of the current membership must respond and the majority vote must vote in favor of the resolution.
4. Klinzing will make a greater effort to inform and remind Sections of their responsibilities.
5. LASA will assemble the materials regarding the Otros Saberes/Other Americas Initiative to present to foundations and set up visits by February with or without Hale's participation.
6. LASA will host a breakfast meeting focus group at LASA2013 to discuss what institutional members would like to receive from their membership. Invitees will include current institutional members that are centers, as well as directors of other centers that are not LASA-affiliated. Special attention will be given to Latin American centers, especially those in Brazil. LASA will work with the EC and LASA country-related Sections to identify possible invitees. Grindle will chair the event.
7. The amount needed to establish a named (endowed) fund is \$25,000.
8. For the LASA2016 Congress New York is the first option and a site in Latin America is the second.

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