



LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

LASA Executive Mid-Term Council Meeting

Hilton Downtown Miami

Soprano Room

December 17, 2017 | 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

	Action Items
1	Motion to revise the text in the section manual and add the following “we strongly recommend program chairs to consult the section chair before selecting track chairs “and remove the phrase “however the program committee has the right ... “Rappaport moves, Stephen moves. All in favor. Unanimous.
2	Motion for the Operations funds to be categorized as “Operations-Open funds” for all members outside Latin America and “Operations Students funds” (25% or \$25.000.00) will be allocated for students outside Latin America. All in favor. Unanimous.
3	Motion to approve the new guide for Nominations committee with the changes proposed by Stephen. Stephen will change the wording from US to North America in the table in Page 6 and revise the last sentence in point C where she will remove “Refer to chart “and rephrase the following sentence “The final slate should include 50% candidates from the Global South. Nominations for Vice-President should include one from the Global South” and will send the revised version via email to all the EC members for final approval. Stephen moves, Rappaport seconds, 1 abstention, the rest EC members approved the motion.
4	Motion to allow the new sub- committee (Rappaport, Burt and Perez-Linan) to work on a revised proposal amendment for the Nominations Committee guide that all of the EC members will need to vote on before it can be published in LASA Forum. All in favor. Unanimous.
5	Stephen moves to endorse the spirit of the statement prepared by Araujo and empower academic rights and freedom to continue efforts to publish more. This is contingent for the text to be review by the EC before publication. All in favor. Unanimous.
6	Motion to accept electronic signatures for resolutions instead of hard copies signed- moved by Stephen, Second Sanchez-Ancochea. All in favor. Unanimous.
7	Motion to change the LASA By laws where we will replace the required 30 signatures for 2% of membership signatures as the new requirement for Resolutions- moved by Rappaport, Second Sanchez-Ancochea. 1 abstention, the rest EC members approved the motion.
8	Motion to change the LASA By laws where we will replace the required 200 signatures for 4% of membership signatures as the new requirement for write ins - moved by Rappaport, Second Sanchez-Ancochea- all in favor. Unanimous
9	Motion to allow Pereyra to explore the option to buy a potential property for office space for the LASA Secretariat in Washington DC. Rapaport moves, Burt seconds.1 abstention, the rest EC members approved the motion.

	Consensus
1	Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented Consensus.
2	EC committee to resume discussion about free section membership during the next EC meeting in Barcelona once the report of transitory members is available. Consensus.
3	Consensus: Three spaces will be added for intersectional panels and the program chairs will decide which proposals will go to the next conference.
4	Consensus: The location for LASA2019 has been confirmed as Boston.
5	Motion to approve the new Institutional Membership model. Rappaport moves, Stephen seconds. Consensus.
6	Motion to approve the revised policy and procedures (Academic Freedom and Human Rights Committees) with a small amendment in Page 1 Bullet 3 where the second sentence needs to be removed entirely. Stephen moves, Sanchez-Ancochea seconds. Consensus.
7	Motion to approve the candidates presented by Burt for the subcommittee on Human Rights. Stephen moves, Sanchez-Ancochea seconds. Consensus.
8	Panfichi summarized that the new Human Rights committee will work actively as of January 1 2018 and the EC will approve the statement prepared by Araujo at this time since it is an immediate action item. Burt and Araujo will revise the text so the Executive committee can approve electronically. Once it is approved, LASA Secretariat will proceed with the press release accordingly. No need to vote now since all the EC will vote electronically before the text can be published. Consensus.
9	Students Programs (professional development initiative / mentorship; internship program; Ph.D. thesis repository) will need to be part of the agenda for the next EC meeting. Consensus.

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