

## **COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

### **AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

#### **I. Items for Review/Approval on Consent Agenda**

- The minutes of the April 22, 2006 Council meeting were approved noting attendance list corrections.

#### **II. Report of the Treasurer**

- The Council received a report from the Trust and Development Committee that they will meet the Council's interest in socially responsible investing by publishing a list of investments and a statement from our investment advisor annually in *PS*.
- The Council asked how the Trust and Development Committee carries out the prohibition against voting proxies noting the distinction between not acting on proxy votes and actively abstaining. The Treasurer said the Committee would investigate the best approach to comply with this by-law requirement. [At a subsequent Trust and Development Committee meeting, the committee instructed the investment advisor expressly to abstain in all proxies.]

#### **III. Journals and Publications**

- After a full discussion, the Council voted to approve Ron Rogowski and a team of 8 other faculty from UCLA as the next editors of *APSR* for a period of 4 years with the option of a 2 year renewal.
- Council adopted a recommendation from President Katznelson to stage the renewal process for the editor of *Perspectives on Politics* by delegating to the Administrative Committee an initial decision to offer a one-year renewal, to be followed by a routine review one year later regarding a further two year renewal.
- President Katznelson reported a sense of the council that a committee or small ad hoc group looks into long term cost sharing options for journals, to expand the range of options for selection of editors and institutional hosts in future editor searches. President-Elect Axelrod indicated that he would follow up on this request.

#### **IV. Meetings and Conferences**

- Council thanked the 2006 Annual Meeting Program Chairs for their work in creating a program with such a clearly focused and consequential theme.

#### **V. Governance and Policy Issues**

- Approved a change to the By-laws to codify the authority of the Audit Committee to retain the auditor with the understanding that several additional items

considered by the Rules Committee and not yet presented to the Council be taken up at the next meeting. These additional items include reference to when and to whom the Audit Committee reports, and clarification of the operational role of the Executive Director.

- Approved the decision for APSA to take the 501(h) lobbying election for non-profits. This election is recommended widely in the nonprofit community. It would bring APSA under the 1976 Lobbying Law, which defines the amount of lobbying nonprofits may do. While APSA has no plans to undertake any consequential lobbying activity, this election clarifies applicable rules should we encounter a need to do so.

## **VI. APSA Programs**

- The Council heard a report from the Minority Program Review Committee chair and after discussion, the following actions were taken:
  - Accepted the report with gratitude and enthusiasm.
  - Approved the committee's recommendation to include Asian-Pacific Americans in APSA administered minority programs.
  - Approved the recommendation to continue the Minority Identification project in a streamlined form and to monitor and evaluate its effectiveness closely.
  - Approved increasing the number of funded minority fellows to 12 and retaining the existing amount of funding per fellow (\$4,000 each).
  - Acted to support APSA's continued involvement in and support of the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute and expressed gratitude to Duke University and Paula McClain for their extensive support of this important program.
  - Approved the decision to join the PPIA network, with an understanding it will increase its emphasis on doctoral degree production, and monitor and evaluate closely its effect on the goals of APSA minority programs.
  - Approved the formation of an ad hoc committee to oversee the implementation of these actions and review other suggestions in the report including long term funding for RBSI and a possible second summer institute.
- Received a report of APSA public presence initiatives with appreciation.
- Heard a report from the ad hoc committee charged to investigate APSA outreach efforts and frame an agenda for APSA programming for members from BA/MA institutions, and asked the group to continue with their work.
- Heard an update on APSA initiatives in the Congressional Fellowship Program as well as the Centennial Center. Both are moving forward positively.
- Approved a recommendation from the Committee on Organized Sections to align the Urban Politics section with the *Urban Affairs Review* journal.
- Recommended that the Collaborative Research Report be made available on the APSA website for interactive comments as well as circulated to APSA committees.

- Endorsed Senate Resolution 308 recognizing 2006 as the “Year of Study Abroad”.
- Heard reports about three ongoing APSA Task Forces: the Task Force on Difference and Inequality in the Developing World, the Task Force on Religion and Democracy in the United States and the Task Force on Interdisciplinarity.
- Agreed to respond quickly in approving the executive summary of the Task Force on Difference and Inequality in the Developing World.

#### **VII. Report of the President-Elect**

- Approved all Committee appointments made by President-Elect Axelrod with flexibility to make adjustments as needed.
- Advised President-Elect Axelrod to submit the same charge given to the 2006 Nominating Committee to the 2007 Nominating Committee.