

MINUTES

APA Division 15: Educational Psychology Executive Committee Meeting

Marriott 4th Level Franklin 7

April 3, 2014, 2:30-4:00

Minutes

Approved June 23-2014

by online vote of the EC (7 yes, 2 abstain)

Meeting called to order at 2:41 pm

Members present: Terri Thorkildsen (President), Tim Curby (Member-at-large), Dionne Cross (Member-at-large), Karen Harris (President-Elect), Michele Gregoire Gill (Treasurer), Helenrose Fives (Secretary), Anastasia Kitsantas (Member-at-large) and Sandra Graham (ex-officio, non-voting member, Chair of Publications Committee)

The **Secretary's Report** was given by **H. Fives**. Notes from 3 Executive Committee Google Hangout meetings were read into the minutes.

- **Google Meeting February 24, 2014.** *Members present:* Michele Gregoire Gill, Terri Thorkildsen, Karen Harris, Helenrose Fives Tim Curby, Heather Davis, Anastasia Kitsantas, Ex-officio: Wade George.
Summary of Meeting: The Executive Committee received updates on ongoing Division activities from representatives and committees. These updates came from Tim Curby, the Division 15 Representative to APA Council, the Early Career Educational Psychologist Committee, Early Career Research Grants Committee, Graduate Student Affairs Committee, Membership Committee, and the Advances in Educational Psychology Conference Committee. The EC discussed the schedule for AERA activities. In addition Thorkildsen shared the thoughts of the Division Past Presidents whom she had asked for input on the Division's investment planning activities. The next meeting was scheduled for May 12, 2014 at 11:30 Eastern Standard Time.
- **Google Meeting January 29, 2014.** *Members present:* Terri Thorkildsen, Helenrose Fives, Michele Gill, Judith Meece (phone), Tim Curby, Anastasia Kitsantas, Michele Gill, Ex-officio: Wade George.
Summary of Meeting: The Executive Committee discussed and voted to approve the Minutes from the EC Fall Meeting. T. Curby, moved to approve the Minutes; M. Gill seconded; D. Cross, M. Gill, T. Curby, T. Thorkildsen & H. Fives Approved; J. Meece; abstained; the motion passed. The EC also discussed whether the minutes in their entirety should be published in the newsletter. T. Curby moved to post the minutes in the D15 newsletter as approved with contract information redacted; M. Gill seconded; all voting members present voted to approve.
- **Google Meeting December 12, 2013.** *Members present:* Terri Thorkildsen, Judith Meece, Anastasia Kitsantas, Tim Curby, Michele Gill, Helenrose Fives; Harris, Davis (joined the meeting at 1 pm); Meece (left the meeting at 1:15); Curby (left at 1:17); Kitsantas (left at 1:29); Ex-officio: Wade George.
Summary of Meeting: M. Gill moved to approve the 2014 Budget submitted for this meeting. K. Harris seconded the motion; 7 voted to approve and 1 abstained (Meece). M. Gill moved to fund Treasurer and Secretary for \$2,500 each for line item operating budgets for 2014 to be followed by an evaluation of this proposed funding and planning for the next year. H. Davis seconded. All in favor.

T. Curby moved to include the Google Hangout notes from the Secretary's Report into the minutes for this (April 3, 2014) meeting, A. Kitsantas seconded; all present voted in favor.



M. Gill presented the Treasurer's Report. Gill noted that our dues income has dropped while our expenses have greatly increased. It was projected at the last AERA that we might lose money. We are currently spending what we make, as planned. M. Gill reported that she has used \$400 of her funding at this time. In preparing the report, M. Gill identified several items for discussion with respect to the budget approved in the December 12, 2013 hangout and listed these in her report. These items included: (1) The EC approved \$8000 to cover travel expenses for the Program Chairs to APA and AERA, but given that this is supposed to include the current year's Chairs as well as the incoming chairs, this amount should be doubled to \$16,000. (2) The EC at the fall retreat only approved travel for the Grad Seminar co-chairs to APA for \$2000. Terri has asked us to consider making it optional for them to spend some of these funds on AERA if they wish. (3) We initially reduced funding for the APA Graduate Student Seminar at the fall retreat, due to uncertainty about our publishing contract for *Educational Psychologist*. Given that the contract for EP has been signed, the Treasurer recommended that the EC reconsider the amount of funding for the Graduate Student Seminar as we had only allotted a total of \$2,500 for meals, room reservations, etc. for 15 students, not including the Chairs and presenters. (We maintained the \$500 stipend for 15 students however.) (4) Members-at-large and the APA Council representative currently receive \$1000

funding for APA. Some have suggested that these funds ought to be able to be applied to AERA.

The EC discussed item 3 from the Treasurer's report. H. Fives clarified that Program Chairs and Graduate Student Seminar Chairs have full travel costs paid at APA the year of their leadership. This decision was made at APA in 2007 - San Francisco. At that time, the EC decided to fund the full costs of travel because both the Program Chair(s) and Graduate Student Seminar Chairs are required to attend ALL of APA and are really not free to do anything but Division Activities given the time commitment of these roles. The discussion then moved to the nature of the Graduate Student Seminar, given the cost of this program to the Division. S. Graham raised the issue that we should do some research to see what the impact of the program is before we make major decisions. A. Kitsantas agreed that we need to know if the program is making a difference. K. Harris raised the issue that there are no indicators of objective movement for the program. D. Cross offered some of the indicators that she felt would be important included: did the experience lead to improved commitment to the Division. Harris suggested a look at whether the mentoring framed participants' research in anyway. D. Cross, a former participant, clarified that the Seminar was more than just mentoring which was one aspect of the seminar that included a range of activities, talks, and opportunities to network. *T. Curby moved to ask the Graduate Student Affairs Committee to submit a budget commensurate with past seminar budgets for the August seminar by May 1.* This request will be communicated to the Chairs by D. Cross with president and president elect copied. In addition D. Cross will communicate to the chairs that the EC is also requesting that they look for the most cost-effective and high yield practices for the seminar. **M. Gill, seconded; all in favor.**

The discussion then turned to the first item from the Treasurer's list. **K. Harris moved** the following to support Division Program Chairs: *In the first year as incoming program chair or co-chairs, the*

Division will provide \$1,000 for the year to support travel to AERA and/or APA. In the year of the Program Chair's (or co-chairs) term, the Division will provide \$500 for AERA (for each co-chair), and (as currently approved) full allowable travel costs to APA. A. Kitsantas seconded; all in favor. M. Gill then moved to adjust the budget line to meet these requirements; T. Curby seconded; all in favor.

The EC then moved on to issues raised in the committee reports. From the **Nominations Committee**, Chaired by **J. Meece** (Past President), a concern was raised that we need a stronger membership campaign to help people understand the nature of different membership roles. To serve on the EC or to be a Fellow, they must be members of Division 15 AND members of APA. The EC suggested that we ask Wade George (Communications Director) to send targeted emails to help educate the membership about the different types of membership and the privileges afforded to each. In addition, it was recommended that the Division include a line in every call (for offices, awards, and committee membership) regarding the status and levels of membership that pertain to such calls.

The **Snow Committee** raised a concern in their report about the limited number of nominations received for this award. *Harris moved to ask the awards committees to consider ways of increasing nominations for their awards, including word of mouth campaigns, use of the newsletter, and any other options and that the EC members agree to help solicit nominations for all awards (with special thanks to the Snow Committee for raising this concern). A. Kitsantas seconded, all approved.*

The **Graduate Student Affairs Committee** raised a concern about the cut to their budget voted on at the November EC meeting. This concern was addressed in the discussion of the Treasurer's report.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Helenrose Fives, Division Secretary.

Summary reports from Division 15 Committee Chairs are appended here.

The **Advances in Educational Psychology Conference** update included the decision to push the conference registration until after AERA.

S. Graham, Chair of the **Publications Committee**, reported that the newest edition of the *Handbook of Educational Psychology* is on schedule for 2016. Graham also raised a concern about the lack of book proposals for the *Classroom Insights* series; they may not have any publications for 2016. Currently, two books are in progress. The EC discussed the relevance of a practice-oriented series such as this for our Division and whether we should continue. Harris suggested that the Division might refocus our practice efforts such that we solicit and publish in a reasonable way alerts regarding practices deemed to be evidence-based and practices with insufficient evidence of impact. Such reports could help practitioners to understand whether or not something is research-based or not. *Harris (moved that) Graham ask the Classroom Insights Editors to evaluate the success and challenges of the series and present recommendations to the EC whether the series should continue or how the series should change, submitting the report after the AEP conference. The EC understands that there may not be manuscripts for 2016. Gill Seconded. All in favor*

Per the negotiated new contract with Taylor & Francis for *Educational Psychologist*, changes in the operating budget [of \$50,000] including a [\$15,000] stipend to the Editor have occurred. In addition, three new awards will be offered at \$1000 each, funded by Taylor and Francis. *Curby moved to correct the budget to match the approved Taylor & Francis contract, Harris Seconded. All in favor.*

Graham announced that the new editor of *Educational Psychologist* is Kathryn Wentzel, from The University of Maryland.

The meeting adjourned.

APA Division 15 April 2014 Report Summaries

Report	Summary	Offered by:
Treasurer	Division 15 remains in good financial health. Our net income continues to be purposively low (as it was in 2012) due to Division goals to spend income to support research, awards, conferences, travel, and division expenses. As of January 1, 2014, we had \$396,152.09 in our checking account and \$456,108 in our Vanguard investment account. Publication of the <i>Educational Psychologist</i> continues to provide the majority of our income. Income from dues and royalties decreased slightly in 2013.	Michele Gill
Membership	Division 15's membership continues to grow; as of March 18, 2014, our total membership is 1,662 members! As a point of contrast, if we compare December 2013 to December 2012, our total membership has grown by 42%. This large increase is likely due, in part, to our 2012-2013 outreach campaign which brought in many new members. The challenge going forward will be to retain those members over the long-term. We believe the division's greatly improved communications strategy, spearheaded by Wade George, will go a long way toward retaining both new and returning members.	Anthony R. Artino
Graduate Student Affairs	The Graduate Affairs Committee is busy preparing for the Division 15 Doctoral Student Seminar to be held in conjunction with the APA annual meeting in Washington, DC. A call for seminar applications was sent out in February and is available on the Division web site. Applications are due April 6. The committee is working to implement recommendations made by graduate students in a 2013 survey to (a) improve its outreach to ethnic minority students and students from smaller degree programs, (b) increase awareness of educational psychology programs/careers, and (c) to provide online resources for graduate students.	Mike Yough & Ellen Usher
Snow	The selection committee for the Richard E. Snow Award for Early Career Contributions to Educational Psychology selected its recommended recipient for the 2015 award: Dr. Krista Muis of McGill University. The 2014 recipient of the Snow Award, Dr. Kou Murayama, will give an address and will receive the award at the upcoming APA convention in Washington, DC.	Andrew Elliot
Committee on the Status of Educational Psychologists in Non-Academic Settings	In September 2013, Division 15 President Terri Thorkildsen asked Steve Benton and Denis Jarvinen to co-chair an ad hoc committee tentatively named "Committee on the Status of Educational Psychologists in Non-Academic Settings." Steve and Denis brainstormed ideas during a phone call held on October 9. This was followed by a conference call with Terri held in mid-October. The decision was made to hold a reception at the APA annual meeting and/or the October conference. The purpose would be to identify opportunities, help manage expectations about life outside academe, and create a network of employers and workers outside of academe.	Steve Benton and Denis Jarvinen
<i>Handbook of Educational Psychology 3rd Edition</i>	The third edition of the <i>Handbook of Educational Psychology</i> , co-edited by Lyn Corno and Eric Anderman, will be completed later this year. The book will have 31 chapters, and will be published by Routledge. To date, feedback on first drafts has been provided to 23 of the authors, and we expect feedback to be provided to the remaining authors by April 2014. Book production is on schedule, and no delays are expected.	Eric Anderman & Lyn Corno