

AACC Research Commission Minutes

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Opening Reports. Belle Wheelan, Chair of the commission, opened the meeting. There was discussion about the Sloan papers. Four papers are currently in process for publication; a fifth paper is still under review.

Katherine Boswell reported on the current status of the Education Commission of the States (ECS) Critical Roles for Community Colleges project. ECS is working with examples of how community colleges could be better represented in this and future longitudinal studies.

Rosemary Gillette-Karam, Jim Horton (will develop a list serve), and Margaret Rivera.

Promoting Community Colleges to Foundations. The Commission expressed concern that major foundations do not have a good understanding of the research needs of our institutions. Foundations need to be educated to help them understand what community colleges do. Information about community colleges should be sent to foundation boards. College boards should also be utilized to identify foundations and help contact them.

It was recommended that AACC invite the leaders of the following foundations to the November Commission meeting so they can be included in a dialogue and get a better understanding of the challenges confronting community colleges: Kellogg, Exxon (Ed Art), Ford (Steve Zwerling), NSF, Sloan, and Pew Charitable Trust.

Best Research Award. The Commission has talked briefly at past meetings about sponsoring a "Best Research Award." A sub-group volunteering to develop the criteria for such an award and application guidelines include the following: Irving McPhail, Bill Hierstein, Marvin Lane, and Martha Kanter (lead).

ERIC Clearinghouse for Community Colleges. Art Cohen, Director of ERIC, described how ERIC Clearinghouse was formed and the type of information it provided. A discussion ensued on how to make ERIC access easier online.

There was further discussion on "weberizing" data commonly needed by presidents or putting common data about community colleges accessible online and easy to find. Especially helpful would be a web site that provided summarized statistics for presidents or the media to present to boards or legislatures.

Next Meeting: November 5-6, 1997, Washington, DC

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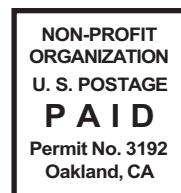
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