

MINUTES, GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY
Annual Conference, 1953

Held at the University of California, Berkeley, California in Room 116, Building #2, Saturday, April 4, 1953.

Meeting called to order 10:00 a.m. by President Boolsen.

Due to absence of Secty.-Treas., Kenney (East on business trip) Pres. Boolsen appointed Schmidt as Temporary Secy. No minutes of the previous meeting were on hand to be read.

A discussion was opened up in the area of, "---- if we are getting too far afield from the original purpose of the group?"

A discussion was opened up in the area of, "---- just when and where should the next annual meeting be held?" It was thought that perhaps the next best time would be in the summer time. However, not decided upon, with the suggestion that this would properly be handled by the incoming officers, via a suggestion letter to all members.

Pres. Boolsen appointed Nominating Committee comprised of: FITZGERALD, Chairman, BOOLSEN, SCHMIDT and WILSON.

Meeting adjourned by Pres. Boolsen at 12:00 noon, to reassemble at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order 1:30 p.m. by Pres. Boolsen, with immediate report requested from Mr. Fitzgerald, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Nominations were in order for:

President	William DIENSTEIN
Vice President (Middle West)	Arthur BRANDSTATTER
Vice President (East)	Donal E. J. MACNAMARA
Vice President (West)	Fred FITZGERALD
Secretary-Treasurer	Lowell BRADFORD

It was moved (Wilson) and seconded (Hankey) that nominations be closed; with the unanimous favor of the members being shown by an all-round "Yes" vote.

It was moved (Wilson) and seconded (Hankey) that members nominated by the Nominating Committee be elected en toto; with a unanimous vote of affirmation by the members.

Discussions then evolved: Dues status
Incoming Secty.-Treas. to get list and bring up to date.

Constitution
Recommendations of the Constitution Revision Committee were read; however, in the absence of the regular Secty.-Treas. with the standing Constitution, it was decided action should be delayed till such time when the members would have both such for comparative and critical perusal.

Meeting adjourned by President Boolsen at 1:55 p.m.

At 2:00 p.m. President Boolsen introduced the Panel Discussion Leader, Dr. James ENOCHS, Specialist in State College Curricula, State Department of Education for the State of California.

TOPICS: Standardization of Criminology Curricula,
Transference of Students, Course Content,
Programs, Admission of Students and closely
related factors.

A very informative and enlightening discussion was participated in by all assembled, with the discussion ending at 5:00 p.m. A general feeling prevailed that we were a part of a TEAM in our objective. Dr. Enochs was most gracious in his attitude which included his philosophy that he and others at the State level were highly interested in the offerings of Criminology (The S.A.C. definition) programs, in keeping with training in Public Service Education. His attitude was realistic and practical. He stated that our type of training was rather new, and as such many points will have to be worked out through the administrators and staff members with occupational competency in the various areas. He offered guidance to programs in an effort to circumvent difficulties, problems and/or functions that would be contrary to State policies or unsound from the educational point of view.

At 7:30 p.m. (after dinner at the Hotel Durant, Berkeley, Calif.) Pres. Boolsen introduced the guest speaker. Mr. Walter DUNBAR, Associate Warden, San Quentin Prison, State of California, whose topic was: University and College Curricula for Correctional Service Education.

Those assembled as a whole, took it as an opportunity to have the evening pass much in the order of a SEMINAR. It might well have been a continuance of the afternoon panel discussion. Main course of attention was directed to a written report, Preliminary Report to 1951 Congress of Correction, SUGGESTED COLLEGE CURRICULA FOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICE EDUCATION, prepared by the Committee on Personnel Standards and Training, The American Prison Association, 135 E. Fifteenth Street, New York 3, New York; copies of same being furnished by Mr. Dunbar.

The Correctional Service was found to have many parallels in common with us. Curricula presents problems in semantics, not only related to course titles but to the major department headings at the various schools. Instances were brought to view where colleges had a curriculum labeled as Criminology, Law Enforcement Training, Police Training, Penology, etc., and yet did not have any practical courses or teachers with any occupational competency in the field, other than the usual college type course of the related or service type demanded generally.

Instances were brought out where student placement has been difficult due to the fact of a curriculum title, even though specific courses of the curriculum exceeded course required in the curriculum having the desired title. A feeling was expressed that perhaps this might be overcome if personnel services beyond span of control, were made aware of this situation, so that they might be more critical of the course content or subject matter, rather than the overall title.

At one point of query it was asked where the Correctional Services thought they might find the teachers for the practical courses they propose. This was not a point of criticism but one of wonderment and an eagerness for information for we are beset with the same problem.

Another point of concern was the possibility of attracting desirable collegiate trained persons to any of the services in our area, particularly so in the Correctional Services, when it was stated the normal beginner gets only \$283.00 per month.

The meeting came to a belated close around midnight. It was expressed generally that the day had been well spent, and never had a S.A.C. meeting ever been better.

Signed -- WILLARD E. SCHMIDT
Acting Secretary
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