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**APSA Elementary & Secondary School  
Curriculum Development Project**

This APSA NSF-funded project, co-directed by Howard Mehlinger and Richard Snyder, will develop new instructional materials for teaching about politics and government in elementary and secondary schools.

The staff of the elementary school component consists of Lee Anderson, Northwestern University; Mae King, American Political Science Association; Richard Longaker, University of California, Los Angeles; Jewel Prestage, Southern University; Charles Quigley, Law in a Free Society Project; Richard Remy, Ohio State University; Shelby Smith, Southern University; and Richard Snyder, Ohio State University. On the basis of a year's investigation and study, this component will publish a set of guidelines to direct the future development of instructional materials on political science for use in elementary schools. The project expects to design an approach to the study of politics that is grounded in children's natural political life within the contexts of families, schools, and peer groups but clearly focused upon universal experiences and perennial problems in the political life of mankind.

The high school component is based at the Social Studies Development Center, Indiana University. The co-directors of the high school component are Judith Gillespie, Howard Mehlinger, and John Patrick. Maurice Woodard, Howard University, is a special consultant to the project. During the course of their work, the staff, together with advisors and cooperating teachers, will design, develop, and test instructional materials for a senior high school course in political science that may be used as an alternative to present twelfth-grade courses in American Government. The new program will combine the comparative analysis of political systems with student observation and participatory experiences in schools. Schools will be concep-

tualized as small-scale political systems that are analytically comparable to political systems at local, state, national, and transnational levels. The materials will be designed to treat such basic political phenomena as system change, maintenance, conflict, development, ideology, communication, leadership, decision-making, influence, and participation. The instructional program will make use of schools as laboratories in which these phenomena can be studied through the methods of social science and systematically compared to analogous phenomena in large political systems. *The schools will be used also as sites for providing students with concrete experience in political participation and decision-making.*

Numerous working papers have been prepared for both the elementary and secondary components, and a full report on the progress of the project was made to the Association membership at the Annual Meeting in Washington. The project staff will also make a presentation at the Southern Political Science Association meeting in Atlanta.

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#### APSA Council Minutes

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The second Council meeting of the year was held at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C., May 22, 1972.

Present: Christian Bay, Philip E. Converse, Thomas R. Dye, Valerie A. Earle, Heinz Eulau, Richard F. Fenno, Fred I. Greenstein, Robert O. Keohane, Evron M. Kirkpatrick, Samuel Krislov, Gerhard Loewenberg, Robert E. Martin, Dwaine Marvick, Donald R. Matthews, Joyce M. Mitchell, Clara Penniman, Nelson W. Polsby, Kenneth Prewitt, Dankwart A. Rustow, Joseph Tanenhaus, Gordon Tullock and Robert E. Ward.

#### Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved, subject to such minor corrections as the Secretary may find necessary.

#### FY 1972-73 Budget

Matthews presented the Council with the budget for fiscal 1972-73 proposed by the Administrative Committee. On a procedural point, he moved that *if more than one motion is made to alter the budget expenditures proposed by the Administrative Committee the following procedure will be followed:*

(1) Each motion will be considered separately and approved or disapproved by a preliminary vote of the Council.

(2) The budget as amended will then be voted on as a whole. The final budget must be passed by *roll call vote of the Council for alterations in the budget to take effect.*

No objection; motion approved.

Polsby was asked to comment on the adequacy of the budget for the *Review*. He stated that the backlog of accepted articles was so great that even in May 1972 the June 1973 issue was already filled. This was true despite an acceptance rate of less than 10% of submitted articles. "I cannot request a larger appropriation in view of the other needs of the Association," he said "but if the Council grants one, I can put it to good use." Penniman inquired whether part of the \$40,000 allocated to *PS* might be used to expand the *Review* to reduce the backlog. Kirkpatrick explained that *PS* was already assisting the *Review* by removing Association news and notes; the existence of *PS* was enabling the *Review* to publish two or three additional articles per issue. Polsby defended *PS* as a contribution to the "profession" of political science, while the *Review* is a contribution to the "discipline" of political science.

Rustow observed that there was a decline in the total appropriation for matters of professional equality; he suggested the addition of a full-time staff member to handle women's affairs exclusively. Eulau explained that several projects on professional equality, including studies of blacks and women in the profession, which had been funded by the Association, were now completed. Mitchell stated that the *Women's Committee* had not requested a full-time staff member. Penniman observed that increased activity in colleges and universities on behalf of professional equality may relieve the Association of some of the burden of effort in this area.

Loewenberg moved that the amount allocated for the Council meetings be reduced by the amount of travel expenses to and from the Annual Meeting. Tullock seconded. Dye observed that he had made similar motions in previous years but they had failed. Polsby expressed his opposition to the motion. Motion defeated by a voice vote.

Matthews moved for adoption of the budget as proposed by the Administrative Committee. Motion approved by a voice vote.