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## APSA Undergraduate Education Program

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A Division of Educational Affairs (DEA) has been established by the Association, as announced in the Fall issue of *PS*. The primary responsibility of the new division will be the administration of an NSF-supported program for the improvement of undergraduate education in political science. Effective January 1, 1973, Mark F. Ferber and Sheilah Koeppen have been named Director and Associate Director of the Division.

The staff will be assisted in their work by a Steering Committee chaired by Vernon Van Dyke, University of Iowa, and composed of Vincent Browne, Howard University; Martin Diamond, Northern Illinois University; Heinz Eulau, Stanford University; Betty Nesvold, California State University, San Diego; Jack Peltason, University of Illinois; Ithiel de Sola Pool, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; James Robinson, Macalester College; and Stanley Rothman, Smith College.

The staff of DEA is now developing an agenda of activities. These include *inter alia* activities designed to: (1) alert political scientists to the Association's interest in, and commitment to, services aimed at the improvement of teaching; (2) stimulate and contribute to the development of curricular materials and methods of undergraduate instruction that are effective in developing intellectual skills and competencies; (3) establish and maintain channels of communication between the Division and teachers of political science concerning matters of mutual interest.

The next stage of DEA activities will involve decisions about the preparation of materials that will assist teachers and students. DEA hopes to stimulate the development of such materials in ways compatible with the terms of the NSF grant. Although this probably will preclude grants to individual political scientists, DEA nonetheless seeks information about relevant projects and wants to be of assistance in all possible ways.

The Directors invite suggestions about the kinds of materials and the forms of assistance that might be of value. They are interested in receiving statements from members of the Association about their problems. The Division hopes to get as much input from, and make contact with, as many teachers as possible in order to establish

the most effective means for exchanging information among teachers about course content and methods of organization and evaluation of materials and modes of instruction.

DEA's obligation to undergraduate education requires continual communication with, and some involvement in, the Association's projects relating to pre-collegiate and graduate education. Since alterations in pre-collegiate education in politics and government affect the preparation of undergraduates, it is necessary to be alive to the developments that are in progress. And since graduate education trains those who become teachers of undergraduates, DEA's concern extends to it as well. Contact and cooperation with all the Association's educational activities is important since the APSA has a commitment to continue and to extend its activities for the development of better programs in political science, at all levels, beyond the life of the specific program made possible by the NSF grant.

DEA will report to the members of the Association on its programs and plans through *PS* and in other ways. A report by the staff on initial inquiries into the undergraduate curriculum and specific courses will be presented in a workshop at the next APSA annual meeting. The meeting is scheduled for the lunch hour on Thursday, September 6, 1973, at the Jung Hotel in New Orleans. Further details will appear in the preliminary program in the Spring issue of *PS*.

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## State and Regional Associations

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At the 1972 Annual Meeting of the Association, officers of the state and regional associations again met with Currin Shields of the University of Arizona and former President of the Western Political Science Association, as the presiding officer. The meeting provided officers an opportunity to discuss mutual concerns in conducting state and regional associations as well as ways in which the organizations can be strengthened.

*PS* is publishing its annual list of state and regional political science associations including organizations, officers, publications, and meetings in this issue. Further information as well as additions or corrections to the list will be appreciated.