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Undergraduate Education Improvement Program in Political Science

An Association proposal for a major program to improve undergraduate education in political science is being submitted to the National Science Foundation following its recent approval by the Council.

The proposal requests support to establish a Commission on Undergraduate Education in

Political Science (CUEPS) aimed at improving undergraduate political science education in colleges and universities throughout the country. It would be similar to programs supported by NSF in fields such as Biology, Physics, and Mathematics. The Commission, under the auspices of the American Political Science Association, will have as its primary objectives the stimulation of interest, the generation of materials, and the dissemination of information helpful in upgrading political science instruction in a variety of institutional settings. Two Committees, Undergraduate Curriculum (with subcommittees on the Non-Major, Two-Year College, Predominantly Black Colleges) and College Teacher Training, and five task forces, Field Work and Internships, Library Requirements, Mathematical and Statistical Training, Audio-visual Instructional Materials, and Laboratory and Computer-assisted Instruction, are proposed as the primary working aims of CUEPS. The proposal also contains provisions for a Division of Educational Affairs within the American Political Science Association.

This effort is an outgrowth of the Association's renewed interest in undergraduate education during the last several years. As a part of this interest, a Committee on Undergraduate Instruction, chaired by William Buchanan of Washington & Lee University, was appointed over a year ago to address the problems of undergraduate teaching; it published a report, "Conceptual Analysis," in the Summer 1970 *PS*. In December 1970, a number of political scientists assembled in Washington under the Chairmanship of Robert E. Lane for a Conference on Political Science Education. Those attending were Gabriel A. Almond, Walter E. Beach, William Buchanan, John P. Crecine, William J. Daniels, Ithiel de Sola Pool, David Easton, Heinz Eulau, Richard F. Fenno, Donald G. Herzberg, Richard I. Hofferbert, Matthew Holden, Jr., Robert J. Huckshorn, Charles S. Hyneman, Tobe Johnson, Evron M. Kirkpatrick, Thomas E. Mann, J. Roland Pennock, Lucian W. Pye, Austin Ranney, Melvin Richter, Donald E. Stokes, Gordon Tullock, Vernon B. Van Dyke, and Robert E. Lane, Chairman. Also present were Alfred Borg and William A. Lucas, National Science Foundation; Robert Gagne, Florida State University; and Edward Kormandy, Commission on Undergraduate Education in Biological Sciences. The major objectives of the meeting were to identify the most pressing educational needs at the undergraduate level and to propose a program that would effectively address those needs. The proposal being submitted to NSF represents

the collective effort of the Conference participants, the Committee on Undergraduate Instruction, the Council and numerous other political scientists who have demonstrated an interest in improving political science education. The project director and chairman of the proposed Commission is Vernon Van Dyke of the University of Iowa.

New Instructional Materials for Pre-Collegiate Teachers Proposal

As part of its continuing interest in the field of pre-collegiate education the Association is preparing a proposal to the National Science Foundation for support to develop new instructional materials for elementary and secondary teachers.

Since its founding, the APSA has maintained an interest in improving instruction about politics and government at the pre-collegiate level of American education. Numerous committees and task forces have examined and sought to improve the discipline's contribution to elementary and secondary schools. The Association has published several studies and reports on civic education, shared in such educational projects as "Continental Classroom" and conducted several in-service training seminars. The annual meetings of the APSA regularly includes one or more programs co-sponsored with the National Council for the Social Studies focused upon the political education of pre-adults.

In recent years the involvement of the profession in pre-collegiate education has been rapidly expanding. In the spring of 1969, a Committee on Pre-Collegiate Curriculum was appointed with Paul R. Abramson of Michigan State University as Chairman. The report of this Committee, published in the Summer 1969 *PS*, recommended a substantial expansion in the profession's involvement in pre-collegiate education and the establishment of an Association Committee on Pre-Collegiate Education. President Deutsch appointed the present Committee on Pre-Collegiate Education, the twenty-second such committee in the Association's history, in January 1970. Under the leadership of the Committee on Pre-Collegiate Education, chaired by Richard C. Snyder of Ohio State University, the Association has undertaken a major effort to mobilize the resources of the discipline in support of improved political science education in elementary and secondary schools. The APSA Political Science Education Project, directed by Lee F. Anderson and Richard Remy, and supported with funds

from the U.S. Office of Education, has served as the primary working arm of the Association. An extensive description of the APSA Political Science Education Project is contained in the Summer 1970 *PS*.

The pre-collegiate proposal, similar to NSF supported projects in sociology and geography, is currently being prepared for submission to the NSF Division of Pre-College Education in Science Course Content Improvement Program. It requests support for the development of new instructional materials that focus upon perennial and universal experiences in the political life of mankind such as conflict, authority, decision-making, influence, participation, and change; it will be organized around sets of problems in the conceptual, empirical and normative analysis of politics.

Political Science Department Chairmen's Lists

The Association has developed lists of 1970-71 political science department chairmen which are available for purchase.

The lists are divided among graduate departments, 140 institutions (List A); undergraduate departments offering degrees in political science, 747 institutions (List B), and undergraduate departments offering a political science component in a social science or related department, 458 institutions (List C). The non-commercial, prepaid price for the lists are: List A, \$15.00, List B \$30.00, and List C \$30.00. Commercial rates are available on request. The Association also has available on addressograph plates for purchase at the same non-commercial rates as listed above, the names of departments. For further information on departmental lists, write to Miss Jeanne Mozier at the Association.

1970 Annual Meeting Abstracts Volume

The 1970 Annual Meeting Abstracts Volume by Richard Merritt of the University of Illinois and the 1970 Annual Meeting Program Chairman is currently being prepared for publication and should be distributed to members who have ordered copies by early summer. Members wishing to order copies of the volume may do so by forwarding \$1.00 prepaid to the Association. The indexed Abstracts volume will contain abstracts of papers delivered at the 1970 Annual Meeting.