

## PSA Committee Report

*Committee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties*

*Thursday, March 31, 2016*

*1:45-3:30 p.m. California Room*

### Meeting Notes

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| <b>Present:</b>           | Sharon K. Davis (Chair), Becky Beal, Desire' Anastasia-Cartwright, Duke Austin, Pamela McMullin-Messier, Lora Bristow (Council) |                  |                 |
| <b>Absent:</b>            | Stacy McGoldrick, Kara Delacioppa, Susan Palmer   |                  |                 |
| <b>Chair/Facilitator:</b> | Sharon K. Davis   | <b>Notes By:</b> | Sharon K. Davis |

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| <b>Call to Order</b>   | <i>Meeting was called to order by CRCL Chair, Sharon K. Davis, at 1:45 p.m.</i>   |
| <b>Chair's Report</b>  | <p>Chair Davis presented and the members reviewed the Mission of the CRCL Committee which states: [The CRCL Committee] proposes and organizes sessions that raise awareness of issues related to civil liberties and civil rights. Further, the committee monitors and makes recommendations to the PSA Council when the civil liberties and civil rights of sociologists are in jeopardy.</p> <p>We propose further clarification of the mission statement with the following italicized additions, to read: Proposes and organizes sessions that raise awareness of issues related to civil rights, <i>including full social, legal, and economic equality in academic and applied settings</i>, and civil liberties, <i>including the right to free speech/assembly without unwarranted interference</i>. Further, the committee monitors and makes recommendations to the PSA Council when the civil liberties and civil rights of sociologists are in jeopardy.</p>                              |
| <b>Committee Member Reports</b><br>(Reports by committee members on their work in the preceding year such as planning committee sponsored sessions.) | <p>It was suggested that the Program Committee be contacted to include visits to local organizations doing work in the local community at the next annual meeting. For example, perhaps the local organization that receives recognition from the PSA could tour a limited number of PSA members who had signed up, their facilities/premises.</p> <p>It was also suggested that at the next PSA annual meeting, local students be invited to attend for a \$5.00 daily charge. This would allow students to attend just a single day, or as many days as they chose. For that fee, they would receive a name tag and online access to sessions only</p> <p>For a fee, as well, local non-profit, social service-type organizations might be invited to have tables that advertise their agencies, their goals, and their services in a common area at the next PSA annual meeting.</p>   |
| <b>Unfinished Business</b><br>(Any unfinished or postponed business from last year's meeting.)   | There was no unfinished business.   |
| <b>New Business</b><br>(New items such as electing a committee chair, planning committee sponsored sessions and other committee activities.)         | <p>Chair Davis also announced the planned strike of the CSU professors and shared a flyer with a list of key grievances. The Committee unanimously resolved that the chair draft a proposal on its behalf in support of the planned strike. It was co-sponsored with the CSU Faculty Committee and presented to Council for formal PSA organizational support.</p> <p>The Chair-Elect is Desire' Anastasia-Cartwright. Several ideas for committee-sponsored sessions that reflected the theme of next year's meeting, Institutional Betrayal: Inequity, Discrimination, Bullying, and Retaliation in Academia, were discussed. Proposed topics included: Bullying in the Academy, Institutional Responses to Bullying in the Academy, Betrayed by the Institution: Victims of Bullying Speak, and The CSU Strike and Its Successes and Failures (Duke Austin will organize).</p> <p>Chair-Elect Anastasia-Cartwright will take responsibility for communicating session proposals with committee</p> |

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|                      | members. These will be forwarded to Lora Bristow, Tina Burdsall, and the Program Committee |
| <b>Announcements</b> | There were no additional announcements.  |
| <b>Adjournment</b>   | <i>Meeting was adjourned by CRCL Chair, Sharon K. Davis, at 3:30 p.m.</i>                  |

Please remember to send the minutes to committee members for review/approval before submitting them to the PSA secretary.

Date of Approval:

**Appointed Committee Member's Contact Information**

| Name | Institutional Affiliation | Email |
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