

## **Minutes from Latino Caucus meeting on August 29, 2019 at the American Political Science Association annual meeting in Washington D.C.**

(Minutes taken by Ivy A.M. Cargile – Latino Caucus Secretary)

Melissa Michelson, President of the Latino Caucus introduces herself and calls the meeting to order at 12:15pm

- I. Meeting opened with the presentation of three awards: *Latino Politics Best Book*, the *Emerging Scholar Award*, and *The Fund for Latino Scholarship*
  - a. Latino Politics Best Book Prize – award presented by the committee chair, Linda Alvarez to 2 outstanding books:
    - i. *Spectors of Belonging* – Adrian Felix (University of California, Riverside)
    - ii. *The Latino Question: Politics, Labouring Classes, and the Next Left*– Armando Ibarra (University of Wisconsin, Madison), Alfredo Carlos (California State University, Long Beach), & Rodolfo D. Torres (University of California, Irvine)
  - b. Emerging Scholar Award – award presented by Melissa Michelson to Marcela Garcia Castañón (San Francisco State University)
    - i. While a certificate was given to her at the meeting a plaque will be mailed at a later time
  - c. The Fund for Latino Scholarship (FLS) – presented by committee chair, Julia Marin Hellwege
    - i. It was clarified that the funds for this are split among faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students to ensure travel to APSA. Folks are able to apply by May and decision is made in June.
    - ii. For 2019 there was additional money that the Latino Caucus had from last year’s anniversary festivities was used for travel grants to help graduate students attend APSA
    - iii. FLS Recipients
      1. Rebeca J. Agosto Rosa, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
      2. Alejandro Beltran Aguirre, University of Arizona
      3. Tabitha Bonilla, Northwestern University
      4. Álvaro José Corral, The College of Wooster
      5. Angela Gutierrez, University of California, Los Angeles
      6. Michelangelo Landgrave, University of California, Riverside
      7. Eddie Lucero, University of California, Merced
      8. Eduardo Salinas, University of Illinois, Chicago
      9. Inés Valdez, The Ohio State University
      10. Daisy Vera, University of California, Los Angeles
    - iv. Travel Grant Recipients this year were:
      1. Estefania Perez
      2. Angela Ocampo
      3. Barbara Aguiñaga

4. Melina Juárez Pérez
5. Maricruz Osorio

II. Treasurer's Report – Jason Casellas

- a. Requested for folks at the meeting who had not paid dues to please do so. Bulk of money that is collected goes to lunches/meals for meetings as well as co-hosting of receptions with the REP caucus and others groups of color
- b. This year's reception was on Friday, August 30, 2019 from 7:30pm-9pm

III. Anniversary of the Asian American Pacific American Caucus (AAPAC)

- a. Caucus President – Melissa Michelson discusses the importance of members of the Latino Caucus attending the reception as well as the various panels that have been planned in celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AAPAC
  - i. Celebration of the caucus from 4pm-7pm

IV. Officer Nominations for 2019-2020 term

- a. Melissa announces that nominations are needed for the 2019-2020 year and special attention is paid to the position of Vice President because the VP for 2019-2020, Francisco Pedraza, will be the President for the upcoming year
  - i. Angela Ocampo is nominated, however, Ivy brought up previous conversation from last year's meeting where it was stated that people who filled the President and Vice President positions needed to be tenured AND that there should be alternations between men and women
  - ii. Betina Cutaia Wilkinson nominated Marcela Garcia Castañon for Vice President and Tony Affigne seconds the nomination.
  - iii. Marcela Garcia Castañon will be the vice president for the 2019-2020 term
- b. Melissa puts a call out for the other positions: secretary, treasurer and webmaster. No one else is nominated so officers from 2018-2019 agree to stay on for one more year.
  - i. Officers for 2019-2020:
    1. President – Francisco Pedraza
    2. Vice President – Marcela Garcia Castañon
    3. Secretary – Ivy A.M. Cargile
    4. Treasurer – Jason Casellas
    5. Web Master – Julia Marin Hellwege

V. Announcements

- a. Incoming President, Francisco Pedraza asks for any announcements that attendees have
  - i. Julia, webmaster for Latino Caucus site, asks for any updates members may have for the website – updates such as university affiliations or position updates
    1. Also, asks for syllabi in order to keep the website current
  - ii. In-coming President, Francisco Pedraza announces that 4 Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC) meetings will be held in the coming months. Meetings are organized by respective faculty members who are PRIEC members as well. Francisco is encouraging folks to provide submissions for presentations and to encourage others as well.

- iii. Upcoming meetings for the fall are as follows:
  - 1. NM – during balloon festival – Gabriel Sanchez is organizing meeting in early October 2019
  - 2. MO – Adriano Udani is organizing meeting in October 2019
  - 3. TX – Valerie Martinez-Ebers & Andrea Silva are organizing the meeting in November 2019
  - 4. CA – meeting will be held at University of California Riverside in December
  - 5. AZ – Angel Molina and Rodney Hero will organize a meeting in January 2020/early February 2020

VI. Collection of dues – Jason Casellas