



Overseas Association of College Admission Counseling

Welcome back to another school year. High school counselors are faced with yet another beginning, helping seniors pick that "perfect" college. Our colleagues on the college side are eager to help us with that choice. On behalf of all the international schools I thank them for their efforts and especially their visits.

At the Overseas Association FOR College Admission Counseling we have a unique opportunity to make Colleges aware of the diverse and qualified students we represent. They are *foreign* or host country nationals but they are most importantly *International*. Our college members realize this but it is our job to spread the news to all.

One of the best ways to do this is by attending the National Conference in Minneapolis. If you can't attend this year try to plan for San Francisco in 1997. The influence of our organization continues to evolve due to the work done by our previous boards. New international students and their special needs are also a part of NACAC concerns.

I especially would like to thank Ted Washburn, Mary Ann Sullivan, Phil Clinton and Beth Linguri who have brought OACAC from its humble beginnings to the twelfth largest State and Regional Organization of the twenty-four in NACAC. I would ask your help to keep this going. For the first year we have not won the contests for the new membership in NACAC. If you know anyone who would like to join either NACAC or OACAC please encourage them to sign on.

I would like to congratulate and thank this years board members: John Evans (India) - president-elect; Beth Linguri (Switzerland) -

past president; Maria Vivas (Venezuela) - Vice President; Larry Turns (Turkey) - Secretary and Debbie Dostert (Italy) - Treasurer.

Maria Vivas will be taking over the Newsletter. Any articles or ideas you have please send them directly to her. John Evans and I will be organizing the OACAC summer conference this year in cooperation with Larry Turns who will conduct the summer ECIS tour. This will take place sometime during July in the San Francisco area. Any ideas or help on a host school will be appreciated.

If any of you are interested in joining any of our committees (Admission Practices, Conference and Meetings, Government Relations, Human Relations, Membership, Professional Development or Newsletter) please let me know and I will pass your name on to the Chair of that group.

Finally, a big THANK YOU to the College Board and their Overseas office for extending the October SAT I,II to schools outside the United States. Theresa Schweser and Ed Kelly of the Office of Overseas Communications have been supportive advocates of overseas.

Hope to see you in Minneapolis.

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***Important Dates to remember
for those attending the NACAC Conference***

- The OACAC Executive Committee Meeting will be held in Peter Hauet's Room at the Luxeford Suites on Monday Sept 30 from 1-3 pm.
- The State and Regional OACAC meeting will be on Tuesday Oct 1st from 5:30-7:00pm in the Convention Center room 102 A.
- Macalester will host a Lunch and Meeting for OACAC members and others interested in International Education on Friday, October 4. This will give members some time to meet together and talk about mutual concerns.

There will be an optional visit to Macalester following the meeting. Thanks to Jim Crowder and the International Admissions office for hosting us.

If you would like to attend please send a message or fax to Peter Hauet, St. Mary's International School.

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OACAC Summer Conference

Approximately thirty OACAC members gathered from July 13th to July 15th for OACAC's third annual summer conference. The participant list included high school counselors and college admissions counselors and was held at the University of Central Florida's Executive Business Center. The program which included outside speakers addressed a range of issues of particular concern to counselors in international schools and their counterparts at the university level. Highlights include programs given by Dan Golden, Director of the Filene Center for Work and Learning at Wheaton College and by Dr. Robert Pennington of the School of Business at the University of Central Business.

OACAC was particularly pleased to have two members of the NACAC Executive present at our conference; Bill McClintick, Admissions Practices Chair; and Ron Kroger, President. Bill McClintick conducted a very productive session which allowed counselors to discuss a variety of unique obstacles and

issues which international students face at various stages of the college admissions process. As a result of the session, Bill agreed to take a number of issues to the Admissions Practices Committee including counselor complaints regarding the ETS/TOEFL program.

Ron Kroger conducted an interesting session entitled "Consensus Building" which facilitated counselors to work together to create a common mission statement for OACAC.

Many thanks to Beth Linguri for putting together a superb program in which participants learned a great deal. The University of Central Florida should be also congratulated for hosting the conference and for allowing participants to use both the residence halls and dining facilities.

*Minutes of OACAC General Summer Meeting
Monday July 15th - University of Central Florida*

The meeting was opened at approximately 9:00 by Beth Linguri who officially passed the chair of the meeting to the new president, Peter Hauet. Peter began the meeting by giving a little history of OACAC and by thanking Beth for her leadership over the past years. Peter also thanked the colleges for their help and support of the newly formed OACAC association. Finally, he thanked the staff of the University of Central Florida for agreeing to host the conference.

Deborah Dostert gave the financial report. Currently the association has approximately \$ 3,500 in the bank, although there are a number of unpaid bills as well as deposits yet to be made. She did mention that the association's expenses have increased in recent years due to increased postage costs. Thirty-seven new members were added this year (16 schools, 21 colleges). Anyone interested in joining should fax Debbie at 39-6-574-1941 and she will send out membership information. Larry Turns gave the secretary's report - no additions or corrections were made. Both reports were accepted without dissent.

Beth Linguri gave the president's report. She outlined OACAC's rapid growth and increased visibility. She discussed the stated goal of OACAC to focus and to develop stronger ties with NACAC. Beth encouraged OACAC to continue to become more involved with NACAC at the executive level. Despite the great distance and expense involved in overseas counselors attending NACAC executive level meetings, it is important that representatives of OACAC are present so that our student's unique concerns are expressed. Efforts such as John Evans and Peter Hauet's attendance at the Leadership Development Conference and Cy Boschert, Beth Linguri and Pete Havet's input at the legislative session in Washington from March 2-5 should be applauded. Beth

mentioned that her goal of having four mailings a year had been met (the final mailing will go out after the conference).

Potential changes to the bylaws were discussed. A quorum was present so that changes could be made officially. A unanimous decision was made to change the association's name from the Oversea's Association of College Admission Counselors to the Oversea's Association for College Admission's Counseling. The name was changed in the bylaws whenever it applies. A unanimous decision was also reached to change the annual term of membership (Article 3-3) from Oct 15 - Oct 15 to Jan 1 - Dec 31st in order to match better NACAC's calendar year.

The following decisions were made without dissent: to change the presentation of candidates for officer positions from May to April (Article 6-3d); final elections from May to April (Article 6-3e); the date that terms of new officers begin from Oct 15 to July 1st (Article 6-3f); and the date that the NACAC Executive Director is notified of election results from May 30th to April 30th (Article 6-3g). Additionally, the date that elected delegates begin office was also changed without dissent from May 30th to April 30th (Article 9-3).

A great deal of discussion ensued over Article 3-c which states that at least two candidates for each officer vacancy shall be named by the nominating committee. Beth stated that it has become increasingly difficult to find two candidates to run for each office, and that reports from the last three presidents mentioned similar difficulties. She also said that OACAC is in the minority when compared to other ACAC's by requiring a double slate. Cy Boschert expressed his opposition to a proposed change and suggested a greater effort should be made by

the nominating committee to find willing candidates. A vote of 8 for the change and 3 against did not meet the 4/5th's requirement to make a change to the bylaws. Cy mentioned a concern that the bylaws were not being followed and that many guidelines stated in the text were being ignored. Pete Hauet agreed that the text of the bylaws need to be relooked at and updated and stated that this was a goal of his for the future.

Macalester College has offered to sponsor a workshop for OACAC members on Friday afternoon after NACAC concludes. The details have yet to be worked out but suggestions for topics should be forwarded to Beth or Peter.

Next year's conference will be held in California in conjunction with the ECIS tour of California universities. Details will be forthcoming.

Debbie Dostert suggested that considering increased postage costs that the current membership fee structure is unrealistic. Peter discussed possible ways to increase revenue. The sale of our mailing list was mentioned and discussed. It was also suggested that the Associate Member fees for colleges could be raised. Peter agreed to relook at the fee structure and stated that it was likely that membership fees would increase.

It was also suggested that one method of cutting costs during conferences would be to offer sponsorship of meals to individual colleges and organizations. Individual sponsors could be then acknowledged in future newsletters.

A number of individual concerns related to the ETS/TOEFL program were raised during the body of the OACAC conference. Wyn Lowman wanted to make sure that the association's concerns were pursued. The membership was assured by Ron Kroger, President of NACAC, that the issues would be addressed by the Admissions Practices Committee.

The meeting concluded at approximately 10:45 am.

OACAC Commitees

Admission Practices - Gwen Bergman
Conference and Meetings - Peter Hauet
Credentials - Peter Hauet
Finance - Deborah Dostert
Government Relations - Cyril Boschert
Human Relations - Maria Vivas
Membership - Beth Linguri
Nominating - Beth Linguri
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