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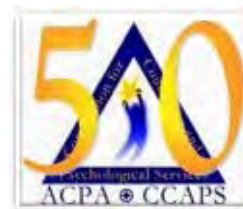
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HISTORY OF COMMISSION VII

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As a part of the 25th Anniversary of the Commissions of the American College Personnel Association, this history of Commission VII-Counseling has been written. Included is a brief narrative account of the activities of the Commission, a list of past Chairs of the Commission, a list of past Newsletter Editors, and a list of as many Directorate Body Members as we could compile. I would like to thank Past Chairs Jerry Jorgensen (1980-82) and Ursula Delworth (1976-78) for their assistance. A special thanks goes to Past Chairs Peter Sherrard (1978-80) and Jim Hurst (1972-74) for their help in collecting the information from which this history was written.

In the beginning The Commissions were very different from the way we know them today. The real precursors to the commissions were the liaisons from ACPA to the professional organizations representing the individual specialties within college student personnel work. In 1960, Barbara Kirk, of the University of California at Berkeley, was appointed liaison to the counseling center directors. In 1961, the chair of the convention program for the 1963 convention in Boston appointed thirteen "commissions" to develop program ideas for the convention. Barbara Kirk was appointed chair of Commission VII-Counseling, Testing, and Advising. These commissions consisted of 8-12 appointed members. They reported to the Program Chair and the charge to each Commission was:

" . . . to study current personnel practices and programs in view of the needs of the student and society and the increasing significance of the behavioral sciences for its particular aspect of personnel work. It will suggest needed research concerning the direction of student personnel work in the years ahead and evolve a series of meetings for the 1963 convention program based on the aforementioned outcomes. The Commission may also prepare reports as well as point of view papers . . ."

Commission VII, under the director of Barbara Kirk, developed nine program areas for the 1963 convention. These were:

1. Testing perspectives, past, present, and future.
2. Testing and the consumer.
3. Electronic machines and testing.
4. Counseling and advising in adult higher education.
5. Case study of supervision.
6. Innovations in counseling
7. Determining counselor roles through evaluation.
8. Research in counseling.
9. Issues in counseling, testing, and advising.

The original members of this Commission are listed in the appendix.

In 1962, the liaisons to outside groups continued, the commissions were doing their work on programs, and a major survey of the ACPA membership took place. A major focus of programs at the 1962 convention was groups and group leadership (a sign of the times!).

The membership survey revealed that members wanted to be more involved in ACPA. The 1963

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convention in Boston was very successful. The program commissions had done a good job. It was agreed to establish the commissions as permanent entities and the position of Commission Director was created to serve as a liaison between the Executive Committee and the commissions. Both the Chair and the members of each commission were appointed by the President of ACPA, with members serving three-year terms. Barbara Kirk continued as chair until 1964, when Lyn Rudikoff, also of the University of California at Berkeley, was appointed.

The convention in 1964 was in San Francisco and the main topic of interest was the relationship between counseling centers and health centers. Also in 1964, the position of Vice Chair was created to groom someone for the chairship. It was decided that chairs should serve for two years and the name of the commission was changed to "Counseling." "Testing" became Commission IX and "Advising" was added to Commission II. Also in December of 1964, a section called "Commission Briefs" became a regular part of the "Association News" section of the *Journal of College Student Personnel*, the beginnings of *Developments* and the commission newsletters.

In 1965, the convention was in Minneapolis. Tom Magoon of the University of Maryland became Chair and the commission had about 15 members. The topics discussed include reinstating the "Data Bank," publishing a monograph on the what and how of counseling, and running a workshop for newcomers to counseling centers. The Commissions continued to take major responsibility for developing programs for the convention. It seems that people proposed topics and volunteered to do them. There was no submission and competition process.

The Chairs of the Commissions over the next few years were:

1966-1968	Roger Meyers, Columbia University
1968-1970	Tom Scott, University of Tennessee
1970-1972	W. Harry Sharp, University of Wyoming

These chairs were appointed, as were the members of the commission. Most of them were counseling center directors. There was very little formal structure. They sat around in "smoked-filled rooms," discussing such things as: 1) How can counseling centers serve as liaisons between administrators and student activists? 2) Are there roles for counseling center staff beside "therapist"? 3) What is a "cube"? They discussed who ought to be members and recommended them to the Director for Commissions, who recommended them to the President who appointed them. The main project of the commission at this time was co-sponsorship of the counseling center Data Bank started by Tom Magoon at the University of Maryland.

During the 1972-1974 Chairmanship of Jim Hurst, Commission VII began to involve more people in their activities and began to actively encourage ACPA to open up the membership of Commissions. In 1973, Commission VII invited anyone interested in college counseling to come to our meetings at the Cleveland convention. Issues discussed at that time included accountability, training of counselors, accreditations, and effective delivery systems for counseling center services. The budget for 1972-73 was \$300! All of this went to the Data Bank. Other services were subsidized by the institutions of members. A regional workshop on "The Paraprofessional in Crisis Intervention" was sponsored in 1974. Nine programs were sponsored at the Chicago Convention in 1974. Commission VII was involved in the "Blue Ribbon Task Force," which developed a position paper with regard to affiliation or disaffiliation with APGA (not the first or last time Commission VII has been active in this issue!). The budget for 1973-1974 was \$550.

From 1974 to 1976, William Chestnut of the University of Indiana was Chair with Dave Mills of the University of Maryland serving as unofficial Co-Chair. During this time, a newsletter was established with Joe Diordio as the first editor. The main foci of Commission activities were the involvement of more members and sponsorship of regional workshops. Topics of interest were: women, as professionals and as clients; returning adult students, retention, changing sex roles, training, disabled students, rape counseling, epidemiology, and collaboration with other campus agencies. The budget request for 1975 was \$1,525 (!), a more representative sum!

At the Atlanta convention in 1975, eight programs were sponsored. Commission VII continued its co-sponsorship of the Data Bank. A Women's Task Force was established. A budget of \$625 was approved by the Executive Council (oh, well!). Discussion centered around mental health, career development, training, certification, and group counseling.

In 1976, Bill Chestnut invited Ursula Delworth, the incoming Chair, to come to Chicago a day early and attend the commission chairs' meeting with him. This proved so beneficial in helping the incoming chairs prepare for the Commission meetings that ACPA incorporated this practice and now all chairs and incoming chairs attend these meetings the day before Commission meetings. Also that year, Commission

VII sponsored nine convention programs, continued its co-sponsorship of the Counseling Center Data Bank, and increased the representation of women and minorities on the Directorate Body. The Executive Committee approved a budget of \$1,165. Lucinda Thomas became the second editor of the newsletter. Bill Chestnut retired as Chair and Ursula Delworth took office.

During this time, the Commission expanded its membership and involved more people in leadership positions. New committees were formed, including Ethics, Continuing Education, and Media; eight programs were sponsored for the Denver convention in 1977; and liaisons were established with the Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors (AUCCCD), the Educational and Training Committee of Division 17 (APA), and the Council of Graduate Training Programs in Counseling Psychology. In addition, Commission VII began to evaluate our convention programs. Also this year, Commission VII reduced its financial support of the Counseling Center Data Bank.

In 1978, ACPA met in Detroit. Seven programs were sponsored. Issues of interest were: sex roles, continuing education, Commission VII's involvement in the ACPA Editorial Board, and a minority task force. The budget for 1977-78 was \$950, a reduction due to a decrease in support for the Data Bank. Peter Sherrard took over as Chair.

During his term of office (1978-80), Pete developed a structure for Commission VII that is still in operation. Four Divisions were established: Membership and Recruitment, Issues and Answers, Professional Development, and Evaluation and Feedback. These divisions continue to perform the major work of the Commission, with task forces added as necessary to focus on current issues of interest to members. Also in 1978, Cliff Schuette became the third editor of the newsletter.

From 1978-80, the Divisions within Commission VII were very busy. New members were recruited and oriented. Three newsletters a year were published. Elections were held yearly. A student interest group was established. Liaisons were increased. Nine convention programs were sponsored and regional workshops were planned. An evaluation-feedback model for the Commission was developed and implemented. Relationships strengthened. A graduate student representative was added to the Directorate Body. The practice of electing a chair-elect, so that person would have time to plan before assuming the duties of the chair, was instituted.

Issues discussed at the convention that year included accreditation, human rights in therapy, licensure, professional identity, training, and continuing education. The new structure for Commission VII seemed to work well. More people were involved and additional refinements were made as needed. In 1980, the convention was held in Boston. Jerry Jorgensen took over as chair and Fran Stott became the newsletter editor. Nine programs were sponsored and the Student Interest Group was established as a clear subdivision of Commission VII. Issues of interest were: human rights, licensure, professional identity, multicultural affairs, the interaction between students and their campus environment, women's issues, continuing education, and ethics. Also at this convention, the first discussion occurred in Commission VII about the development of standards for student affairs. Commission VII at that time was not in favor of developing standards (look how far we have come in six years!). We preferred to use the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS) *Guidelines for Accreditation*, rather than develop standards. It took us a while to realize that if we did not develop them ourselves, someone else would do it for us! The budget that year was \$1,000. A thorough membership survey was done by Jack Corizzini, Puncky Heppner, and Gary Neal. Many ideas for projects and for involving members in Commission activities were developed.

In 1982, the convention was held in Detroit. Carol Geer became the chairperson of Commission VII and the major topic of discussion was should ACPA disaffiliate with APGA. Standards for counseling services were well underway by now, and Commission VII was actively involved in developing them. We sponsored six convention programs and co-sponsored ten. The Distinguished Professionals Seminar, or "Trailblazers," was a standard Student Interest Group-sponsored event. Issues discussed were: the standards for counseling services, licensure, and prevention. Pat Doherty and Sharon Senner took over as co-editors of the newsletter.

In 1983, the convention was in Houston. We sponsored six programs and co-sponsored twelve programs. Members turned out in record numbers for both the programs and the Commission meetings. Commission VII men were actively involved in the development of the Men's Task Force. Issues of interest were: training and supervision, crisis intervention, ethics, the role and function of a counseling center, and again, the Standards for Counseling Services.

In 1984, the convention was held in Baltimore. Lynn Roney became chairperson and Mary Wiley became editor of the newsletter. We sponsored six programs and co-sponsored four. The Directorate Body

approved the final draft of the Standards for Counseling Services and a statement of the role and function of a counseling center. In addition, we expressed concern about convention scheduling that forces men, women, and minorities to choose between attending task force meetings and commission meetings. Issues discussed included: training and supervision, computers in counseling, and crisis intervention. We revived, after several years of absence, our co-sponsorship of a social hour with the Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors (AUCCCD) and invited the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS) to join us.

Also in 1984, we sponsored the Campus Ecology Task Force, which was just beginning and hoped to become a Commission. We established a Graduate Student Research Award. We instituted the production of "proceedings" of Commission VII activities at the convention, which included summaries of programs we sponsored and minutes of Commission VII meetings. This was a busy and productive year for us.

In 1985, we met in Boston. Lynn Roney continued as chair and Judy Ellickson took over as newsletter editor. We developed and approved an Affirmative Action Statement for the Commission. We established a standing research committee to promote research and oversee the Graduate Student Research Award. We established a Professional Development Network. We began a comprehensive survey of the membership. We reviewed the Standards for Counseling Services. We sponsored six programs and co-sponsored one program. Interest and discussion groups included: career and counseling center relationships, service modalities, and sexual abuse.

Two important things occurred in 1985. Commission VII won an award for Excellence in Professional Collaboration for our work with the Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors (AUCCCD) and the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS) in developing the Standards for Counseling Services of the Council for the Advancement of Standards. Congratulations, Commission VII!!!

We also began discussion about changing our name from "Counseling" to something more representative of who we are, e.g., "Counseling Centers and Services." It was a busy and exciting convention.

This brings us to 1986. The convention this year will be in New Orleans and Commission VII is looking forward with enthusiasm to our usual active and productive time. We also look forward with optimism to the continued development of our profession and to the future of Commission VII and the American College Personnel Association.

To Be Continued . . .

COMMISSION VII HISTORY

Chairpersons

1961-64	Barbara Kirk
1964-65	Lyn Rudikoff
1965-66	Tom Magoon
1966-68	Roger Meyers
1968-70	Tom Scott
1970-72	W. Harry Sharp
1972-74	James C. Hurst
1974-76	William Chestnut
Dave Mills	
1976-78	Ursula Delworth
1978-80	Peter Sherrard
1980-82	Gerald Jorgensen
1982-84	Carol Geer
1984-86	Lynn Roney
1986-88	Patrick Sherry

Newsletter Editors

1974-76	Joe Diordio
1976-78	Lucinda Thomas
1978-80	Cliff Schuette
1980-82	Fran Stott

1982-84	Sharon Senner
Pat Doherty	
1984-85	Mary O'Leary Wiley
1985-86	Judy Ellickson

Original Commission Membership

Leonard D. Goodstein	University of Iowa
Beulah Hodahl	Michigan State University
Donald P. Hoyt	State University of Iowa
Gladys M. Jewett	University of California, Los Angeles
Goldie Ruth Kaback	City College of New York
Earl A. Koile	University of Texas at Austin
Clyde A. Parker	Brigham Young University
Alyce Graham Pasca	Roosevelt University
Lyn C. Rudikoff	University of California, Berkeley
Alexander Schneiders	Boston College

Directorate Body Members

1974 Tom Brown	University of Akron
Selby Clark	Portland State University
Tom Cook	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Edith Green	
David Mills	University of Maryland
Emily Sherwood	Temple University
1976 Julia Anderson	
Bill Arbes	
Dottie Bellinger	
Roger A. Hall	
Alyce E. Jenkins	
Arvin Lubetkin	
1977 Paul G. Banikotes	University of Notre Dame
Patricia M. Fannin	Teachers College, Columbia University
Gerald E. Osborne	University of Houston
Helen Roehlke	University of Missouri
Stephen Schwerner	Antioch College
Mildred Hope Witkin	Fairleigh Dickinson University
1978 Robert Archibald	Ohio State University
Clyde Crego	University of Missouri
Ursula Delworth	WICHE
Wayne Lanning	Indiana University
Lois Huebner	University of Missouri
Wiley Miller	Stephens College

Peter Sherrard	Kansas State University
Norma Simon	Queens College
1979 Kathy Hamilton	Colorado State University
Gerald Jorgensen	Loras College
Karen Kamerschen	University of Texas at Austin
Bonnie Ring	California College of Podiatric Medicine
Thomas Vernardos	University of New Mexico
Fred Weldon	University of Montana
1980 James Aiken	California Polytechnical State University
Howard N. Johnson	Howard University
Lou Ann Keating	Northern Illinois University
James I. Morgan	University of Florida
Marvin Moore	Colorado State University
Mary Sue Richardson	New York University – SEHNAP
1981 Jack Corazzini	Colorado State University
Beverly Prosser Gelwick	Stephens College
Ed Hascal	San Francisco State University
Donna McKinley	Colorado State University
James O'Neil	University of Kansas
Lucinda Thomas	Colorado State University
1982 Robert Conyne	Illinois State University
Pat Fannin	Columbia University
Carol Loganbill	University of Iowa
Steve Paul	University of Utah
Murray Scher	Tusculum College
Deborah Watts	Indiana State University
1983 James H. Banning	Colorado State University
Nancy Carlsen	University of Rhode Island
Carol Geer	University of California, Santa Barbara
Joseph Lombardi	Bentley College
Lynn K. Roney	University of Iowa
Max R. Uhlemann	University of Victoria
Linda Zaruba	University of Maine Farmington
1984 Richard B. Caple	University of Missouri
Christine A. Courtois	University of Maryland

Patricia A. Doherty	University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Punky Paul Heppner	University of Missouri
Richard N. Jacks	Whitman College
Alfred J. Kahn	University of Houston-Central Campus
1985 Nancy E. Downing	Colorado State University
Robert S. Perkins	SUNY-Brockport
Kathy H. Reese	Stephens College
Audrey Remley	Westminster College
Stephen A. Schwerner	Antioch College
Ron Spinelli	University of Utah
1986 James Aiken	California Polytechnic State University
Gail M. Burg	University of Houston
Gary W. Neal	Westminster College
Sharon Talcott Senner	University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Patrick Sherry	SUNY-Buffalo
Mary O'Leary Wiley	Ithaca College
1987 Joan A. Dallum	Northern Illinois University
Judy L. Ellickson	University of Illinois
Robert P. Gallagher	University of Pittsburgh
Elizabeth Holloway	University of Utah
Steven D. Mullinix	University of Pennsylvania
Jes Sellers	Case Western Reserve
Doris J. Wright	University of Texas at Austin
1988 Louise Douce	Ohio State University
Greg Eichenfield	University of Oklahoma
Linda Forrest	Michigan State University
Ron May	University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse
Elizabeth Yarris	Bowling Green State University
Dick Yates	Cleveland State University

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