Minutes
Meeting of the
REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS
Science Center, University of Georgia
April 28, 1960

Members Present:
J. A. Rigney, North Carolina State College (Chairman)
John K.Pelger for Lloyd W. Chapin, SREB (Secretary)
E. card, University of Kentucky
Allan W. Kimball, Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies
Herbert A. Keyer, University of Florida
A. C. Cohen, University of Georgia
James W. Walker, Georgia Institute of Technology
John Gill for Paul M. Hume, University of Alabama
Carl E. Marshall, Oklahoma State University
Boyd Harshbarger, Virginia Polytechnic Institute

Also Present:
Broadus Browne, University of Georgia
Ralph Bradley, Florida State University

Members Not Present:
George E. Nicholson, Jr., University of North Carolina
J. E. Albert, University of Tennessee
John R. Stockton, University of Texas
Rutledge Vining, University of Virginia
(Allan Kimball, John Hume)

1. The chairman called the meeting to order and received a brief report on plans for the 1960 summer session at the University of Florida and the 1961 summer session at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Dr. Keyer reported that the faculty for the 1960 summer session was as indicated in the announcement with the addition of Dr. Lowell Wine. He also reported that there were approximately 180 applications for the 50 National Science Foundation Fellowships and that they expected a total attendance at the summer session of approximately 80 to 100 persons.

2. Dr. Harshbarger reported that he was preparing a request for early submission to the National Science Foundation for 60 fellowships and other support for the 1961 summer session. He will write to the other committee members asking them to get their president to write a letter to the National Science Foundation in support of the summer session at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.
3. There was some discussion of the conditions under which graduate students from one institution could be admitted to the summer session at another institution, and the chairman agreed to write the graduate dean at the University of Florida to the effect that a graduate student who had been accepted by any of the four participating schools would be admitted to the graduate summer session at another school upon receipt of a letter from the graduate dean of the school where the student was regularly enrolled and would not have to go through the formal procedures of applying for admission to the graduate school where the summer session is being held.

4. The chairman then pointed out that the present memorandum of agreement will expire this summer (June 9, 1960, will be the anniversary date) and asked for a discussion of the desirability of continuing the activities of the committee under a new memorandum. The committee felt it should continue its work and discussed the purposes and functions in the original memorandum of agreement to see which of these should be continued into the future. After a good deal of general discussion, the chairman appointed a committee consisting of Lloyd W. Chapin as chairman, Boyd Harshbarger and himself (ex-officio) to draft a new memorandum, circulate it among the other members of the committee, and revise it as necessary, based on the comments of committee members. Then a new memorandum would be submitted to each of the schools that are now members and to others that may be interested and eligible for signature by the president.

5. The chairman asked for a report from Carl Marshall on possibilities of publicizing statistics. There was considerable discussion of various possibilities and the chairman asked Carl Marshall and A. C. Cohen to explore them further.
6. The chairman asked Boyd Harshbarger for a report on possibilities for another summer statistics retreat. The committee was favorable to the suggestion of another retreat. In the discussion it was indicated that the retreat, like the last one, should be primarily for Southerners. It was felt that the conference should provide ample opportunity for discussion as well as the presentation of papers. The conference might be focused on one or two topics, and provide symposia which would help to provide a review of the current state of knowledge in that area of statistics. The chairman appointed a committee consisting of Boyd Harshbarger (chairman), John Gill, and Allyn Kimball to develop plans for a retreat to be held in the late summer of 1961.

7. The committee discussed the desirability of more statistics short courses with a feeling that under some conditions there might be desirability and some interest in a greater involvement of natural scientists in short courses.

8. The committee discussed again the desirability of waiving out-of-state tuition for students in the summer sessions, and John Folger agreed to draft a letter for the chairman's signature which would be addressed to the SREB-State University and Land Grant Colleges Committee on Out-of-State Tuition. The letter would state the statistics committee's interest in having out-of-state tuition waived in the regional summer sessions and some of the problems that out-of-state tuition has created in the past.

9. The nominating committee (Carl Marshall and A. C. Cohen) recommended that the existing officers (J. A. Rigney, chairman; Lloyd W. Chapin, secretary) be re-elected. The committee re-elected them unanimously. There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

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