Annual Meeting
Southern Regional Committee on Statistics
March 13-14, 1964

The University of Texas
Austin, Texas

The Southern Regional Committee on Statistics met on March 13-14, 1964 at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas. All meetings were held in the Ransom Room, Forty Acres Club, adjacent to the campus. Committee members who were present or absent are indicated below.

Members

R. L. Anderson, Professor of Experimental Statistics, Department of Experimental Statistics, North Carolina State College
Ralph A. Bradley, Head, Department of Statistics, Florida State University, CHAIRMAN
Dana G. Card, Professor of Agricultural Economics, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky
A. C. Cohen, Jr., Director, Institute of Statistics, University of Georgia
R. J. Freund, Associate Director, Institute of Statistics, Texas A & M University
Donald A. Gardiner, Statistics Section, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
*John P. Gill, Head, Department of Business Statistics, School of Commerce and Business Administration, University of Alabama
Boyd Harshbarger, Head, Department of Statistics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Allyn W. Kimball, Jr., Professor and Chairman, Department of Biostatistics, School of Hygiene and Public Health, Johns Hopkins University
Carl E. Marshall, Director, Statistical Laboratory, Oklahoma State University
William Mendenhall, Head, Department of Statistics, University of Florida
*Paul D. Minton, Chairman, Department of Mathematical and Experimental Statistics, Southern Methodist University

* Absent
Observers

A. S. Burdick, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Duke University
Albert E. Drake, Head, Computer Center, West Virginia University
Carl F. Kossack, Director, Laboratory of Computer Sciences,
Southwest Center for Advanced Studies, Graduate Research Center of the Southwest
J. E. Roche, Professor of Business Statistics, School of Commerce and Business Administration, University of Alabama.
(Represented Committee Member, Dr. John P. Gill.)
Benon J. Traviniski, Assistant Professor of Biostatistics,
School of Medicine, Tulane University
John T. Webster, Southern Methodist University
(Represented Committee Member, Dr. Paul D. Minton)

1. Dr. Ralph A. Bradley, Chairman, called the meeting to order. He expressed hope that the Committee members would devote the 1964 annual meeting to a thorough reappraisal of objectives and activities, and to consider new directions for program activities associated with the improvement of statistics education (particularly at the graduate level) in the region.

2. Dr. William L. Bowden, Secretary, introduced Committee members and observers.

* Absent
3. Dr. John R. Stockton welcomed the Committee members and observers to the University of Texas and reviewed social arrangements.

4. Dr. Bradley reviewed the agenda and requested suggestions for changes or additions. There being none the Committee moved and voted to approve the agenda.

5. Dr. Bradley appointed committees to consider resolutions and to consider institutional invitations desiring to serve as host for the 1965 annual meeting:

   **Resolutions Committee:**
   - Dr. Boyd Harshbarger, Chairman
   - Dr. Dana G. Card
   - Dr. William Mendenhall

   **Invitations Committee:**
   - Dr. James W. Walker, Chairman
   - Dr. R. J. Freund
   - Dr. Donald A. Gardiner

6. Committee members and observers reviewed developments in the programs of statistics at their institutions. In general the reports reflected continuing strengthening and expansion of programs. (The 1963 report of the annual meeting of the Committee on Statistics, held at the University of Alabama, includes descriptions of each program in the South.) Additionally, the report entitled "Statistics Offerings in the South: Summer, 1964" was distributed at the recent annual meeting and provides late information about program developments.

The newly developed program at Texas A & M University was described by Dr. R. J. Freund. He distributed a printed brochure entitled "Training and Research in Statistics. Graduate Institute of Statistics. Texas A & M University" which provides details about the Institute, career opportunities, the curriculum in statistics, biographical information about the faculty and associate faculty, activities and facilities. He also distributed a mimeographed report entitled "The Teaching Program
of the Institute of Statistics" dated August, 1963. Copies of both
documents may be secured from Dr. Freund.

The newly revised program at the University of Florida was outlined by
Dr. William Mendenhall. (The report on 1964 summer session offerings
in statistics provides some details of the expanded program.) Two
staff positions are now filled. Six more positions are authorized and
expected to be filled by the next academic year. Eight additional
positions are planned for the following years. All statistics courses
have been transferred out of mathematics. The statistics curriculum
is being evolved from mathematics courses already approved by the
University and the Board of Control. Petitions have been submitted
to establish the M. S. degree in statistics and the M. Stat. degree by
the fall of 1964.

7. The previously mentioned informal report "Statistics Offerings in the
South: Summer, 1964" was presented. Dr. Bradley posed several questions
for Committee discussion: To what extent are statistics offerings at
all levels now adequately available in the summer months? To what
extent should the character of the cooperative summer sessions change
to embrace graduate work only? What cooperative services may the
Committee render to the region in addition to or in lieu of cooperative
programs?

Following extended discussion there was general agreement that
(a) undergraduate methods courses now are widely available, (b) high
undergraduate and graduate courses are still limited in number and
offered irregularly in the summer months, and (c) theory courses are
not generally available in the summer.
8. The Committee next considered the feasibility of an annual cooperative catalog or brochure that would describe graduate offerings in statistics available during the summer months in the region. There was general agreement that a cooperative brochure would be a useful undertaking for two reasons:

(1) To increase awareness and selection on the part of prospective or presently enrolled students about expanded opportunities to start or continue graduate studies in statistics in the summer months. Also, to provide opportunities for senior faculty and others to secure advanced training in special interest topics.

(2) To encourage the cooperating institutions to establish a simple, uniform procedure for regular graduate students at one institution to be admitted to graduate statistics summer courses of their choice at any of the other cooperating institutions. The admissions procedure would be described in the regional brochure.

Committee members suggested that SREB conduct an informal survey among the graduate deans and registrars of the cooperating institutions to determine the extent of ease or difficulty in announcing a uniform regional admissions procedure for graduate students interested in advanced statistics courses during the summer months. Members of the Committee on Statistics would be alerted at the time of the survey and asked to consult with their respective graduate deans and registrars on the matter.

If the survey information indicates feasibility, the Committee suggested that SREB explore with the presidents of the cooperating institutions
the extent of their willingness to enter into a formal agreement to enable bona fide graduate students at any one of the institutions:

(1) To enroll in summer courses for graduate credit at any one of the other institutions without the usual procedure of formal admittance to the graduate school where the work is to be taken; (2) To enroll at the institution of their choice upon transfer of an official letter between the graduate dean of the student's home institution to the graduate dean where the summer course is to be taken; (3) To have a transcript transmitted from the institutions where the summer course is taken to the home institution of the student.

The Committee moved and voted to request SREB to explore the feasibility of a regional agreement among the institutions of the South offering graduate statistics courses to establish a simple, uniform admissions procedure for graduate statistics students to enroll in the summer graduate courses of his choice at any one of the cooperating institutions.

Dr. Bradley appointed a committee to prepare a rough draft of the proposed agreement to be used by SREB for reference purposes.

Committee on Proposed Regional Admissions
Procedure for Graduate Students in Summer Statistics Programs:

Dr. R. L. Anderson, Chairman
Dr. Allyn W. Kimball
Dr. R. J. Freund

The Committee expressed hope that the proposed regional admissions agreement could be worked out during 1964 so that the procedure could be described in the first issue of the regional brochure on graduate summer session offerings for 1965. The Committee suggested that a publication deadline be set for sometime in early 1965.
9. Dr. R. L. Anderson reported on the 1963 cooperative summer session at North Carolina State and distributed a detailed final report. The following statement by Dr. Anderson underlined a persistent problem that has faced the last two or three regional summer sessions:

It had been hoped in organizing the session to make it especially attractive to more experienced and able applicants. It is evident, however, that applicants came mainly from the lower end of the experience scale. From correspondence and conversations with persons who expressed an interest but did not apply, it was apparent that the extreme lateness of the grant approval from NSF and the resultant very late date of the program announcement made it difficult for many of the best potential candidates at the upper levels of experience and capability to apply. The latter were the persons in most demand for summer jobs and special assignments; having a wide choice of alternatives, they made their plans several months in advance, and tended to be committed for the summer by the time our publicity for the present session was circulated.

The following statement was submitted by North Carolina State to the National Science Foundation in its final report on the 1963 summer session in statistics:

In the judgment of the staff of the session, the program was successful in achieving its objectives. A greater degree of success could have been achieved, however, if it had been possible to recruit a student group that more closely resembled the group envisaged when the program was planned. It should be emphasized in this connection that local project directors and the National Science Foundation should make every effort to submit and process proposals of this type as early as possible. Part of the recruiting difficulty in the present session arose because the proposal was not approved until February 20, 1963. Publicity material had been prepared for two months and was in envelopes awaiting only approval by the National Science Foundation to be mailed. By the time the approval came it was already too late to insert notices in the important technical journals which experience has shown enjoy far higher readership than do printed brochures or summer session announcements. If earlier approval of proposals of this kind cannot be given, perhaps the Foundation could allow distribution of preliminary notices that would, without committing the Foundation, alert possible students to the likelihood that a session of interest was in the offing.

Committee members expressed interest in having a breakdown of enrollment figures by courses at the 1963 summer session. Dr. Anderson submitted a report. (See Attachment A.)
10. Dr. Boyd Harshbarger reported on plans for the 1964 cooperative summer session to be held at VPI. (The program description may be found in the SREB report on summer session offerings in 1964.) Some modifications have been made since the report was prepared. Announcements will be circulated by Dr. Harshbarger in the next few days.

11. Dr. William Mendenhall reported on the status of plans for the 1965 summer session by the University of Florida. He reported that the University faced an insoluble problem of participating in the rotating summer sessions because of Florida’s new trimester schedule. Accordingly, President J. Wayne Reitz, transmitted a letter to Dr. Winfred L. Godwin, Director, SREB, dated March 5, 1964, withdrawing the University of Florida as signatory to the Memorandum of Agreement for Cooperative Graduate Summer Sessions in Statistics. (See Attachment B.)

12. The Committee moved and voted to request Dr. Carl Marshall to explore possibilities of Oklahoma State University serving as host for the 1965 summer session. Dr. Marshall agreed to explore the matter with his administration and expressed willingness to direct the summer session if approved. He said that he would organize the program with a focus on teacher education much as he did in 1962. (Note: In a letter dated March 20, 1964, Dr. Marshall notified Dr. Bradley that Oklahoma State University would serve as host for the 1965 summer session.)

13. Dr. Bradley asked the Committee for an appraisal of the regional summer session programs, and asked for discussion about possible changes and new directions in the cooperative activities of the institutions involved. The Committee already had indicated that undergraduate offerings in the summer months were no longer uncommon, but that a need still existed for attention to graduate offerings. (See Item 7.)
Dr. Bradley reminded the Committee that the Memorandum of Agreement for a Regional Committee on Statistics was due for a revision during 1964-65 and could go into effect for a five year period beginning either in 1965 or in 1966 as desired. He suggested that concurrent consideration be given by the institutional representatives involved in the Memorandum of Agreement for Cooperative Summer Sessions (OSU, VPI, NCS) for revising their agreement in close collaboration with the Regional Committee; or to consider with the Committee replacing the summer sessions memorandum with a new and expanded agreement, by 1965 if possible.

The Committee agreed that need existed for planning revised agreements and new program activities. In view of Oklahoma State University's willingness to host the 1965 summer session, the terms of all present agreements would be completed during the 1964-65 period. The Committee agreed that during 1964-65 the time should be used to plan together more effective cooperative programs and the agreements necessary to implement these programs.

Dr. Bradley appointed a Committee on Cooperative Projects to serve for two years during 1964 and 1965, the term to end at the annual meeting in 1966.

Committee on Cooperative Projects: Dr. Boyd Harshbarger, Chairman
Dr. R. L. Anderson
Dr. Ralph A. Bradley
Dr. R. J. Freund
Dr. Donald A. Gardiner
Dr. Allyn W. Kimball
Dr. Carl E. Marshall
Dr. William L. Bowden, Secretary

The Committee on Cooperative Projects will meet at a mutually convenient time for two or three days during the summer or fall of
1964 (and 1965 if necessary) to draft plans for regional graduate statistics programs and the formal agreements in support of these programs. Plans developed during 1964 will be circulated to the full membership of the Regional Committee for comments. Plans and agreements will be reviewed before or at the time of the 1965 annual meeting and submitted to the presidents of the cooperating institutions at a time recommended by the Regional Committee.

The Committee on Cooperative Projects also will consider plans for the format and contents of the proposed regional brochure on graduate statistics for the summer of 1965.

14. In the lengthy discussions that developed concerning revisions of program directions and formal agreements, the following points of general agreement emerged:

(1) The Regional Committee on Statistics represents a useful means for interested, cooperating institutions to plan together effective ways to improve and expand statistics education in the region. The annual meetings are of real value in bringing together the policy making administrators and teachers of statistics education in the South. There was a general feeling expressed that the annual meeting ought to be extended by about one day to permit more deliberation on plans, to provide time for substantive presentations, and to provide time for work sessions in small groups by interest areas.

(2) The Regional Committee on Cooperative Summer Sessions also represents a useful means for institutions to offer students statistics education on a year-round basis, for residence credit. The present arrangement, however, is in need of considerable revision.
(3) There was strong agreement that cooperative programs in the future should concentrate only at the graduate level.

(4) There was a general feeling that consideration should be given to establishing two core groups of approximately four cooperating institutions in the southeast and in the southwest to serve all the institutions represented in the Regional Committee with:

a. Two graduate statistics programs each summer to rotate among the four southeast and four southwest institutions.

b. Residence credit to be available to all students.

c. A cooperative graduate curriculum so worked out that graduate students may take course sequences adaptable to the curriculums at their home institutions.

d. Uniform and simplified admission arrangement.

(5) In addition to the proposed two core groups of institutions offering sequential graduate statistics in the summers, for residence credit, it was proposed that there be an agreement among all sixteen institutional signatories to present cooperatively and selectively advanced topics in statistics as occasion and resources permit. Such a proposed Regional Graduate Program of Advanced Topics in Statistics should be undertaken in an organized way by the full Regional Committee each year.

It was in connection with this program suggestion that the Committee expressed desire to have established a simple and uniform method for graduate students located at one institution to be admitted to a graduate summer course of his choice at any cooperating institution. Residence credit was not an issue at this point, nor was waiver of out-of-state tuition charges. However, the Committee expressed interest in achieving these additional areas of agreement when feasible.
(6) Program areas suggested by the Committee included:

a. Sequential graduate summer sessions for graduate residence credit.

b. Advanced topics in statistics for graduate credit.

c. Advanced institutes in statistics for improvement of college faculty.

d. Research institutes in statistics (with sharing of staff).

e. Mathematics institute for statisticians.

(7) The Regional Committee should consider further what each member can contribute to the regional cause: What faculty can be loaned or shared? What legwork can be done in each state in behalf of student recruitment and consultation? What brochure mailings can be done cooperatively?

15. Dr. Carl Marshall reported on his experiment in Oklahoma to determine the extent of interest at small colleges for a visitation program from the statistics staff at OSU or the Regional Committee aimed at initiating and improving statistics education. The survey was mounted too recently to have the benefit of complete results, but of 28 small institutions contacted, 5 have indicated they desired the visitation and 5 did not make their interest clear. The colleges would not be asked to pay honorariums, only travel costs where possible. OSU would contribute travel costs where necessary in Oklahoma.

The Committee felt that the Oklahoma experience was sufficiently significant to warrant further consideration of a regional visitation program to small colleges on a state-by-state basis with Committee members cooperating. The Committee on Cooperative Projects will consider further a procedure for implementing this activity.
16. Dr. John R. Stockton, Dr. J. E. Roche, and Dr. Loren Thompson discussed the general area statistics education in business administration curricula. There appeared to be genuine need but no clear way to provide for regional cooperation to advance statistics education in business administration.

SREB was requested to circulate a letter to deans of schools of business administration in the region requesting information that would be of aid to the Regional Committee in planning. Dr. Harshbarger suggested that the letter and questionnaire form be reviewed by the Committee on Cooperative Projects before it is circulated. The Regional Committee moved and voted affirmatively on this point.

17. A brief report was made on statistics education for mental health statisticians.

18. Dr. R. L. Anderson, chairman, Committee on Proposed Regional Admissions Procedure for Graduate Students in Summer Statistics Programs, submitted a report. (See Attachment C.)

19. Dr. James Walker, chairman, Committee on Invitations, reported that an invitation was extended to the Regional Committee by Georgia Institute of Technology to hold the 1965 annual meeting in Atlanta. The Regional Committee moved and voted affirmatively and expressed appreciation to Dr. Walker.

20. Dr. Dana Card, member, Committee on Resolutions, submitted a roster of resolutions. (See Attachment D.) The Regional Committee moved and voted affirmatively to adopt the resolutions.

21. The Regional Committee moved and voted to adjourn.
Total enrollment in summer courses listed in the brochure of the 1963 Southern Regional Summer Session in Statistics held at North Carolina State in Raleigh. (Includes those who were enrolled in the courses, but were not present for the statistics session; does not include unofficial auditors.)

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UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
Gainesville

Office of the President

March 5, 1964

C O F Y

Dear Dr. Godwin:

For a number of years the University of Florida has been signatory to a Memorandum of Agreement for Coopera-
tive Graduate Summer Sessions in Statistics. The devel-
opment of a new Department of Statistics at the University
of Florida, with consequent staffing problems, and our re-
cent move to the trimester system create numerous obsta-
cles to our participation in the summer session program.
For this reason the University of Florida wishes to with-
draw as signatory to the Memorandum of Agreement for
Cooperative Graduate Summer Sessions in Statistics.

We would emphasize that we wish to remain active in
the Southern Regional Committee on Statistics and that our
action in no way affects our position as signatory to the Mem-
orandum of Agreement for a Regional Committee on
Statistics.

Sincerely,

S/ J. Wayne Reitz

J. Wayne Reitz
President

Dr. Winfred L. Godwin
Director
Southern Regional Education Board
130 6th Street N. W.
Atlanta 13, Georgia
Report of Committee on Proposed Regional Admissions Procedure for Graduate Students in Summer Statistics Programs

A memorandum of agreement for the operation of a Regional Committee on Statistics among institutions of the Southern region and the Southern Regional Education Board has been in operation since 1955. In addition, another memorandum of agreement between the Southern Regional Education Board and Virginia Polytechnic Institute, the University of Florida, North Carolina State College, and Oklahoma State University has been in operation to conduct a Cooperative Graduate Summer Session in Statistics on a rotating basis; the 1964 summer session will be held at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. It now appears that many of the courses taught in these regional summer sessions are available in regular summer sessions of institutions represented on the Committee on Statistics. The Committee on Statistics is considering a reorientation of the regional summer sessions if simplified procedures can be developed for a graduate student in one institution to enroll in graduate courses at another cooperating institution. The Committee on Statistics and the Southern Regional Education Board would appreciate entering into an agreement to enable a graduate student from another cooperating institution to enroll in courses for graduate credit without following the usual procedure of being formally admitted to your graduate school. A suggested procedure is that a graduate student be permitted to enroll at upon presentation of an official letter attesting to the fact that he is a regularly enrolled graduate student at some other cooperating institution; however, any system that accomplishes the above objective would be sufficient and no further commitments would
be required. The universities that are parties to such an agreement would supply transcripts for students enrolled at their institutions but they would be under no obligation to grant any other privileges or academic credits toward degrees such as they might do for students from their own institutions.

Dr. R. L. Anderson, Chairman
Dr. Allyn W. Kimball
Dr. R. J. Freund
Resolutions

1. Be it resolved that the Committee on Statistics of the Southern Regional Education Board thank the Forty Acres Club for the kind hospitality and excellent service rendered to members of the Committee during this meeting.

2. Be it resolved that the Committee on Statistics of the Southern Regional Education Board thank the University of Texas, the Office of the Chancellor, and the Bureau of Business Research for their warm welcome and generous hospitality at the Luncheon, at the Reception and throughout the meeting.

3. Be it resolved that the Committee on Statistics of the Southern Regional Education Board thank the Southern Regional Education Board and Dr. William L. Bowden for various essential services rendered to the Committee throughout the year.

4. Be it resolved that the Committee on Statistics of the Southern Regional Education Board especially expresses its sincere appreciation to Dr. John R. Stockton for organizing and executing the arrangements for this meeting and for the many special kindnesses shown to members of the Committee.

5. Be it resolved that the Committee on Statistics of the Southern Regional Education Board express its thanks to our chairman, Dr. Ralph A. Bradley for planning and conducting a stimulating and thought-provoking program for this meeting.

The chairman moves the adoption of these resolutions, that they become a part of the minutes of this meeting, and that the secretary be asked to send a copy of the resolution concerning Dr. Meyer, to Mrs. Meyer, and to the President of the University of Florida, and copies of the other resolutions to those concerned.

Boyd Harshbarger, Chairman
William Mendenhall
Dana G. Card

Resolutions Committee
Dr. Herbert Meyer

Be it resolved that the Committee on Statistics of the Southern Regional Education Board notes with sincere regret the untimely death of Dr. Herbert Meyer, a charter member of this Committee and a leader of statistics in the South.

Dr. Meyer's interest and leadership did much to stimulate the Committee in its early activities and he organized and directed two of the Summer Sessions in statistics, sponsored by the Committee. He was a distinguished member of the faculty of the University of Florida and will be sorely missed by that faculty and by his colleagues in statistics.

Boyd Harshbarger, Chairman
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Institute

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Professor of Agricultural Economics
University of Kentucky

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