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Recommendations to the WPSA Committee To Review Report on Status of Chicanos

1. In general, it is imperative that the association continue its interest in, and support of, Chicano concerns by supporting the Committee on the Status of Chicanos, by encouraging studies such as the one presented here, by encouraging the increased participation of Chicano scholars in the Western Political Science Association, and by continuing the positive relationships developed to date.
2. There are two categories of recommendations which relate to the Association:
 - a) those which directly involve the Association and on which they can take direct action, and b) those which involve the discipline, individual departments, institutions of higher learning, and other professional associations but which the WPSA can indirectly support. The WPSA is in a unique situation where, with the exception of Texas, all of the states which contain the majority of Chicano Ph.D.'s in Political Science are member states of the regional association. We therefore feel that the WPSA can be an important organization supportive of specifically Chicano concerns, while other organizations can more properly concern themselves with other minorities of the USA.
3. Recommendations which directly involve the Association:
 - a) that the WPSA establish a prize (cash, honorary, or both) for the best dissertation, a panel paper, (or both), dealing with Chicano Politics written by a

Chicano scholar who is based in one of the Member states. An abstract of this dissertation should be published in the Western Political Quarterly, or, in a panel paper, the paper should be published in the WPQ. The Committee on the Status of Chicanos should be involved in any decisions made in this area. b) that the WPSA negotiate with the Southern Political Science Association in order to work out a method whereby Chicano scholars from Texas can be included in the WPSA. The division of Chicanos in an arbitrary manner currently results in reduced interest and membership of Chicanos in the professional associations. c) that WPSA appoint Chicano scholars to important committees in addition to the Committee on the Status of Chicanos. In particular, there is a need for appointment of Chicanos to the WPQ Editorial Policy Board, the Nominating Committee, and the Program Committee. Further, the WPSA should increase Chicano representation whenever possible to avoid the appearance of tokenism. d) that the WPSA consider a change in the organization of the Committee on the Status of Chicanos such that there be for example, the WPSA - Chicano Caucus, and that be the group which nominates the people appointed as the Committee on the Status of Chicanos. These two organizations would be within the official umbrella of the WPSA. The Committee on the Status of Chicanos would then be representative of the Chicanos within the Association and also be within the aegis of the WPSA. Chicanos feel a need to meet as a group during the conventions but there may sometimes be too many of us to be a viable working committee for the Association. e) that the Western Political Quarterly come up with an issue strictly on Chicano (or perhaps Ethnic-Racial) politics. f) that there be a special symposium section on Chicano Politics, published in the WPQ. g) that there be a regularly established section on Ethnic-Racial minorities and women in politics as part of the program for the conventions, included in at least two panels. This would be a giant step (as would f above) towards legitimizing that area of study within the discipline. h) that the WPSA recommend certain Chicano students and/or scholars for funding from their departments or Universities in an effort to help develop re-

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gularized funding sources for Chicano graduate students and beginning scholars.

i) that the WPSA advertise the specific interest in recruitment of Chicano (minority) scholars in the placement center and encourage departments, wherever possible, to send Chicanos (minority members) as recruiters.

4. Recommendations for indirect action by WPSA:

a) encourage departments and Universities to recruit, fund, promote, and generally be more receptive to Chicano graduate students, professors and researchers.

b) encourage the discipline and other professional associations to concern themselves with questions of Chicano (or other minorities and women) needs, concerns, issues, participation, research, and so on, c) develop a strong advocacy role

for Chicano scholars and the study of Chicano politics since the WPSA encompasses the states with the largest Spanish surname populations.

d) encourage ^{all} Departments to have classes in Chicano Politics, taught by Chicano scholars, with or without Ph.D.s. Where already offered, these courses should be well-regarded as serious academic courses.

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