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From: Timothy A. Cavell

The Council of University Directors of Clinical Psychology (CUDCP) represents 174 member programs. CUDCP's purpose is *"to promote the advancement of graduate education in Clinical Psychology that produces psychologists who are educated and trained to generate and integrate scientific and professional knowledge and skills so as to further psychological science, the professional practice of psychology, and human welfare."* Information about CUDCP and its member programs can be obtained from the CUDCP website: www.cudcp.org

During this past year, CUDCP has focused on the following tasks:

1. A major focus of our 2016 Midwinter Meeting (MWM) was discussion and recommendations for revising APPIC's Standardized Reference Form. We were pleased to see that the CCTC committee overseeing those changes made revisions that were very much in line with our recommendations.
2. CUDCP has devoted much of its attention since the MWM to the 2017 launch of the Standards of Accreditation (SOA) from APA's Commission on Accreditation (COA). Our efforts have concentrated most heavily on trying to understand those aspects of the SOA that involve Discipline Specific Knowledge (DSK). We have endeavored to prepare directors of training programs (DCTs) for this transition and have established an Accreditation Issues Committee to support and guide DCTs who are up for reaccreditation. Preparing for this transition is the primary focus of our 2017 MWM.
3. Anticipating needed changes to our programs because of the new SOA is not easy and has been complicated by the confusion surrounding DSK. CUDCP participated in the public comment regarding COA's release in June of its draft Implementing Regulation (IR) on DSK (see

<http://apps.apa.org/accredcomment/seeComments.aspx?ProjectID=14>).

We had strong concerns about this draft IR:

In our view, this redrafted IR represents a significant departure from the "implicit contract" that emerged between CoA and its stakeholders during multiple meetings and public comment periods over the past several years. This revision also moves away from key goals that led to and shaped development of the SoA—goals that were widely supported by the profession and by the training community. Chief among these goals was trimming, simplifying,

and updating what has been referred to as “broad and general training in scientific psychology”.

4. CUDCP has also tried to address a related issue—how programs can demonstrate students’ foundational knowledge in discipline-specific areas upon entry into doctoral programs. One aspect of that involves the use of standardized tests to assess competence in core areas of psychology as a discipline (GRE Subject test, Area Concentration Achievement Test). We have worked with other training councils to consult with ETS on possible changes to the GRE Subject test that could mesh well with the new SOA. We have also been in consultation with ASPBB about what programs should know and can do regarding shifts in curricula that could raise concerns by state licensing boards.
5. We have reaffirmed our position of not participating at this point in APA’s newly launched centralized application system (PsyCAS). We continue to see it as a poor fit for our member programs.
6. CUDCP continues to monitor APPIC’s policy on deferrals and is hopeful that there will be a consideration of its strict prohibition even in cases involving substantial medical hardship and agreement by both training sites and interns.
7. CUDCP has joined with other organizations in support the science of psychology to become a member of the Coalition for the Advancement of the Application of Psychology Science (CAAPS). This new coalition now has two active working formed and beginning their efforts (i.e., the future of psychology; public education about psychology).
8. Another CUDCP activity has involved updating our website for guiding undergraduate students interested in pursuing a doctoral degree in clinical psychology (see <http://clinicalpsychgradschool.org/>).
9. Finally, we have nearly completed the planning for our 2017 MWM meeting, which is set for January 13-14, in San Diego, CA.

On behalf of its 174 constituent programs,



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