

# Minutes of the Executive Council

MAY 2021

The Executive Council oversees the affairs of the Association, and for corporate purposes shall be considered as its Board of Directors.

The Executive Council shall consist of: eleven voting members (the Immediate Past President, President, Vice President, Treasurer, a Graduate Student, and six elected members), and the following ex officio members with voice but no vote: the LASA Executive Director, the Editor of the *Latin American Research Review*, the current Congress Program Chair(s), the Editor(s) of the *Latin America Research Commons (LARC)*, and the Strategic Plan Oversight Committee, and two section advisory representatives.

	Action Items	Vote/Consensus
1	Agreement to modify the agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Merge the President's report with the Program Chairs' report since they are both about the Congress.</li> <li>• Briefly present the LARC report.</li> <li>• Comment on the Cuba statement at the end.</li> </ul>	Consensus
2	The Minutes of December 2020 and March 2021 and the Action and Consensus Items were unanimously approved.	Vote: Approved unanimously (9 votes)
3	It is approved that the LASA2022 Congress will be hybrid and that the Congress meeting rooms will be equipped with a screen, a projector and a laptop.	Consensus
4	The next LASA Nominating Committee was unanimously approved.	Vote: Approved unanimously (9 votes)

5	The changes to the Sections Manual were unanimously approved. The amendments were made to reflect decisions that had been made at the EC, including having two representatives at the EC.	Vote: Approved unanimously (9 votes)
6	It was approved to work on the student representative's proposal to create an institute to help write proposals to apply for scholarships.	Consensus
7	It was approved by consensus to add the track "Sexualities and LGBTQ Studies" for LASA2022.	Consensus
8	On the Treasurer's Report, it was unanimously agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To reduce the congressional registration fee to \$220 (2018 rate) for three years.</li> <li>• In consultation with the Investment Committee, and if necessary, to take 1% to 2% of Endowment income, to cover operations.</li> <li>• That there be a policy of communication with the membership on this matter.</li> </ul>	Vote: Approved unanimously (9 votes)
9	Approved by consensus that the Communications Subcommittee, in consultation with the membership, develop a communications policy.	Consensus
10	Approved by consensus to add the Development Committee Conversation to the September 2021 agenda.	Consensus

## GOVERNANCE

### Elected Members of the Executive Council

Gioconda Herrera, President, *Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) Ecuador*

Gerardo Otero, Vice President/President-Elect, *Simon Fraser University*

Mara Viveros-Vigoya, Past President, *Universidad Nacional de Colombia*

María Josefina Saldaña-Portillo, Treasurer, *New York University*

Clara Arenas, Elected Member, *Asociación para el Avance de las Ciencias Sociales en Guatemala (AVANCSO)*

Claudia Mosquera, Elected Member, *Universidad Nacional de Colombia \**

Suyapa Portillo, Elected Member, *Pitzer College*

Dara Goldman, Elected Member, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign \**

Verónica Schild, Elected Member, *University of Western Ontario*

Antonio Sérgio Guimarães, Elected Member, *University of São Paulo*

Joseph Torres González, Student Representative, *The City University of New York (CUNY)*

### Ex-Officio Members of the Executive Council

Milagros Pereyra-Rojas, Executive Director, *University of Pittsburgh*

Liliana Rivera, Program Co-Chair, *Centro de Estudios Sociológicos de El Colegio de México*

Ulla Berg, Program Co-Chair, *Rutgers University*

Carmen Martínez Novo, Editor of LARR, *University of Florida*

Natalia Majluf, Editor of LARC, *Independent \**

Francisco Valdés Ugalde, Editor of LARC, *Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*

### Guest

Margarita Lopez Maya, Vice President/ President Elect, *Universidad Central de Venezuela*

\*Absent

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