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ASSOCIATION OF JESUIT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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Dear Jerry:

I am writing to you in your capacity as chair/president of one of the
AJCU conferences. Ever since I became president of the AJCU, I have
been trying to encourage and support the work of the conferences as much
as possible. I have met with many of you and we have tried to put more
information on the conferences in the AJCU *Higher Education Report.* I
also follow the exchanges that many of you have with other members of
your conference using an e-mail listserve.

There are already many examples of helpful collaboration within and
among the various conferences, as for example, in our exploration of
distance learning opportunities for all 28 institutions, but I suspect we can
be even more helpful to one another.

One very important area concerns the role of women on our campuses.
We have had a proposal to start a conference on women, but the
presidents thought we could do better by using existing conferences and
asking them (you) to address this issue from their (your) perspective.
How can you be more supportive of and encouraging for women faculty
and staff on our campuses? This issue has different nuances on different
campuses, but I would hope that collaboratively we could help remove
whatever difficulties exist and open up new opportunities. I would ask
you to consider this topic at your next meeting and get back to me.

So that we are all (roughly) on the same page, I have enclosed the
association's policy statement on conferences. A key point from my
perspective is regular communication with this office, especially as
concerns meeting dates, agenda, minutes, and of course, ways in which I
might be helpful to you. I would be happy to attend your meetings

whenever I can, since they help me to be aware of the various issues on our campuses, to be alert to opportunities for sharing information and ideas, and to be more helpful in providing input to the presidents about your concerns and projects.

Besides the policy statement, I have enclosed an information sheet on your conference which we would ask you to update, correct and return as soon as possible. Please note the meeting information line at the bottom of the sheet. Also, if you have a conference website, and/or listserve, please include addresses for each, as well as any other information you would like us to know about you.

Again, I look forward to working with you. I am always open to your suggestions and comments, so that we can enjoy even more effective collaboration in this fascinating time for Jesuit Higher Education.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Currie, S.J.
President

See you soon!

AJCU Conferences
Policy Statement

Purpose

According to Article VIII of the AJCU Constitution, "The Association shall be empowered to establish conferences within its jurisdiction and scope to help achieve the purposes of the Association, to divide the Association's work, to make use of additional expertise, and to involve in the work of the Association more representatives from all components of the academic community."

Specific purposes and goals include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ◆ Conferences recognize specific concerns, operational functions, and professional groupings at some or all of the AJCU member schools.

- ◆ Conferences serve as networks by promoting the sharing of information among member schools and the national office. This network function subsumes correspondence, meetings, electronic information exchange, and publications (by both AJCU and conferences).

- ◆ Conferences help frame the unique Jesuit identity of AJCU institution by sharing the common heritage, vision, and purpose of member schools.

- ◆ Conferences serve as instruments for sharing ideas and to collect and distribute data useful to all AJCI institutions (Core Report; Resource Book for International Education, etc.).

- ◆ Conferences promote and facilitate the professional development of their members, both in the network mode and, where possible, in encouraging conference to maintain membership in, and close contact with, their respective national and regional professional societies and trade associations.

- ◆ Conferences also promote the improvement of educational effectiveness among member schools, their faculty, staff, and student bodies.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, conferences are not policy-making, legislative, or regulatory bodies.

Governance/Duties

AJCU by-laws empower Conferences to elect from among their members a chairman and secretary, with terms specified. Most Conferences have devised governing documents to be submitted for approval by the national office. Each Conference is required to inform AJCU of meeting schedules, locations, and to provide to the President of the Association a copy of all minutes and proceedings.

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Purpose of Conference: The purpose of the Conference is to promote the productive use of computer technology on the member campuses. The organization will help members better understand and identify the proper role and function for computing within the Jesuit educational experience.

The meeting for 1999 is scheduled for   at