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A Brief  
HISTORY OF  
**C.C.C.E.O.P.S.A.**

1969-1989



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## AFTER WORD

The foregoing has laid the groundwork for the tasks which befall the Association 1989--

These are some of the questions which must be addressed:

1. What will be the role of the Association for the 90's?
2. Will the role of the Director remain one of advocacy?
3. Now that Title V has commanded Districts to fully fund director's salary, has this changed their interests and direction of the Association?

Time and the actions of the Association will answer these questions.

**THE FUTURE OF EOP&S IS UP TO YOUI !!!**

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## HISTORY

of

Extended Opportunity Programs & Services

Association

## FOREWORD

Because of the fact that there have been no historical records kept for posterity, it was necessary for this to be a compilation of the memories of present and former members of the association as well as facts which have been taken from notes and documents acquired by the writer for this purpose.

The presentation made here should be understood to be the best historical document which could be presented with the sources of information which were made available.

It is the hope of the author that this presentation will be of assistance to those who follow in the Association and to those who will be involved in any program which has as its purpose the assistance of those citizens of California who have been denied their rightful place in the system because of factors other than their own initiative.

With the foregoing in mind we begin...

NOTE: This should be considered as an Editorialized History

## CHRONOLOGY FOR EOPS: A Draft

1969

January 23	SB164 introduced into State Senate by Senator Alquist	
March 10	Amended	
June 9	Amended	
June 10	Amended	
August 7	SB 164 Passed	
September 4	SB 164 Signed into law by Governor Ronald Reagan	
August 11-15	Fresno	Five 5-day training sessions for administering,
August 25-29	San Francisco	operating, implementing EOPS programs,
Sept. 2-6	Los Angeles	conducted by Wright Institute according to
Sept. 8-12	San Diego	a resolution by the Board of Governors
Sept. 15-19	Sacramento	
August 21	Board of Governors adopted a Statement of Policy in regard to EOPS	
September 17	Board of Governors appoint eight regular members to an advisory Committee for EOPS. Set November 14th as deadline for filing EOPS applications for funding for the remainder of fiscal year 1969-70	
October 15	First meeting of Advisory Committee	
October 22-23	Board of Governors adopted minimum standards and guidelines for EOPS	
December 5	Advisory Committee meeting. Approved staff recommendations regarding applications for funding.	
December 17-18	Board of Governors approved allocations for funding. Also approved requests by Pasadena and Rio Hondo to conduct training sessions.	

About three or four years after the Association was formed, the membership began to divide along ethnic lines, a fact which threatened the usefulness and possibly the existence of the Association. More conference time was being spent in Ethnic Caucuses than in conference business. Fortunately, enough personnel changes in the programs and the emergence of 'cooler and wiser' heads salvaged what would have been the usual end of programs designed to assist the people who were already disadvantaged. This change became apparent at the Fall Conference which was held in Fresno. It was there that for the first time in several years the officers were selected and judged more by their apparent interest and ability and less on Ethnic appeal.

One of the long standing efforts of the Association was to prod the Directors into securing the Supervisory Credential. This was to become one of our biggest challenges because it would require many of the Directors to return to school. This was threatening to some; however by 1985, there was enough support for this concept that included in State Law the EOP&S Director must be Certificated and finally in the new Title V regulations the Director must possess the Supervisor's credential as well. This has become a two edge sword, however, because when jobs become more secure and permanent, many who are only concerned with their own personal benefits will apply and be placed above those whose interest lies more with the task. We must be eternally vigilant.

It is probably of interest to note that when EO&PS was started the Association had the advantage of representing one of the few programs of which the Board of Governors had control. At that time the control of the schools rested in the hands of local Boards because the major portion of the funding came from local districts. With the passage of Prop. 13 the state began to pay a larger portion of the financial bill for the local colleges and then the State Board took control of many of the decisions which had previously been considered local. The State Board of Governors began to have many tasks to accomplish which they never had before. The State Chancellors Office then became more involved in total planning for the schools and therefore had less time to devote to programs such as EO&PS; hence, access to the State Chancellor and to the Board of Governors lessened. This fact has made it more difficult for the Association to exercise any type of influence in the making of rules or guidelines affecting the operation of the program. A new beginning is probably necessary in light of the new challenges ahead for EO&PS.

## HISTORY

The history of the CCCEOP&S Association and the history of EOP&S are so similar that only 'Point of View' separates the two. Through the years the interest of the Chancellor's Office has seemed to be one of compliance while the interest of CCCEOP&SA has been to find the best way to deliver services to as many needy students as possible while remaining in compliance. Most of the time the two points of view complemented each other; however, there were times when there have been confrontations between the Chancellor's Office and the Directors in the field which could not be resolved without outside assistance.

The directors at that time had no one to officially speak for them. When these confrontations did occur and when the directors would appear before the Statutory Advisory committee and the Board of Governors, we were asked the question "Who do you represent" or "Who sent you?" The speaker could only answer "ME" hence the need for an official organization "happened" and hence the beginning of CCCEOP&SA.

At this point let us digress. During the "60's" the legislature of the State of California recognized that there were problems in the education of the disadvantaged and began to address the concerns therein related. In 1968 a "Committee on the Disadvantaged" was formed (later renamed State Advisory Committee on Disadvantaged Students).

On February 6, 1969 there was a joint meeting of the State Advisory Committee on the Disadvantaged and the CJCA committee on the disadvantaged student. Interesting is the fact that three of the members attending that meeting were: Eric Gatman, Clyde Grimes and Donald Richardson (three who the 'old timers' learned to rely on as stalwarts in the positive assistance to students.)

During the early days of EOP&S there was a collection of 'Directors' who had diverse backgrounds. Some who were named by their colleges as directors were regular college professors, some were regular counselors, some were Deans at their college and some were students at their respective campuses. Most of these individuals had no experience in total program planning. Fortunately almost no one else at the colleges had experience either so we were all treading on new waters armed with only Senate Bill 164, Title V and a desire to do the best that we could to assist the students who were designated by the bill.

About half of the positions were tenuous and nobody knew what the future held or what the allocations would be from year to year so the directors had to develop a one-year program while maintaining a long range concept.

Around this time the directors realized that they needed help in this task. Finding this help nowhere else, a lady by the name of Rosemarie Gomez of Cabrillo College began calling around the state (all of this is hazy at this time) to people such as Bill Smith of Sac City College, Nate Jackson and Connie McCord of El Camino College, Les Pogue of Yuba College, Claude Ware of L. A. City College and several others who decided that we needed an Association to serve as an information service for the individual programs as well as to provide information from the 'FIELD' to the Chancellor's Office, the Statutory Advisory Committee and to the Board of Governors. A meeting was called in San Francisco, an Association was formed and plans were made for the First Annual Fall Conference. Bill Smith of Sac City was elected the first president. Since that time we have been served well by the presidents who followed: Nate Jackson, Tony Sedillo, Ben Lucero, Tony Sarinano, Sedonia Wilson, Les Pogue, Ray Reyes, Rudy Valles, Sharon Van Enoo, Hoyt Fong, Ernie Gregoire and finally John Hardy.

Many others too numerous to list here have served as officers and Board Members throughout most of this time giving unselfishly of their time and energy in an attempt to make EOP&S the most responsible and respected program in California. It has certainly been the most evaluated and monitored one.

At the beginning of the Association many of the personnel at the Chancellor's Office reacted to the forming of the Association as though the Association represented a threat to their power and attempted to eliminate the members ability to travel, thus making the Fall Conference and the conducting of Association business difficult. With the help of Don Richardson of the Chancellor's office the Association was able to convince STAFF that we had a mutual need for the Association particularly in the areas of:

1. Communication
2. Understanding the needs of the program
3. Understanding Title V
4. Implementation of regulations
5. Understanding mutual difficulties in the delivery of services
6. Protecting resources from misuse by existing administrators
7. Others

All of this was neatly packaged by Don Richardson with the coined word "TAGAWA". This word which became the slogan of the Association was defined by Don - "By any means necessary" along with the other phrase "Sleep with your Financial Aids Officer." These phrases were completely understood by the Directors in the field but was almost completely misunderstood by the other members of the Chancellor's staff

In 1972 when funding was in a precarious state the Association formed a student wing to lobby the legislature and the Board of Governors. While the student's participation was highly desirable, their independence of action coupled with their financial dependency was a cause of concern of the Association. With these concerns as a background a committee was formed to re-write the constitution in a way which would make the student group official and under the umbrella of the Association. Ronald Dyste of L A City College was appointed chairman of the group which worked out a new constitution which remained in effect until 1985. At that time under the presidency of Ernie Gregoire and the chairmanship of John Gipson, the committee presented for adoption the constitution by which we are governed today. The primary difference between the new and the old was to change the fiscal year to begin July 1st of each year and to change the term of office to two years instead of one.

1970

January 26	Advisory Committee meeting. Approved Special Projects Set March 31 as deadline for filing 1970-71 applications
February 18	Board of Governors meeting
March 2	Workshop on preparation of EOPS Application. Sacramento
March 3	" " " " " " " " " " San Marino
March 4	" " " " " " " " " " Chabot
April	EOPS Workshop at Idyllwild
April 17	Advisory Committee meeting
May	EOPS Workshop, Yosemite
May	"A New Life Style for Community Colleges," an illustrated publication showing EOPS at work at California Community Colleges
May 12	Chancellor's Memo 70-92 sent to colleges to determine whether SB 164 Aid to welfare recipients resulted in reduced welfare checks. Results showed inconsistent policy, but few schools reported reductions.
June 9	Advisory Committee reviewed 1970-71 applications.
June 24-25	Board of Governors approve Advisory Committee Recommendations
July 6	Memo 70-101 sent out, Form requesting information regarding EOPS Programs to date and estimated budgetary requirements for 1971-72
July 14	Department of Finance approved 1970-71 allocations
August 6	EOPS Workshop, composed of members of Advisory Committee and special consultants
Aug. 27-28	Advisory Committee meeting. Approved staff recommendations for augmentations of funded projects and funding of deferred projects.
Sept. 16-17	Board of Governors approved Advisory Committee recommendations