

**LAW LIBRARY FACULTY MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**Monday, August 6, 2012**

The law librarians met to discuss preparations for the beginning of the new school year. Professor Whipple met with us to discuss the Orientation schedule and the changes for this year. Because of a re-organization the Orientation itself, our time was greatly shortened this year. For many years, the public service librarians each gave a brief presentation to explain library procedures and to introduce ourselves and the services we can provide them as they begin law school. This year, there is only enough time for Professor Whipple to speak. We will circulate handouts of the library information on procedures, etc.

We had discussed last spring the idea of presenting a virtual library tour to the new students. It was thought that the students have so much to do at the beginning of the year, that an online tour that they could access themselves would save them time and also be more memorable for them than a one-time walk through of the floors of the library. They would watch a video and then go to the Circulation area to sign for library privileges and receive a coffee mug as a welcome gift. We have worked on this tour this summer, it is almost ready to post and will be available to students next week. It was decided there would still be some walking tours for students if they wish to sign up for them.

The library budget is again a concern, and we discussed the upcoming further cuts to the library's book collection. The regional reporters and some states' statutes will no longer be updated.

There was discussion of the law faculty meetings, and the special faculty meeting, which includes the ordinary and clinical faculty, but not the library faculty. We feel strongly that we need representation at the meetings because we serve law faculty and students, and we need to be informed about the law school and its concerns and direction. We will take this matter to the Library and Technology meeting next week to discuss it.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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