Loyola University New Orleans
College of Law

Minutes of Faculty Meeting
August 21, 2012


DEAN’S REPORT:

- Welcoming New Westfield Fellows; Aliza Cover, Regina Lennox and Agnieszka McPeak. The dean asked that ordinary faculty please setup to help mentor these three new fellows.
- Accomplishments & Changes:
  - Kudos to all for their strong teaching and excellent scholarships.
  - Thanks to the Academic Success Program for helping to retain students.
  - Thanks to Stephanie for putting together the new student lounge, located in room 115 of the law school.
  - Congratulations to Professor Molina for obtaining a grant for the Workplace Justice Center. The grant was in the amount of $550,000.
  - Fundraising: $1.92 million.
  - Bar grant program was able to help 70 students.
  - New Hire Accomplishments: Christine Cerniglia-Brown (Skills/Externships) placed 8 federal externs and Monique Garsaud assessed those students without jobs and has been helping them find alternative employment.
  - Staff Reorganization: Phase one is complete. In this phase Andy Piacun and Pam Galindo were both promoted to Assistant Deans. Andy is the Assistant Dean of Administration and Pam is the Assistant Dean for Enrollment Management.
  - We welcome Forrest Stanford to the law school as the Associate Dean of Admissions. Also, Tajira McCoy as the new Assistant Director.
  - We are seeing an increase in the number of students for the LLM program. Their first orientation will be held on Friday, August 17.
  - Thanks to the Faculty Committees for helping in making the changes.
  - Working with Marketing to help with the enrollment numbers.
  - The dean is committed to social justice.
  - Looking forward: continue fundraising efforts, increase scholarships, and add law courses on health care.
- Faculty Stipends will continue and funds for traveling will remain the same as before. We are looking at a new normal of 240 as an entering class. Budget looks okay for this year, but for the future we will need to tighten out belt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May minutes were approved.
COMMITTEE REPORTS:
1. Admissions and Scholarships: Dean Stanford discussed the breakdown of the entering class. See handouts for details.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Senate elections: Crusto, Medina, Moore, Senn, Vetter and Neilson.
2. Replacement University Rank and Tenure: Crusto.
3. Replacement for Verchick on Faculty Development Committee: Drury.
4. Skills Program Report: Professor Cerngilia-Brown discussed some administrative changes that required immediate attention in order to move forward with skills courses for the fall semester. The first change was to require all students to register on Blackboard rather than LORA, this allows a longer time period for registration and they are able to drop the course up until it begins. Second, she has adopted a set of “Local Rules.” These rules let the students know upfront what responsibilities they have and what are the responsibilities of the skills department. The final immediate change was the consistency of the grading. All skills course will now be setup to receive the following grades: HS, S, DS. These were approved by the faculty at the start and we are just going back to what was approved. No skills course will be setup under the P/F system.
5. Faculty Handbook was brought for review and will be voted on at the September meeting.
6. Academic Success Program Report: Professor Tufts reported that they have started the second course in the guided curriculum. Results on the program will come at the September meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- 5th Circuit Oral Arguments will be held at the law school on September 20 in room 308.
- SBA Meet and Greet will be on Monday, August 27 from 5-6 pm.

Adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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