DEAN’S REPORT

- Some admissions stats include: 249 entering freshman class (45 evening students), 28 percent minorities, and LSAT up 2 points over last year’s mean.
- ABA report: There are a few factors to be addressed. There was a note in the report that some classroom teaching was found to be “dull or uninspiring.” The Dean said he “will pop in” on some classes during the semester to see for himself.
- Summer research grants: when articles are complete please send the Dean a copy.
- DCC: The Dominican Conference has been purchased from the Dominican sisters with funds from the University and alum Stuart H. Smith (L’86). This will be the new home of all the Law School Clinics.
- Gerry Rault be officially retiring in October 2008.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Public Interest Law Journal is sponsoring a symposium on October 17th on the topic of Predatory Lending. If anyone has a local contact who might be good for the panel please contact Prof. Lloyd Drury.
- The Memorial Service for professor emeritus Janet Mary Riley will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary church at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, August 22nd.
- There are some openings for speakers for the Fall Faculty Symposia

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The May minutes were approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Faculty Appointments Committee: Prof. John Lovett said advertisements have been placed for the open positions. Faculty will receive notice of some informal brown bag lunchtime meetings at which they can give input on law school teaching needs. Retirements anticipated: Gerry Rault (Oct. 08), David Normann and Denis Rousseau (Sprig 09). (The committee is currently aware of the following needs: one full-time tenure track position, a full-time person to replace Normann/Rousseau, possibly one visitor, one Entertainment Law professor, and two
Fellows.)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:
The Dean mentioned that he received a request to have law school faculty representation on the University Grants and Leaves Committee and the Faculty/Course Development Committee. Prof. Mitch Crusto volunteered for both.

2. Excluding LR & W and Moot Court from the mandatory 1L curve.

   After discussion, the faculty decided to leave the current 1L grading guidelines policy in place. The guidelines require that faculty send an explanation in writing to the Associate Dean explaining grading deviations from the recommended percentage ranges given in that policy. (See attached.)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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