Loyola University New Orleans
College of Law

Minutes of Faculty Meeting
February 8, 2011


DEAN’S REPORT:
Fr. Moore opened the meeting with a moment of silent for Dean Lorio and her family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Nadine Laurent, Director of Financial Aid was in attendance to discuss some attendance issues that are affecting student’s financial aid. Ms. Laurent reminded faculty members of the importance of reporting to the Law Records office any overcuts in their courses. These overcuts directly affect financial aid, in turn, if a student is not reported being overcut this allows them to receive a refund. Another issue that was addressed was the impact of Independent Studies; if a student intends to sign up for an Independent Study with a professor they must do so in the first two weeks of classes. By holding off registering for Independent Studies, the student could be penalized by not receiving financial aid for those intended hours. Ms. Laurent also spoke about Book Vouchers. Book Vouchers are available to students who receive financial aid. Last fall, over $300,000 in book vouchers was issued to students.

Scholarly Lecture: Retired President Torben Melchior from the Supreme Court of Denmark will be at the law school on Thursday, February 17, 6 pm, room 405. If anyone is interested in having President Melchior come to your class please email Professor Rabalais.

Westerfield Conference will be held on Friday, March 25, 10-5 pm in room 405. There will be fellows from Loyola, Tulane and LSU presenting their papers. The conference will be all day with a lunch and a wine reception. For details contact Joanne Sweeny.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January minutes were approved with one amendment. The minutes now read as follows: Sabbatical Policy Changes – Professor Medina informed the faculty that she bought up the issue of a pre-tenured sabbatical at the Senate meeting. Also before the senate is a proposal to restore some form of faculty input into decisions about sabbaticals and leaves. Discussion followed and no action was taken on either of these issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Curriculum and Bar: Professor Harges spoke as to the SBA Town Hall meeting that he attended on Tuesday, February 1st. Students were able to voice their concerns about the curriculum changes. One issue raised was if the course Principles of Legal Analysis will be offered to all students, not just the bottom 25%. The group also suggested that Legal Profession and Moot Court be moved into the second
year. Professor Harges stated that he received a proposal right before the meeting from the SBA; which
the committee will review. He also reminded everyone that on Thursday, February 17 at 12:30 pm in
room 344, the committee will hold a special meeting to discuss how we should teach Legal Analysis.

OLD BUSINESS:
1. Unifying rankings – Postponed

NEW BUSINESS:
Both items were postponed.

Adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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