Loyola University New Orleans  
College of Law  

Minutes of Faculty Meeting  
February 10, 2009  


DEAN’S REPORT:
- Endowed Professorship Accounts – NO DRAW DOWN on any account, since they have all fallen below the corpus value. It was suggested by the Provost that the Dean should restrict the use of funds. This suggestion was rejected, since the university has no authority to restrict state funds. For those who do not have funds in their accounts the Dean will help if he can.
- Report on Status of Law School – Delighted to say that we are in good shape, since we are tuition driven, should be able to continue on with our plans next year.
- Donations are still holding up. Law school raised twice as much as all the other schools combined.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- Trial Advocacy Program hosted the 34th Annual National Trial Competition which was a huge success, and we are very pleased at the way it turned out. The Trial Ad Board wanted to take this opportunity to thank every Dean, faculty member, and student from Loyola College of Law who came out and/or helped us make this competition the best it could be. Congratulations to all of Loyola’s advocates who competed in the competition: Brian Reel, Jatavian Williams, Greg Akers, Benjamin Lambert, Courtney Cloutier and Roberto Costales. Jatavian Williams won the award for Best Closing Argument at the competition that had over 60 advocates.
- Great News!! The National Moot Court Team advanced to the FINAL FOUR out of 189 teams participating. Unfortunately, they did not advance against Chicago Kent to the final round. Thank you to all of you for your help in mooting them and giving them the confidence to reach their potential! We should be very proud of Chris Otten, Rick Brown, Katie May, and Leigh Anne Gilchrist. As you can see, while we did not advance further, we did a MAGNIFICENT job.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January Minutes approved.
COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Colloquia Committee: Professor Custos reported that there are two additions to the Working Paper Series based on proposals from Professors Rabalais and Wallace.

Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2009; 12:30-2:00 p.m.
Title: “European Private Law: History Comparison-Unification”
Presenter: Johannes Michael Rainer, University of Salzburg, Salzburg Law School, Austria
Proponent: Professor Ray Rabalais

Date: Thursday March 26, 2009; 12:30-2:00 p.m.
Title: “Conservative and Liberal: The Many Challenges of Parenthood”
Presenter: June Carbone, Edward A. Smith/Missouri Chair of Law, the Constitution and Society at the University of Missouri at Kansas City
Proponent: Professor Monica Wallace

In addition to the dates above there are the following:

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2009; 12:30-2:00 p.m.
Title: Harnessing the Protective Capacity of the Reluctant State: Theorizing the Promotion of Safe work Among Vulnerable Workers in the U.S.
Presenter: Susan Bisom-Rapp, Professor of Law at Thomas Jefferson University School of Law
Proponent: Professor Isabel Medina

Date: April 8, 2009
Title: Brendan Brown Lecture
Presenter: Professor Jacques Ziller

Don’t forget that all proposals for the 09-10 academic year should be submitted to Professor Custos by March 16, 2009.

Faculty Appointments Committee: Discussion of two additional adjuncts to the 09-10 roster, John Gerry Glas and Marguerite Adams, both approved. The proposed visitor, Kenneth Kettering, for a commercial law position was voted in executive session and was approved.

Rank & Tenure Committee: The announcement was made that Professor Lovett is now a full professor.

Curriculum Committee: Professor Rabalais reported on the plus-minus grading system. The system was approved with one modification, on the second page of the handout, bullet number 1, will be revised to read:

“If a transfer applicant has failed to earn a grade that is at least equal to the minimum grade point average required for graduation at the school from which the student seeks to transfer, then the student must repeat that course if the course is one required for graduation by Loyola. No credit will be awarded for a course taken at
another law school unless the grade in that course is at least equal to the minimum grade point average required for graduation at that school. In addition, transfer applicants must present evidence of acceptance eligibility required of Loyola students in the year in which they began the study of law. They must also present evidence of above average academic study in their prior law school record. The right is reserved to refuse such credit in whole or in part. Transfer quality points are not used in calculating law school GPAs or rank in class.”

It was also suggested that the 1L grading curve by revised to reflect the plus-minus system. The motion was carried by a vote of 15 for and 5 against.

**New Business:**
1. Motion to change the membership of the Law Rank and Tenure Committee to only tenured faculty.
2. Motion to allow only full professors to vote on promotions to full professor.

Both of the above motions were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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