Loyola University New Orleans  
College of Law  

Minutes of Faculty Meeting  
May 10, 2011  


DEAN’S REPORT:  
Reminder: Law Mass will take place on Thursday, May 12 at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 5 pm, Dean’s Party will follow at 6 pm and Commencement will be held at the Morial Convention Center at 5:45 pm.  
Dean Maria Lopez will officially start on June 15.  

ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAM REPORT  
Marie Tufts gave a short brief summary of the program. The overall results of the program are as follows:  
The breakdown of the fall semester student performance is as follows:  
Top 10% 2 students (1 student was #1 in night division as of Jan. 2011)  
Top 25% 1 student  
Top 33% 2 students  
Top 50% 12 students  
Bottom 25% 5 students  
Below 2.0 5 students  
Withdrawal 1 student withdrew prior to exams.  
Total 28 students  

A full report of the program will be given in the Spring 2012.  

ANNOUNCEMENTS:  
• Steve Higginson is an intended nominee by President Obama to the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.  
• Judson Mitchell was awarded by the Harry Tompson Center the Legatus Christi (translated as Ambassador of Christ) this is the most prestigious award offered by the Harry Tompson Center.  

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April minutes were approved.
COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Diversity Committee: Professor Crusto reported to the faculty about a student solicited viewpoint on the diversity at the law school. Five different areas were brought to the attention of the committee, they are as follows:
1. Inappropriate comments;
2. Anonymous complaints;
3. Promoting diversity;
4. Improving diversity;
5. Improving diversity among staff.
Professor Medina gave a suggestion to offer a lunch lecture on race & gender in the fall. Professor Custos suggested that instead of the faculty just meeting to discuss these issues, we bring in someone who is well-versed on the subject of race & gender. This was approved by the faculty.

Faculty Appointments Committee: Approval of Adjunct Everett Fineran
Professor LeCesne presented Everett Fineran’s CV for approval by the faculty after some discussion, the faculty voted to approve him to teach.

OLD BUSINESS:
1. Unifying rankings – Postponed to the August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Elect replacement representative for SCAP. Professor Verchick was elected to this university committee.
2. Elect 2011-12 Law Committees. Below are the new committees:
   Admissions & Scholarships: Garda, Lovett, Senn and Wallace
   Budget & Strategic Planning: Armstrong, Drury, Klebba, Leonhard and Rabalais
   Curriculum & Bar Exam: Ciolino, Lovett and Tooley-Knobblett
   Petitions & Readmissions: Kalb, Sokol and Varnado
   Faculty Appointments: Algero, Drury, LeCesne, Lorio and Whipple
   Faculty Development: Blevins, Leonhard, Sokol, Szalai and Verchick
3. Elect replacement representative and alternate for University Space Allocation Committee. Professor Lovett was elected to this committee with Professor Custos as his alternative.
4. Maritime Law Journal proposed changes were discussed by Professor Algero and the results are as follows: Motion to remove cap of 13 students as candidates (Approved); Motion to remove cap of the top 1/3 for acceptance and to offer a write-on competition to the top 40% (Approved); Motion to make Law Review Practicum and Seminar in Scholarly Writing courses mandatory (Denied); Motion to remove the requirement of two Maritime courses in order to apply for a board position. This was discussed and friendly amendment was accepted to make mandatory one maritime course in order to apply for board. (Approved); Motion to make transfer students requirements constant with Loyola students, 33 ½% will be requirement for rate (Approved); and Motion to remove the citation guide in the constitution (Approved).
5. Proposal from Law Clinic to increase the number of credit hours student receive. This proposal was vote on to be added to the agenda, it was approved. A motion was then brought to the floor to increase the number of credit hours from 3 to 5 for all clinical courses. After some discussion the motion was approved.

Adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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