
DEAN’S REPORT:
- Kudos to Professors Custos, Kalb, Medina, Szalai, Wallace, Tufts and Klebba
- Fundraising: Suzanne Plaisance and Jennifer Jumonville discussed the fundraising, a new scholarship and faculty/staff annual campaign. Suzanne discussed the total fundraising dollars to date and the new scholarship sponsored by Marguerite Florent, former law librarian, who has named a scholarship in her late husband’s name. The scholarship donation is for $100,000. Jennifer spoke on the faculty/staff campaign and the percentage of faculty participation. If you are interested in contributing to the campaign, please stop by and see Jennifer in room 347.
- Visioning Sessions: The dean and others have met to discuss major issues confronting the law school. Associate Dean Lovett will present a report to the faculty on the Visioning sessions next semester.
- Budget Matters: The dean and the Chair of the Budget and Strategic Planning Committee have met to discuss how to save money in various parts of the law school budget, with a meeting for the full committee will be scheduled shortly.
- Announcements: AALS Annual Meeting, January 4; Christmas party, December 14-tentative; Silent Retreat, January 13 & 14 (if anyone is interested contact Arlene Wiltz).
- Bar Exam: Debriefing sessions have been held with recent graduates who passed and failed the bar exam to see what strategies worked for them or didn’t work. The dean will also continue to provide grants to assist those sitting for the February bar exam on a case by case basis to the extent funding is available. Dean Lovett also spoke regarding a joint meeting of COBA (Committee on Bar Administration) and the LSBA’s Advisory Committee on the Bar Exam, he attended in place of Professor Lorio. He also mentioned that three (3) additional Consolidated Legal Analysis/ Bar Review Preparation classes will be offered and taught by the Academic Success instructors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October minutes were approved. During the approval of the minutes it was suggested that the faculty appoint a Parliamentarian. Motion to appoint a Parliamentarian was approved, with Professor Harges as the appointed faculty member.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
1. Faculty Appointments Committee: Professor Drury reported that the committee recommended Michael Noonan as a potential adjunct to teach Products Liability for the spring. The faculty voted and approved Mr. Noonan.

OLD BUSINESS:
1. Academic Success Program Report: Professor Tufts reported on the progress of the program since the start in the Spring of 2008. For more information on the breakdown of the numbers by semester refer to the handout. It was noted that the Consolidated Legal Analysis course was only
approved by the faculty for 3 credit hours. The course was not intended to be a Bar Review Preparation Seminar, but the course has evolved in this direction as the Academic Success staff gained experience with the course and realized that students did not need to repeat Principles of Legal Analysis. Marie Tufts and Suzy Scalise reported that Consolidated Legal Analysis. There was discussion of the propriety of allowing students to take two semesters of Consolidated Legal Analysis or a Bar Review Preparation course in addition to Consolidated Legal Analysis. Dean Lovett pointed out that the students who requested to take another Consolidated Legal Analysis will actually be enrolled in Bar Review Preparation, a previously approved course. Dean Lopez said she would address this subject with the Curriculum Committee before the next faculty meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:
1. Ad Hoc Evening Division Programs Review: This item was not discussed.
2. Faculty Handbook: This item was not discussed.
3. University Conciliation Committee –Faculty Handbook Revision Committee: This item was not discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Elect Law School Representatives to AALS House of Representatives: This item was not discussed.
2. Westerfield Fellows & the teaching of Legal Research & Writing & Moot Court: This item was not discussed.
3. Discussion of possible new pay scale for domestic and foreign summer school: This item was not discussed.

Adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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