Loyola University New Orleans
College of Law

Minutes of Faculty Meetings
September 8, 2009


PROVOST REPORT:
Dr. Ed Kvet spoke at this faculty meeting and reported on the status of the university in this financial crisis. He assured the faculty that the university is seeing a continued growth in applications. Also there will be growth from a capital standpoint, in the planning stages are expansions to the university. The university is looking to move to a residential campus concept, which will call for improvements to Cabra Hall and to build other residence halls on campus. This will allow for the university to retain students in the event of hurricanes or natural disasters. They are looking at the potential of acquiring new properties for future expansion. Other building improvements include Monroe Hall, this has the possibility to add two more floors, which will house Math & Sciences, Visual Arts and Theater & Dance. With this expansion St. Mary’s will be free for the law school to acquire.

Dr. Kvet mentioned some personal goals that he took on as provost. He would like to see the idea of faculty governance changed to allow for committees to be smaller in size and for faculty members to be more engaged in all university committees.

A question was raised about satellite campus sites. This option was looked at by Loyola with three possible locations for distance learning: Austin, TX; Tampa, FL and the Chapel Hill area. The Tampa, Florida area was rejected but, the other two are still under consideration. Another question was asked concerning the increase of healthcare costs, is the university going to absorb the cost of an increase? At this time the university does not foresee any increase in the universities healthcare plan.

The university will run at a deficit for the next three years. The deficit would have been more if not for the business interruption insurance. This insurance absorbed the difference of our budget post-Katrina. The Provost does not see any future cuts of faculty or staff; he will cut expenditures first to ensure that no personnel are released.
DEAN’S REPORT:
- The Dean continued the discussion the Provost started on the financial crisis. He stated that because of our Memo of Understanding with the main campus the law school will not be affected by the financial crisis.
- Faculty Scholarship: Keep up the good work, the Dean is very pleased with all the articles that he has been receiving. This growth in scholarship will allow for us to continue funding research assistants.
- Professorships: No one will be denied travel, purchases or any other items you would normally pull from your professorship account. Also, any money that is already drawn down is available for use. If your account is underwater, please see the Dean on an individual basis for approval of funds.
- Plans for the Dominican Conference Center have been received and are being reviewed for approval. Future plans for the Broadway Campus will include the acquisition of St. Mary’s, which will become a student center and lecture theater. Broadway Activities Center will be torn down and made a green space. In the next four to five years the Dominican Mother House will become available and will be converted to graduate housing.
- AALS Conference and Jazz Night: Please see Barbara if you are interested in attending tickets are going fast and the dean would like to free up any tickets not used by law faculty to be distributed to other colleges.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- Mock Job Talk Presentation: Carter Dillard, Thursday, September 11, 12:30, Room 344.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August minutes approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Colloquia Committee: Professor Custos reported on the progress of the colloquies and gave out an updated schedule.

Faculty Appointments Committee: Professor Tooley-Knoblett reported that the committee will be attending the AALS conference in Washington, DC with the intention of interviewing for three full-time positions and the five Westerfield Fellows positions. The committee has asked for the faculty’s assistance in hiring the five open positions of Westerfield Fellows. They are looking of one to two additional people to help with the interviews in Washington. The suggestion was made to add the additional faculty to the FAC on as needed basis.

Curriculum and Bar Examination: Professor Lorio brought back some feedback on the plus/minus grading curve, the committee met and asked that Professor Algero provide some feedback on the fellows courses on how best to categorize those courses within the grading curve. Also, Professor Lorio reported that the committee will review the Louisiana and Multi-state bar exams to figure out the courses being used in the questions. This will allow us to better determine what courses need to be taught on a regular basis, in order to prepare our students for the bar exam. They will also look at the certificate programs in order to not just give away certificates for courses completed in the curriculum.
NEW BUSINESS:
1. Mobile Devices: postponed due to the fact that Professor Neilson was not in attendance.
2. New Members Elected for University Rank and Tenure, Professor Dian Tooley-Knoblett and Honorary Degree Committee, Professor Johanna Kalb.
3. The motion to amend the law review constitution was table until the next meeting, in order for the Editor-in-Chief, Perrey Lee, to explain the amendment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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