Council Meeting, Open Session
May 17, 2019
Chicago, IL

Council Members present: The Honorable Scott Bales; Diane Bosse, Esq.; David Byers; Sarah Correll; Dean and Professor Emeritus Roger Dennis; Dean Emeritus and Professor Antonio García Padilla; President Emeritus Robert Glidden; President and Dean Donald Guter; James Hanks, Esq.; Associate Dean and Professor Joan Howland (Section Delegate); Mathew Kerbis, Esq. (Young Lawyers Division Liaison); Professor and Dean Emeritus Jeffrey Lewis (Chair); Professor (retired) Pamela Lysaght; Professor Leo Martinez; Mary McQueen, Esq.; Senior Vice Chancellor Charles Nash; the Honorable Solomon Oliver, Jr. (Section Delegate); Professor and Dean Emerita Maureen O'Rourke; the Honorable Mary Russell; Daniel Thies, Esq.; the Honorable Phyllis Thompson; Joseph West, Esq.; and Dean and Professor Emerita Rebecca Hanner White.

Council Members absent: Gregory Murphy, Esq.; and Michele Wong Krause (Section Liaison to the Board of Governors).

Staff present: Deputy Managing Director Bill Adams; ABA Senior Associate General Counsel Deborah Boling; Director of Operations Carl Brambrink; Senior Accreditation Counsel Ed Butterfoss; Director of Accreditation Administration JR Clark; Managing Director Barry Currier; Manager of Legal Education Assessment Services Genevieve Ferrari; Accreditation Counsel Stephanie Giggetts; Manager of Legal Education Assessment Services Sam Kwak; Section Director Erin Ruehrwein; and Manager of Law School Analytics Kirsten Winek.

Guests and Affiliates present: Mary Adkins (ALWD); Frank Aiello (WMU-Cooley Law School); Judy Areen (AALS); Hulett Askew (NCBE); Chris Chapman (AccessLex Institute); Bill Choyke (ABA Media and Strategic Communications); Camille deJorna (LSAC); Georgia Emery Gray (NALP); Kendall Kerew (CLEA); James Leipold (NALP); Sarah Mansur (Chicago Daily Law Bulletin); Joy Radice (CLEA); Denise Roy (SALT); Kellye Testy (LSAC); Vani Ungapen (AALL); and Stephanie Ward (ABA Journal).
**Minutes**

The minutes of the February 22, 2019 Open Session Council Meeting were approved as submitted, by voice vote, without dissent.

**Standards**

The Standards Review Subcommittee (SRS) submitted proposed changes to Standards 105, 202, 306, 307, 310, 311, 502, 509, and Interpretation 206-3 for consideration by the Council. Regarding Standards 105 and 306, the Council has asked the SRS to further review the Standards. The remaining proposed changes to the Standards were approved by the Council to go out for Notice and Comment.

The SRS also submitted proposed changes to Rules 11, 12, 13, 24, 29, and 30-39. Regarding Rules 11, 12, and 24, the Council has asked the SRS to further review the Rules. The remaining proposed changes to the Rules were approved by the Council to go out for Notice and Comment.

The SRS submitted proposed changes to the Section Bylaws, specifically Article VIII, Nominating Committee-Bylaws to set term limitations. The Council approved these proposed changes which will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in August.

**Affiliate Reports**

**Association of American Law Schools (AALS)**

Judy Areen reported on the association’s mission, its Committee on Becoming a Law Teacher (COBALT), upcoming Annual Meeting, and research studies including *Before the JD* and *Beyond the Bachelors*, as well as a planned study on the Law School Dean.

**AccessLex Institute**

Chris Chapman reported on the federal government loan policy, reauthorization of the Higher Education Act and its new bar prep product.

**Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD)**

Mary Adkins reported on the association’s upcoming Biennial Conference which will focus on diversity, as well as fostering leadership and a diverse leadership. She also discussed the Leadership Academy, Legal Writing Survey, and Distinguished Speaker Series.

**Law School Admission Council (LSAC)**

Kellye Testy and Camille deJorna provided updates on the *Live with Kellye and Ken* webinar series, the release of the digital LSAT in July, and technology software updates for admissions officers.
National Association for Law Placement (NALP)
Jim Leipold and Georgia Gray reported on its working group on developing the professional lawyer, 2018 job data, and its focus on wellness.

National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE)
Hulett “Bucky” Askew provided an update on the 2019 February MBE scores, its partnership with CLEO on a program for minority bar applicants, and its new study aid platform supported by BenchPrep.

Standard 316
The Council approved a proposed revised version of Standard 316:

   At least 75 percent of a law school’s graduates in a calendar year who sat for a bar examination must have passed a bar examination administered within two years of their date of graduation.

A motion was amended to state that the Council directs the Managing Director to issue a guidance memo that includes: FAQ’s, Statement on 205/206, Memo on 316, former 316(c) considerations and states that Standards 205 and 206 remain enforced.

Questionnaires
Recommended changes to the Annual Questionnaire, Bar Pass Questionnaire and Employment Summary were approved by the Council.

Proposed Changes to Foreign Summer and Semester Abroad Programs
The SRS recommended proposed changes to the Criteria for Approval of Foreign Semester and Year-Long Study Abroad Programs Established by ABA-Approved Law Schools. The Council approved the changes for Notice and Comment.

Chair Jeff Lewis adjourned the Open Session of the Council at 3:00 p.m.