Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
American Bar Association
Council Meeting, Open Session
November 16, 2018
Atlanta, GA

**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 Garcia-Padilla; President Emeritus Robert Glidden; President and Dean Donald Guter; Jr.; James Hanks, Esq.; Professor Joan Howland (Section Liaison to the House of Delegates); Mathew Kerbis, Esq. (Young Lawyers Division Liaison); Dean Emeritus and Professor Jeffrey Lewis (Chair); Professor Emerita Pamela Lysaght; Professor Leo Martinez; Gregory Murphy, Esq.; Senior Vice Chancellor Charles Nash; the Honorable Solomon Oliver, Jr. (Section Liaison to the House of Delegates); Dean Emerita and Professor Maureen O’Rourke; the Honorable Mary Russell; The Honorable Phyllis Thompson; Joseph West, Esq.; and Dean and Professor Emerita Rebecca Hanner White.

**Council Members absent:** Mary McQueen, Esq.; and Daniel Thies, Esq.

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

**Guests and Affiliates present:** Mary Adkins (ALWD); Judy Areen (AALS); Femi Cadmus (AALL); Camille deJorna (LSAC); Michelle Gavagni (NCBE); Judy Gunderson (NCBE); Kendall Kerew (CLEA); James Leipold (NALP); Melissa Lennon (NALP); Kyle McEntee (LST); Denise Roy (SALT); Stephanie Ward (ABA Journal); Chris Whitman (LSAC); and Jodi Wilson (ALWD).

**Minutes**
The minutes of the September 14, 2018 Open Session Council Meeting were approved as submitted, by voice vote, without dissent.

**Presentation on Before the JD Study**
Judy Areen, Executive Director of AALS, provided an overview of the recently published AALS/Gallup study: *Before the JD: Undergraduate Views on Law Schools.*
Affiliate Reports

National Conference of Bar Examiners
Michelle Gavagni and Judy Gunderson of NCBE provided an update on the Testing Task Force which now has a dedicated website and resource page. They also reported that NCBE is co-sponsoring the LSAC Conference on outcomes and assessments and there are now 34 jurisdictions that have adopted the Uniform Bar Exam.

Law School Admission Council
Chris Whitman and Camille deJorna provided an update on law school enrollment, up 3% since 2017. They also highlighted LSAC’s Content Validity Survey, the success of the Kahn Academy LSAT prep program, the transition of the LSAT to a digital format for the July 2019 test, and the LSAC Equality Conference.

National Association for Law Placement
Melissa Lennon and Jim Leipold reported on the ABA/NALP Employment Outcomes Reporting Advisory Group, the Mental Health initiative, and employment outcomes for the class of 2017.

Association of Legal Writing Directors
Jodi Wilson reported on ALWD’s strategic marketing plan and its focus on diversity, inclusion and cultural competency; ALWD’s inaugural Leadership Academy to be held in May; the Biennial Conference; and its survey of the legal writing community.

Standards Matters

2018-19 Agenda
Pam Lysaght, chair of the Standards Review Subcommittee, presented the proposed 2018-19 agenda for the subcommittee, which was included in the agenda materials. The Council approved the motion to adopt the agenda.

Standard 316
Standard 316 is being sent to the ABA’s House of Delegates for the 2019 Midyear Meeting.

Reports

Section Director
Section Director Erin Ruehrwein provided an update on Section activities including the 2019 Associate Deans Conference; program collaborations with the Law Student Division on financial literacy and cultural competency training for law school faculty; the work of the Publications and Conferences and Programming Committees; and the launch of the ABA’s new website.
House of Delegates Report
Honorable Solomon Oliver, Jr., Section Liaison to the House of Delegates, reported that Standard 316 will go before the House of Delegates at the Midyear Meeting in February 2019.

Young Lawyers Division
Mathew Kerbis, liaison to the Young Lawyers Division, reported on the YLD’s initiatives including civic engagement, challenges faced by women attorneys, and men of color. He also highlighted the recent issues of *The Young Lawyer*, the YLD’s adoption of Law School Transparency’s *Way Forward* report, and suggested the Section’s Bylaws be changed to specifically mention the Section solicit Council nominations for young lawyers.

Law Student Division
Law student Council member Sarah Correll reported on the Law Student Division’s Midyear Meeting resolution to restructure its elections to occur at the ABA Annual Meeting. She also highlighted the programming on diversity and mental health that the LSD will collaborate on with the Section.

Managing Director
Managing Director Barry Currier discussed the opportunity for the Section to produce a new edition of the *Curriculum Survey* and the technical issues that association has experienced with the launch of the new website.

There being no further business to conduct in Open Session, Chair Lewis adjourned the Open Session of the Council at 2:30 p.m.