Council Meeting, Open Session
November 22, 2019
Austin, TX

**Council Members present:** Scott Bales, Esq; Dean Mary Lu Bilek; Diane Bosse, Esq. (Chair); Dean David Brennen; David Byers; Zachary Faircloth; James Hanks, Esq.; Associate Dean and Professor Joan Howland (Section Delegate); Mathew Kerbis, Esq. (Young Lawyers Division Liaison); Professor and Dean Emeritus Jeffrey Lewis; Professor (retired) Pamela Lysaght; Daniel Madzelan; Professor Leo Martinez; Gregory Murphy, Esq.; Senior Vice Chancellor Charles Nash; the Honorable Solomon Oliver, Jr. (Section Delegate); Daniel Thies, Esq.; the Honorable Phyllis Thompson; Joseph West, Esq.; and Dean and Professor Emerita Rebecca Hanner White.

**Council Members absent:** Dean Emeritus and Professor Antonio García Padilla; Mary McQueen, Esq.; Dean Eduardo Peñalver; the Honorable Mary Russell; 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 Ferraro; 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); Judy Areen (AALS); Michelle Cosby (AALL); Judy Gunderson (NCBE); Kendall Kerew (CLEA); James Leipold (NALP); Beth Lyon (SALT); Cynthia Martin (NCBE); Denise Roy (SALT); Myron Steeves (Trinity Law School); Kellye Testy (LSAC); Kevin Washburn (LSAC); Stephanie Ward (ABA Journal); and Sarah Wolking (CLEA).

**Minutes**
The minutes of the August 23, 2019 Open Session Council Meeting were approved as submitted, by voice vote, without dissent.

**Standards Review Subcommittee Report**
The Standards Review Subcommittee (SRS) presented proposed changes to the Standards, Rules, and, IOP’s in response to the new Department of Education (DE) regulations. Changes to the below Standards and Rules were approved for Notice and Comment.
1. Retroactive application of accrediting decisions
   • Rule 2
2. Provisional approval
   • Rule 22
   • Rule 29
   • Standard 102
   • Standard 103
3. Substantive change
   • Rule 24
   • Standard 105
4. Appeal
   • Rule 39
5. Other
   • Rule 27

Additionally, proposed changes to IOP’s 5, 6, 7, and 13 were approved.

**Affiliate Reports**

**Association of American Law Schools (AALS)**
Executive Director & CEO Judy Areen reported on the dual mission of the Association and its activities including the Faculty Recruitment Conference, website, blog, and the *Study of the American Law School Dean*.

**Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD)**
Mary Adkins (Board member) reported on the importance of the *ALWD Guide to Legal Citation*; its Biennial Conference scheduled for May in Boston, MA; and its Leadership Academy.

**Law School Admission Council (LSAC)**
Kellye Testy (President and CEO) and Kevin Washburn (Chair) provided updates on the LSAT test taker reports for July, the digital LSAT, and the “Building the Future of Justice” HBCT Tour which has a mission of advancing access and equity through law and legal education.

**National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE)**
Judy Gundersen (President and CEO) and Honorable Cynthia Martin (Chair) provided updates on the July Multistate Bar Examination; the publication of the *Testing Task Force First Year Report*; the transition of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) from a paper-based test (PBT) to a computer-based test (CBT); and the September 2019 Academic Support Conference.
National Association for Law Placement (NALP)
James Leipold (Executive Director) provided a summary of the Jobs & JDs: Employment and Salaries of New Law School Graduates — Class of 2018 Report; the salary findings from the 2019 Law School Career Services Survey; and the strategic planning retreat of the NALP Board.

Society of American Law Teachers (SALT)
Denise Roy (Board member) reminded the Council of SALT’s mission. She also reviewed several SALT initiatives and projects. Finally, she encouraged the Council to be more transparent in its decision making.

Discussion of State Task Force Reports on Regulatory Reform in the Profession and Implications for the Council’s Work, Legal Education, and Bar Admissions
A panel comprised of Scott Bales (Chair-Elect of the Council and Executive Director of IAALS), David Byers (Council member and Administrative Director of the Courts for the Arizona Supreme Court), Daniel Rodriguez (Professor and former dean at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law), and D. Gordon Smith (Dean and Professor at Brigham Young University Law School) led a discussion on regulatory reform initiatives and the impact they may have on legal education, bar admissions, and the Council’s work.

Reports

Section Director’s Report
Erin Ruehrwein reported on several topics including the Section’s membership report and the new ABA membership dues structure; the New Deans, Deans, and Law School Development workshops; the new Adjunct Faculty Committee; the status of the Sourcebook on Legal Writing, Third Edition; and ABA updates on email, logo usage, and the website.

YLD Liaison’s Report
Mathew Kerbis reported on the YLD’s Law Student Debt Task Force which is focusing on post-graduate debt, Public Student Loan Forgiveness, and income driven repayment He also reported on the YLD’s Fall Meeting held in October.

Chair Diane Bosse adjourned the Open Session of the Council at 3:30 p.m.