Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
American Bar Association
Council Meeting, Open Session Minutes
February 22, 2019
Marina del Rey, California

Council Members present: The Honorable Scott Bales; Diane Bosse, Esq.; Mr. 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 Delegate); Mathew Kerbis, Esq. (Young Lawyers Division Liaison); Dean Emeritus and Professor Jeffrey Lewis (Chair); Professor Leo Martinez; Mary McQueen, Esq.; Gregory Murphy, Esq.; Senior Vice Chancellor Charles Nash; the Honorable Solomon Oliver, Jr. (Section Delegate); Dean Emerita and Professor 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: Professor Emerita Pamela Lysaght.

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); Jeff Baker (CLEA); Femi Cadmus (AALL); Chris Chapman (AccessLex Institute); Camille deJorna (LSAC); Judy Gunderson (NCBE); Kendall Kerew (CLEA); Charlotte (Becky) King; Allison Korn (CLEA); Laura LeDuc (Western Michigan University Cooley Law School); Erin Lee (Daily Journal); Lyle Moran (ABA Journal); William Patton; Susan Prager (Southwestern Law School); Denise Roy (SALT); and Chris Whitman (LSAC).

Minutes

The minutes of the November 16, 2018 Open Session Council Meeting were approved as submitted, by voice vote, without dissent.

Self-Study Questionnaire

Bill Adams reported on the recommended changes to the 2019-2020 Self-Study Questionnaire. The Council approved the changes.
Employment Outcomes Reporting Process

Bill Adams provided a summary of the Employment Outcomes Reporting Process.

Working Group for Oversight of Non-JD Programs

Barry Currier led a discussion about the potential need for a working group to oversee the many Non-JD programs offered by ABA-Approved Law Schools, such as gathering facts about these programs and their impact on schools, students, and the profession, and to consider, whether the Council should expand its activities to some additional level of regulation of these programs. Chair Jeff Lewis agreed to appoint a working group.

Affiliate Reports

American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)
Femi Cadmus reported on AALL’s support of the passage of the Electronic Court Records Reform Act; the 2019 AALL Annual Meeting; the AALL State of the Profession Survey which will be available in March; and AALL’s Innovation Bootcamp.

Association of American Law Schools (AALS)
Judy Areen reported on the association’s recent activities including the 2019 AALS Annual Meeting which was held in New Orleans and the upcoming AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education.

National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE)
Judy Gundersen reported on the Uniform Bar Exam, which has now been adopted in 35 jurisdictions, most recently in Texas; provided an update on the MPRE results and the Testing Task Force study; highlighted the upcoming Bar Admissions Conference; and discussed the NCBE’s recent collaborative efforts with other organizations.

Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA)
Kendall Kerew provided an overview of CLEA’s many committees and highlighted the organization’s new Co-Presidents, Lisa Martin and Daniel Schaffzin.

Law School Admission Council (LSAC)
Chris Whitman and Camille deJorna provided an update on law school enrollment and reported on the launch of LSAC’s Skills Analysis Survey.


**Society of American Law Teachers (SALT)**

Denise Roy reported on SALT’s mission; highlighted the Biennial Teaching Conference; and discussed the BA to JD Pipeline program.

**Standards Matters**

The Council discussed Standard 316 and approved a motion to defer consideration of moving forward with the amended Standard 316 to the May Council Meeting.

Other matters contained in a report from the Council’s standards subcommittee were deferred to a subsequent meeting.

Chair Jeff Lewis adjourned the Open Session of the Council at 3:15 p.m.