

**Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
American Bar Association
Council Meeting, Open Session
August 3, 2018
Chicago, IL**

Council Members present: Diane F. Bosse, Esq.; Mr. David Byers; Mr. Samuel Chang; Dean and Professor Emeritus Roger J. Dennis; Dean Emeritus and Professor Antonio Garcia-Padilla; President and Dean Donald Guter; James Hanks Jr., Esq.; Associate Dean and Professor Joan Howland (Section Delegate); Mathew Kerbis, Esq. (Young Lawyers Division Liaison); Professor Emeritus James M. Klein; Dean Emeritus and Professor Jeffrey Lewis; Professor Leo Martinez; Mary Campbell McQueen; Esq.; Gregory G. Murphy, Esq.; Dean Emeritus and Professor Cynthia Nance; the Honorable Jequita H. Napoli; Senior Vice Chancellor Charles Ray Nash; the Honorable Solomon Oliver, Jr. (Section Delegate); Dean and Professor Maureen O'Rourke (Chair); The Honorable Phyllis Thompson; Joseph K. West, Esq.

Council Members absent: President Emeritus Robert Glidden; E. Fitzgerald (Jerry) Parnell III, Esq. (Section Liaison to the Board of Governors); Raymond C. Pierce, Esq.; the Honorable Mary R. Russell.

Staff present: Deputy Managing Director, Bill Adams; Senior Associate General Counsel, Deborah Boling; Director of Operations, Carl Brambrink; Accreditation Project Director, Ed Butterfoss; Manger of Program Administration, JR Clark; Program Specialist, Andrew Crane; Managing Director, Barry Carrier; Manager of Legal Education Assessment Services, Genevieve Ferraro; Accreditation Counsel, Stephanie Giggetts; Manager of Legal Education Assessment Services, Sam Kwak; Section Director, Erin Ruehrwein; Consultant, Becky Stretch; Manager of Law School Analytics, Kirsten Winek.

Guests and Affiliates present: Judy Areen (AALS), Femi Cadmus (AALL), Bill Choyke (ABA Media Relations), Camille deJorna (LSAC), Brian Gallini (University of Arkansas), Judy Gundersen (NCBE), James Leipold (NALP), Melissa Lennon (NALP), Lyle Moran (Daily Journal), Bradley Myers (University of North Dakota), Wendy Perdue (AALS), Joy Radice (CLEA), Isabelle Ramos (LSAC), Denise Roy (SALT), Andrea Sinner (ABA Commission on the Future of Legal Education), Kellye Testy (LSAC), Stephanie Ward (ABA Journal).

Minutes

The minutes of the May 11, 2018 Open Session Council Meeting were approved as submitted, with two spelling revisions, by voice vote, without dissent.

Budget

The Council reviewed the current budget operations for FY2018 and approved the operating budget for FY2019, which includes no increase of law school fees.

Report on NACIQI and Outcomes of USDE Process

Chair O'Rourke reported on the appearance by herself, Barry Currier, Bill Adams, and Stephanie Giggetts on behalf of the Council before NACIQI. She thanked those who assisted in preparing the reports and preparations for the hearing. NACIQI concluded its hearing by adopting a motion recommending to the Secretary of Education that the Council's authority as the accreditor for first professional degree in law programs be continued for the maximum term allowed by law.

Affiliate Reports

Femi Cadmus, President of AALL, reported on the association's efforts and initiatives including: a meeting with LexisNexis to discuss member concerns surrounding a new sales practice that ties access to its electronic and print publication products to the purchase of a license to Lexis Advance; the new Body of Knowledge (BoK) resource, which serves as a blueprint for career development; the recent AALL Annual Meeting; and the AALL State of the Profession benchmarking survey.

Judy Areen, Executive Director of AALS and Wendy Perdue, President of AALS, reported on the work of the AALS Sections; Public Service Loan Forgiveness and the PROSPER Act; the association's focus on Access to Justice; the 2019 Annual Meeting being held in January in New Orleans; and the Before the JD Study.

Jim Leipold, Executive Director of NALP and Melissa Lennon, President of NALP, reported on the NALP Partnership with the American Bar Foundation on the Judicial Clerkship Study; the protocol for graduate employment outcome data; the NALP Survey on public interest attorney salaries; and the report on employment outcomes data for the class of 2017.

Judy Gunderson, President and CEO of NCBE, reported on the July bar exam; grader training; the UBE, and the Testing Task Force.

Kellye Testy, President and CEO, and Kevin Washburn, of LSAC, reported on the increasing applications to ABA-approved law schools and LSAT registrations; the digital LSAT format which will launch next year; the organizational redesign of LSAC; the free Kahn Academy test prep resource; and collaborative efforts with NALP and NCBE.

Presentation on National Task Force on Lawyer Well-Being

Task Force Co-Chair Bree Buchanan and Task Force member David Jaffe reported on the Task Force's efforts to better address lawyer mental health and well-being, emphasizing the need to have these issues addressed in law schools, for example at orientation and in admissions offices. The Section is interested in partnering with the Task Force to create a Guide or Tool Kit resource for law schools.

ABA Presidential Commission on the Future of Legal Education

Andrea Sinner reported on the Commission's mission to help build the legal profession through research, collaboration, recognition and ideation. AccessLex will fund a study on the longitudinal view of the bar exam over time; the Commission is collaborating with various organizations including AALS, NCBE and AccessLex; and the Commission is partnering with the ABA Center for Innovation.

Discussion of Guidance on Standards 501/503, Including Form for Standard 509 Disclosures on Test Scores

The Council discussed the reporting of test scores and the current form. The discussion will continue at the next Council Meeting in September.

IOP Amendments on Notice Requirements

The proposed changes to IOP 5, included in the agenda materials for the meeting, were approved.

Reports

Section Director Erin Ruehrwein provided an update on Section activities including the recent Law School Development Conference, the status of the new edition of *The Sourcebook on Legal Writing Programs*, Annual Meeting events, and upcoming conferences and webinars. She also provided an update on the ABA's new membership model and website launch.

Law student Council member Sammy Chang reported on the Law Student Division's Annual Meeting resolutions and introduced incoming student Council member, Sarah Correll.

Mathew Kerbis, Young Lawyers Division Liaison, provided an update on the YLD's position on various Annual Meeting resolutions.

There being no further business to conduct in Open Session, Chair O'Rourke adjourned the Open Session of the Council at 4:30 p.m.