

**COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
CALIFORNIA ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOL RULES  
MINUTES – DRAFT**

Thursday, May 03, 2018  
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

The State Bar of California  
845 S. Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Questions regarding these minutes should be directed to the Program Specialist, David Knight, at (415) 538-2310 or the Program Manager for Educational Standards, Natalie Leonard, at (415) 538-2118.

Meeting convened with all Members present: Dean Greg Brandes (Chair, RAC); Dean Dean Barbieri; Dean Jackie Gardina; Karen M. Goodman, Member, CBE; Erika Hiramatsu, Chair of the Committee of Bar Examiners; Esther P. Lin, Member, CBE.

Staff Present: Amy Nuñez Interim Director of Admissions; Lisa Cummins, Program Manager for Examinations; Natalie Leonard, Program Manager for Educational Standards; Destie Overpeck, OGC Attorney, Nicole Pereira, OGC Attorney, and David Knight, Program Specialist for Educational Standards.

Participants During Public Comments Periods: Dean Patrick Piggott; Stanislaus Pulle (written comment).

1. Call for Public Comment. [The Chair reserves the right to limit the duration of the public comment period] (Greg Brandes)

The meeting began at 3:05 PM and there were no public comments made during the Call for Public Comments.

2. Draft Minutes of the Meeting of March 22, 2018. (Attachment A) (Natalie Leonard and Greg Brandes)

A motion was made by Jackie Gardina and seconded by Karen Goodman to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2018 RAC Meeting, as edited to conform with the following: Staff was requested to confer with the Office of General Counsel to determine whether under the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, all visitors should be identified on the minutes, or only those who provided public comment, and then to adjust the minutes as advised by Counsel.

3. Chair's Report. (Greg Brandes)

Greg Brandes, RAC Chair, advised members of the procedure to submit a proposed item for a future RAC agenda. Members are to submit them to the staff – Ms. Leonard or Ms. Nuñez – as far in advance of the meeting as possible so that there is adequate time to prepare and notice

the items for future meetings.

#### 4. Staff Report (Amy Nuñez and Natalie Leonard)

- CBE Action related to Minimum, Cumulative Bar Pass Rate (MPR).
- B&P Code Section 6061.7 Disclosures Due for 2018 for All Schools.
- Progress Report relating to Online Education Guidelines.
- Recent Developments.

Staff distributed a draft copy of the proposed form that the California Accredited Law Schools will use to calculate their cumulative minimum bar passage rates (MPR) to be reported by July 2, 2018 using the methodology adopted by the Committee at its March 23-24, 2018 meeting. The RAC suggested and Staff concurred that the attachments should be reviewed and perhaps edited to limit the material requested to that which is needed for the State Bar to discharge its regulatory duties relative to the MPR. The final forms will be issued to the law schools in June after allocation list changes are complete.

Staff also noted that once the MPR's are calculated, all CALS schools should plan to update their California Business & Professions Code Code Section 6061.7 Disclosures for 2018 with the latest MPR figure. A memo will be sent to the schools later in the summer to remind them of this obligation.

Staff is working on a timetable related to the path to California Accreditation for distance learning schools, with a goal of presenting a timeline at the June RAC meeting.

Staff reported that the Office of Admissions is in the process of designing a new computer system, the Admissions Information Management System (AIMS), which will change the screens viewed and used by students and by law schools. Implementation of Phase I is expected by Spring 2019.

There will be a Law School Assembly Meeting on June 21 in the State Bar Los Angeles Office at 845 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles. Today, all Deans of all California Law Schools have been sent invitation to attend or to invite representatives.

#### 5. Further Discussion of Proposed New Guideline 5.10 Regarding Credit for Courses Completed as a Visiting Student. (Attachment B) (Jackie Gardina and Greg Brandes)

Discussion continued regarding the possible new Guideline 5.10.

At the March meeting, the RAC discussed a proposed new Guideline, addressing conditions under which visiting students could be granted law school credit at California Accredited Law Schools, which Staff has begun to research. Staff wished to know more about how it would work, and whether this has been tried in other settings, and Staff was provided with several avenues to research regarding State Bar programs, other California programs, and national programs that allow for accelerated undergraduate experiences.

The idea behind the proposal is that undergraduate or other students who visited at a law school could gain law school credit for any time they spent as visiting students in law school classes, if they completed that course in good standing and returned to enroll in the law school within 18 months.

Staff will research these sources, as well as a question related to how this proposed guideline, if adopted, would affect the current rule requiring completion of the J.D. degree within 84 months,

and return with further information or suggested action at a future meeting.

6. 2018 RAC Goals Check-in. (Attachment C)(Greg Brandes)

There were no suggested new goals to be added.

There was a motion to adjourn made by Karen Goodman and seconded by Erika Hiramatsu. The motion passed unanimously.

The next RAC meeting will be on June 21, 2018 starting at 3:00 PM in the State Bar Los Angeles Office.

The meeting adjourned approximately 3:54 PM.