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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

JOINT MEETING OF THE LAW SCHOOL COUNCIL AND THE COMMITTEE OF STATE BAR ACCREDITED AND REGISTERED SCHOOLS (CSBARS) OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

October 17, 2019

State Bar of California
845 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, California

A joint meeting of the Law School Council and the Committee of State Bar Accredited and Registered Schools (CSBARS) of The State Bar of California convened in open session at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, October 17, 2019, in a meeting room of the State Bar offices in Los Angeles, Susan Westerberg Prager presiding on behalf of the Law School Council and Jackie Gardina on behalf of CSBARS. The meeting was live webcast.

The open session portion of the meeting concluded at approximately 1:00 p.m., at which time the meeting adjourned, there being no closed session.

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A. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

LAW SCHOOL COUNCIL

Chair: Susan Westerberg Prager

Members Present: Susan Bakhshian, Anthony Niedwiecki, Jennifer Mnookin, Donald Scotten

Members Absent: Michael Colatrella, Donald Smythe

B. CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

A call for public comment was made. No public comment was received.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 22, 2019

Minutes of the Law School Council Meeting of April 22, 2019. Susan Bakhshian moved to approve the minutes. Anthony Niedwiecki abstained. All others approved.

D. STAFF REPORT

E-Newsletter to California Law School Deans: In spring 2019, the State Bar launched a quarterly newsletter for California Law School Deans. The Law School community is encouraged to submit topic ideas to admissions@calbar.ca.gov.

E. DISCUSSION OF PRELIMINARY RESULTS FROM THE CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY PRACTICE ANALYSIS

The joint groups received a presentation from the Office of Research and Institutional Accountability on the Attorney Practice Analysis and the next steps relating to the study and other related bar studies.

F. DISCUSSION OF THE STATE BAR'S LAW STUDENT SURVEY AND ITS ROLE IN THE CALIFORNIA JUSTICE GAP STUDY

The Office of Access and Inclusion, in partnership with the Office of Research and Institutional Accountability, discussed the preliminary results of the law student survey, focused on the ultimate career choices of law students who initially indicated they wished to pursue public service careers. It is hoped that the State Bar can determine ways in which it can support students who hope to pursue public interest careers.

Also discussed was a survey of 4,000 Californians as part of the Justice Gap Study to determine the legal needs of Californians, both met and unmet. This is part of a continuing effort to determine how to reduce the Justice Gap in California.

G. UPDATE ON MORAL CHARACTER WORKING GROUP AND INFORMAL CONFERENCE PROCEDURES

The Office of Admissions, Moral Character Determinations, described two current initiatives. First, an update on the Moral Character Working Group was provided; this group will seek to provide guidance to assist law schools and students in understanding the factors considered during the moral character determination process. Next, the updated procedures governing informal conferences were also described: initial conferences will be conducted by staff, including a State Bar attorney and one or more staff members familiar with the case. Applicants may appeal determinations to the Committee of Bar Examiners.

End Open Session

No Closed Session

MEETING ADJOURNED