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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

MEETING OF THE LAW SCHOOL COUNCIL OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

August 18, 2021

Via Zoom Conference Call

A meeting of the Law School Council of The State Bar of California convened in open session at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, Interim Chair Devin Kinyon presiding. The open session portion of the meeting concluded at approximately 11:30 a.m., at which time the meeting adjourned, there being no closed session.

A. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Members Present: Nydia Dueñez, Christopher Ide-Don, Devin Kinyon, Donald Scotten, Don Smythe

Members Absent: Jennifer Mnookin, Chair Susan Bakhshian

The meeting was called to order by Interim Chair Devin Kinyon at 9:30 a.m.

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 21, 2021

Minutes of the Law School Council Meeting of April 21, 2021 were approved unanimously.

D. STAFF REPORT

1. Update on Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of the Bar Exam

The goals and 18-month meeting schedule for this commission were discussed. The public can sign up for notification of the webcast meetings at board.calbar.ca.gov/Committees.aspx.

2. Report on the National LGBTQ+ Bar's Campus Climate Survey

Chief Program Officer of the National LGBTQ+ Bar Judi O'Kelley advised that the organization's Annual Campus Climate Survey will be expanded through a special project to include California

accredited and unaccredited law schools this year and encouraged all California Law Schools to participate. In addition, the Lavender Law Conference and Career Fair will take place in Los Angeles in July 2022.

3. Report on Current Initiatives from the Office of Access & Inclusion

State Bar Staff Christal Bundang and Elizabeth Hom attended to provide a preview of the results of the survey of California law schools that is in process. Law schools are encouraged to email lawschoolregulation@calbar.ca.gov if they are interested in participating in focus groups that will be included in the next phase of the project.

4. Update from California Lawyers' Association on Networking Opportunities for Law Students, Graduates and Provisionally Licensed Lawyers

The President Jeremy Evans and Interim Executive Director Ellen Miller of the California Lawyers Association (CLA) attended to describe opportunities for recent graduates to join CLA at no charge and to use the Provisional Licensure community to seek qualifying assignments or network with other provisional attorneys. Students can also join the CLA at no charge, and can apply for scholarships to attend the CLA Annual Meeting and participate in other CLA events.

5. Report on Fall 2021 Law School Assembly and Registrars' Meetings

The Law School Council discussed the topics and questions that should be included as part of the September 2021 Law School Assembly and Registrars' Meetings. In particular, the group expressed interest in a demonstration of the State Bar applicant portal. Attendees are encouraged to send questions and ideas to lawschoolregulation@calbar.ca.gov in advance of the meeting. Members are encouraged to plan ahead for future topics to be included at the September 2022 meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The open session concluded at approximately 11:30 a.m. and the meeting adjourned, there being no closed session.

End Open Session

No Closed Session

MEETING ADJOURNED