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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

JOINTLY WITH THE LAW SCHOOL COUNCIL

THE LAW SCHOOL COUNCIL

December 1, 2021

Via Zoom Conference Call

A meeting of Committee on State Bar Accredited and Registered Schools held Jointly with the Law School Council of The State Bar of California convened in open session at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, Chair Jay Frykberg and Chair Devin Kinyon presiding. The open session portion of the meeting concluded at approximately 3:00 p.m., at which time the meeting adjourned, there being no closed session.

A. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

CSBARS Members Present: Chair Jay Frykberg, Michael Clancey, Linda Keller, Paul Kramer, Greg Murphy, Jessica Park, George Leal

Members Absent: none

Law School Council Members Present: Chair Devin Kinyon, Susan Bakhshian, Nydia Dueñez, Christopher Ide-Don, Grace Hum, Don Smythe

Members Absent: Jennifer L. Mnookin

B. CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

A call for public comment was made. One public comment was presented by Maria Tai requesting that future bar examinations be held online.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM CSBARS MEETING OF October 13, 2021 AND LAW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING OF August 18, 2021

Minutes of the CSBARS Meeting of October 13, 2021 were approved by a vote of five who approved (Michael Clancey, Linda Keller, Paul Kramer, Jessica Park and George Leal) and two who abstained (Jay Frykberg and Greg Murphy). Minutes of the Law School Council Meeting of April 21, 2021 were approved by a vote of four who approved (Devin Kinyon, Nydia Dueñez, Christopher Ide-Don, Don Smythe) and two who abstained (Susan Bakhshian and Grace Hum).

D. STAFF REPORT

1. Report on Implementation of Accredited Law School Rules, effective January 1, 2022

Since the last meeting, the Board of Trustees adopted conforming amendments to the MPR formula in 4.160(D)(6) to account for the Provisional Licensure program, as well as the technical amendments to the schedule of charges and deadlines. Jointly accredited application materials and annual report templates will be issued along with an announcement in 2022. The new accredited law school rules take effect on January 1, 2022.

2. Report on Options for Applicants Negatively Affected by Technological Issues at July 2021 Bar Exam

Students who were negatively affected by certain specified technological conditions at the July 2021 bar exam have been notified that they will have until January 2, 2022 to choose between a refund and a credit to apply to the February or July 2022 bar exams.

3. Report on Electronic Oath Cards

The State Bar demonstrated the process for completing electronic oath cards in various situations and discussed how to handle common situations that might occur at swearing in ceremonies. A virtual oath packet FAQ is available online for reference.

4. Report on February 2022 Bar Examination Testing Conditions

The February 2022 bar exam will be held in person. Due to social distancing requirements, some sites will have less capacity than in prior years, so applicants are encouraged to register as soon as possible. The State Bar is monitoring public health conditions in order to respond appropriately.

5. Report on Paraprofessional Program Proposal Posted for Public Comment

A recommendation regarding a proposed paraprofessional program is posted for public comment on the State Bar's website through January 12, 2022. The working group staff member and a former unaccredited law school dean who participated in creating the recommendation attended to present details and answer questions.

6. Recent Developments

Reminders for Key Dates were discussed:

Law schools interested in participating in focus groups on the topic of law school retention should send an email to lawschoolregulation@calbar.ca.gov with the name and contact information of the representative who will attend.

January 2, 2022 – Last day for affected July 2021 bar applicants to apply for a credit for the February or July bar exam (or else a refund will be sent).

January 7, 2022 – Last day for February 2021 bar applicants to use their customized email link to sign up for [Bar Strategies and Stories](#).

January 12, 2022 – Last day to submit a public comment regarding the [Paraprofessional Program Recommendation](#).

February 28, 2022 – Last day to return National LGBTQ+ Bar Campus Climate Survey via Google Form to that organization. Invitations were sent out on or around November 3, 2021. If you need a new copy, contact judi@lgbtqbar.org.

March 22, 2022 – State Bar Day for Law Students. Request a custom presentation at your school at lawschoolregulation@calbar.ca.gov on topics related to admission or lita.abella@calbar.ca.gov on topics related to the Lawyer Assistance Program.

E. Discussion of Committee of Bar Examiners' 2021-2022 Educational Standards Goals

Both CSBARS and Law School Council reviewed the Committee's goals. Chair Frykberg will attend the January 2022 Committee of Bar Examiners Meeting to recap the discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The open session concluded at approximately 3:00 p.m. and the meeting adjourned, there being no closed session.

End Open Session

No Closed Session

MEETING ADJOURNED