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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

THE COMMITTEE OF STATE BAR ACCREDITED AND REGISTERED SCHOOLS (CSBARS) OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

January 26, 2022

Via Zoom Conference Call

A meeting of Committee on State Bar Accredited and Registered Schools convened in open session at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, Chair Jay Frykberg presiding. The open session portion of the meeting concluded at approximately 2:00 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

B. CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

A call for public comment was made. Rebecca Hirsch announcing her presence on behalf of the dean of Peoples College of Law.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM CSBARS MEETING OF December 1, 2021

Minutes of the CSBARS Meeting of December 1, 2021 were approved by a vote of six who approved (Michael Clancey, Linda Keller, Paul Kramer, Greg Murphy, Jessica Park and George Leal) and one who abstained (Jay Frykberg).

D. STAFF REPORT

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

The new law school rules took effect on January 1, 2022. Accredited law schools must be in full compliance within two years from that date. Jointly accredited application materials and annual report templates will be issued along with an announcement when they are available.

2. Report on February 2022 Bar Examination

The February 2022 bar exam will take place in person. Law schools are urged to remind their applicants to review the COVID safety policy in order to be prepared to comply with all elements, including use of the CLEAR app where applicable. Full information is available on the State Bar's website and was also provided in an email to law school deans last week.

3. Applications for new CSBARS Members due March 1, 2022

Deans of unaccredited or accredited law schools interested in applying to serve a three-year term participating in CSBARS must apply by March 1, 2022 using the application on the CSBARS webpage at calbar.ca.gov.

4. Recent Developments

- Accredited and unaccredited law schools are reminded that the State Bar will send out its annual email directing those law schools to verify the web placement and content of the 2022 Annual Disclosures posted pursuant to California Business and Professions Code 6061.7(a).
- All law schools are reminded to fill out the Campus Climate Survey from the National LGBTQ+ Bar by February 28, 2022 if they plan to participate. This year, accredited and unaccredited law schools are being included in the survey for the first time as a special project.
- As needed, usually on the six Fridays preceding the bar exam, the State Bar forwards copies of bar exam email reminders sent to applicants, along with other helpful information, to California law school deans and registrars. Other California law school administrators may also request to be added to this list by sending their names, titles and emails to lawschoolregulation@calbar.ca.gov.
- Thank you to the many law schools who have been participating in the State Bar of California's focus groups on retention coordinated through the Office of Access & Inclusion. There will be one final 90-minute group on February 1. To participate, email lawschoolregulation@calbar.ca.gov to designate a representative.

E. Discussion of Committee of Bar Examiners Agenda Item O-402 Action on Continuation of 2009 Waiver of Unaccredited Guideline 1.11 – Credit for Exam Preparation Courses at Unaccredited Law Schools

CSBARS reviewed item O-402 posted to the Committee of Bar Examiners' agenda for their Friday, January 28, 2022 meeting. This item introduces a discussion about the possible amendment of unaccredited law school guideline 1.11, which prohibits unaccredited law schools from offering exam preparation courses for credit. This guideline has been waived since 2009. Several members indicated support for the discussion, and CBE member Paul Kramer expressed interest in having a full discussion on the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

The open session concluded at approximately 2:00 p.m. and the meeting adjourned, there being no closed session.

End Open Session

No Closed Session

MEETING ADJOURNED