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Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 3:44 PM
To: Leonard, Natalie; Mitch Winick
Cc: Roy Hurd; Sherie Hurd
Subject: RE: Follow Up questions regarding the MCL/Empire Proposal

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Hello, Natalie: In answer to question number 1 below:

Empire College School of Law has been advised by counsel that the plan articulated in the Major Change Request does not propose a change of control for Empire College, but rather the purchase of the Empire College School of Law assets by Monterey College of Law and a wind-down of the Empire College MLS program over an estimated 18-month period. Therefore, under ACICS rules and guidelines, there is no requirement to inform ACICS or the Department of Education at this time, or to seek pre-approval of the proposal. However, after the formal Asset Purchase Agreement is signed by Empire College and Monterey College of Law (with a proposed effective date of July 15, 2022), Empire College has been advised that under the ACICS rules and guidelines it is appropriate to notify ACICS at that time that the law school assets are being acquired and that the MLS program will be continuing through a wind-down period that will include any Title IV transition period determined to be available to students subject to the anticipated formal announcement of the discontinuation of ACICS as a regional accreditor. At the current time, Empire College and Monterey College of Law have entered into a formal Letter of Intent outlining the proposed asset purchase agreement and academic service agreement as described in the Major Change Request and anticipate executing formal Asset Purchase and Academic Service agreements following approval of the Major Change Request by the Committee of Bar Examiners.

I hope that answers your question; please let me know if there is anything else the Committee needs to process our Major Change Request. Dean Winick and I will make ourselves available to discuss any additional items with you whenever you would like to do so, so please just let us know.

Thank you so much.
Brian Purtill, Dean
Empire College School of Law

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From: Leonard, Natalie <Natalie.Leonard@calbar.ca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 11:05 AM
To: Mitch Winick <mwinick@montereylaw.edu>; Brian BP. Purtill <bputill@empirecollege.com>
Subject: Follow Up questions regarding the MCL/Empire Proposal

Dear Deans Winick and Purtill:

Thank you for this request. Below are several follow-up questions that will be helpful for the Committee review:

1. Please provide the communication you have had with ACICS and the Department of Education as to this plan. Have they approved it in concept?
2. The law school intends to create a branch starting in summer 2022. Can you please clarify in more detail the entity that will be housing and operating the JD/Masters program?

3. Will Monterey College of Law use its current JD curriculum at the new branch during the transition period? After the transition period when the JD/Masters program concludes?
4. Will students at the JD/Masters entity continue with the Empire College of Law curriculum or will it be changed to match the Monterey College of Law curriculum?
5. Please provide the in-person staffing level that is intended for the branch (temporary COVID adjustments aside).
6. The current registrar will be taking on the registrar duties for the new branch and the transition entity. Will there be additional support provided to them?

Looking forward to your responses, which will help to determine the best available scheduling.

Thank you and happy new year!

Natalie

-----Original Message-----

From: Mitch Winick <mwinick@montereylaw.edu>

Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 11:00 AM

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Subject: January 28th Agenda?

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Natalie,

I understand that you had the opportunity to take some time off. I hope that it was for fun and enjoyment.

I am checking in on whether we can get confirmation that our Empire/MCL Major Change request will be placed on the January 28th CBE agenda. As outlined in our request, the timing is important for our proposal to initiate branch campus classes starting Fall 2022 at the end of July.

Brian and I are available to provide any additional information for you and/or the Committee as you review our November 15, 2021 request.

We look forward to discussing this exciting proposal for our two schools.

Mitch

Ne tantum superesse, vigemusque!

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse any Siri typos.