

DEAN'S WEEKLY UPDATE
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Significant Activity, Requests, or Information

Highlight

The ABA sent the law school the actions taken regarding the law school's accreditation. The ABA concluded that the law school had come into compliance in six areas. It terminated the show cause proceeding against the law school. Thus, the imminent danger of losing accreditation has been abated. A celebratory occasion is being planned to commemorate the achievement. The ABA found that the law school had come into compliance with six standards: Standard 201 – Resources; Standard 701- Physical Facilities; Standard 405(c) - Clinical Faculty; Standard 601(b) – Library Budget; Standard 604 – Library Personnel; and Standard 605 – Library Services.

Two items were continued on a periodic reporting status. Standard 501 – Admissions, the ABA will continue to require that the law school send a report to the Committee. The same applies to Standard 301 - Legal Education Program – i.e. bar passage. The law school appreciates the monumental effort of all stakeholders in achieving this important milestone in the history of the institution.

Board Meetings

The International and Immigration Law Institute held a Board Dinner on Tuesday October 12, 2004, at Nit Noi's Westheimer location. In attendance were various faculty members as well as the alumni members of the Board.

The Earl Carl Institute held its Board Meeting on Thursday, October 14, 2004 in the law library conference room. The Institute, a law school based not-for-profit, tax exempt entity, focuses on legal and social policy. The Institute has several activities, including research in Public Education, Criminal Justice, Homeownership and Voting. The Institute welcomes faculty who can direct student research in these areas. Interested faculty members are asked to contact Professor Marcia Johnson, the Institute's executive director.

Faculty Scholarly Activity

Eleven faculty members attended the National People of Color Conference at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. All faculty members presented a work in progress or commented on a work in progress or served as panelists. Professor L. Darnell Weeden, a member of the Conference's Steering Committee, served as a moderator of the Thurgood Marshall Tribute panel and greatly facilitated the participation of his faculty colleagues in the program.

Office of Admissions/Financial Aid

The Office of Admissions is continuing its recruitment efforts. This week, the office visited Prairie View A & M University. Next week, the recruiters will visit Austin, Texas.

Office of Career Services

The Office of Career Services has completed the first half of the On Campus recruiting. The first session has completed 30 employers. The second session, which starts October 18 – November 21, will have 15 employers.

Call Faculty Meeting

The Dean Search Committee will hold an informational meeting on Tuesday October 26, 2004, in Room 202 at 5.00 P.M. The Committee requests that candidates and would-be candidates be recused.