

8-11-2016

# Educational Policy Committee Meeting Minutes 08/11/2016

UC Hastings Board of Directors

Follow this and additional works at: [https://repository.uchastings.edu/board\\_materials\\_2016](https://repository.uchastings.edu/board_materials_2016)

---

## Recommended Citation

UC Hastings Board of Directors, *Educational Policy Committee Meeting Minutes 08/11/2016* (2016).

Available at: [https://repository.uchastings.edu/board\\_materials\\_2016/83](https://repository.uchastings.edu/board_materials_2016/83)

This Educational Policy Committee is brought to you for free and open access by the Board of Directors Agenda and Materials at UC Hastings Scholarship Repository. It has been accepted for inclusion in 2016 Board of Directors Agenda and Materials by an authorized administrator of UC Hastings Scholarship Repository.



**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
HASTINGS COLLEGE OF THE LAW**

**EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE**

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 11, 2016**

1. Roll Call

Chair Marci Dragun called the meeting to order and ordered the Secretary of the Board to call the roll for the Educational Policy Committee.

Educational Policy Committee:

Chair Marci Dragun  
Director Mary Noel Pepys  
Director Chip Robertson  
Director Sandra Thompson

Others Present:

Acting Chancellor & Dean David Faigman  
Acting Provost & Academic Dean Evan Lee  
Chief Financial Officer David Seward  
Chair Tom Gede Ex Officio Member

2. Public Comment  
None.

\*3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2016  
Chair Dragun moved to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved as amended.

4. Report of Senior Assistant Dean for Enrollment June Kitagawa Sakamoto  
4.1 Enrollment Updates on JD, MSL, and LLM Programs

Assistant Dean for Enrollment June Sakamoto presented the enrollment update as distributed. Dean Sakamoto gave the admissions metrics for the class of 2019, noting a larger class size this year and students with high metrics. She also mentioned the College's strong retention numbers this year. A lengthy discussion ensued on comparisons between UC Hastings and comparable law schools in attracting students with high metrics in GPA and LSAT scores.

5. Report of Associate Academic Dean Jeffrey A. Lefstin
  - 5.1 Presentation on New Student Orientation

Associate Academic Dean Jeffrey Lefstin discussed the new programs developing out of the Academic Dean division, including the Inns of Court Program. He explained that the Inns of Court Program is a substantive program in which a series of workshops will be held throughout the year in order to help student develop a career roadmap. The Inns of Court Program replaces the previous student professional readiness programs.

Dean Lefstin then reported on new student orientation. He noted that this year the focus was on building more academic experience and evaluation. During orientation, students will experience a sample lecture, a sample class, and a writing exercise simulating an actual exam. Instructors will review submitted exam materials in order to identify those students that may need more assistance in legal writing in an effort to provide more academic support in their first semester.

6. Report of Associate Dean for Experiential Learning Ascanio Piomelli
  - 6.1 Report on Experiential Programs

Acting Provost & Academic Dean Evan Lee distributed Associate Dean for Experiential Learning Ascanio Piomelli's written report.

Acting Provost & Academic Dean Lee then introduced the new Associate Dean of Library and Technology, Camilla Tubbs. Dean Tubbs discussed the IT audit occurred the five major areas of concern related to information technology at the College: (1) the College website and a need for a refreshed web presence; (2) enhanced internet service for students, specifically in the Tower; (3) modernizing systems to rely less on paper; (4) developing a new content management system that is more centralized; and (5) disaster preparedness of IT systems. Associate Dean of Library and Technology Tubbs also mentioned the need to develop a centralized method of sharing information between the College departments.

7. Report of Acting Provost & Academic Dean Evan Lee
  - 7.1 Outlook for New Academic Year

Acting Provost & Academic Dean Lee discussed the work of Associate Dean for Academic and Professional Success Morris Ratner. Associate Dean for Academic and Professional Success Ratner manages all of the academic support programs including ASP, LEOP, LW&R and Critical Studies in order to make sure that students are receiving consistent messages about legal writing and exam expectations and standards.

Acting Provost & Academic Dean Lee discussed the curricular and programmatic innovations developed by Associate Dean for Academic and Professional Success Ratner. A new programmatic innovation is the BEST program, a bar prep course offered in the summer that is meant to supplement commercial bar review courses. Curricular innovations include: (1) a hybrid doctrinal legal analysis course; (2) a remedies capstone course focusing on black letter law; and (3) a course on advanced writing plus bar prep.

Director Chip Robertson asked if the College was looking to return to the old model of first year coursework in which two semesters of contracts and two semesters of civil procedure were required. Acting Chancellor & Dean David Faigman responded that there is a committee chaired by Professor David Takacs that will be studying this possibility.

A lengthy discussion ensued about bar passage, bar-taking skills, and supporting struggling students.

\*8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Educational Policy Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

---

Elise Traynum, Secretary