Minutes
LAW Committee Meeting
Monday 2/28/11

Attending: Terry Lennox, Anna Sweeney, Fred Loxsom, Kathleen Fabian, Nancy DeCrescenzo, Lisa Fraustino, Anita Lee, Michael Stenko, Shelly Gimenez

1. Review of Minutes from 2/14/11
   - Minor corrections in minutes were made and the minutes were approved as amended.
   - F. Loxsom reported that Lauren Rosenberg is aware of Institutional Review Board issues concerning using human subjects in her writing seminar.
   - K. Fabian discussed LAW achievement notation on student transcripts and agreed that the language displayed on the transcript will be “a student who fulfills the LAW achievement goals”.
   - Lisa Fraustino moved that “Passing a LAW designated course is sufficient to get a LAW designation on the transcript.” A grade higher than passing is not required. This motion was passed.

2. LAW committee participation in the Bowlathon and defeat of the over-rated Senate team was discussed.

3. Discussion of Student Focus Groups
   The committee agreed the F. Loxsom would communicate directly with Nancy Salter and Maggie Martin and convey the following suggestions from the LAW committee:
   - Explaining the LAW initiative and current state of its implementation is demanding and acquiring useful student feedback will require detailed explanation. We would be happy to attempt drafting a succinct statement of the status of LAW implementation if that would help.
   - The preliminary questions that you sent to us include frequent mention of the “LAW requirement“. Since there is currently no LAW requirement, we would prefer using the term “LAW goals” or “experiential learning goals”. Otherwise, we think that the scope and type of questions seem to be appropriate.
   - We endorse the idea of the focus groups and look forward to studying the report that will be generated after the data has been analyzed. We are particularly interested in understanding student views about benefits of the initiative and barriers to its implementation.

4. Student Intern discussion.
   - Job description provided by N. DeCrescenzo
   - Interest in putting out internship for spring and not wait for fall
   - Looking for a communication student or an English major
   - F. Loxsom will check w/R. Free regarding hiring student worker. Loxsom favors paid student worker for continuity. Committee agreed.
5. Transcript notation discussed
   • Label has been changed to “achievement”
   • CLL approved and achievement will be noted on transcript
   • Kathleen Fabian had a list of numbers available for independent study and internships
   • Kathleen recommended number 481 for independent study with the LAW designation.  
     481 is the place holder and each course for the 481 designation must go through the  
     LAW committee and be approved
   • Internships vary and the internship program already folds into LAW designation without  
     coming up with something unique.
   • We are already starting the process of approving courses in departments
   • Last time we approved one title of a course. For most departments it will be the course  
     not a specific section of a course.