

AALS Section on Academic Support

Newsletter from the Chair
Spring 2011



Chair: Robin Boyle

From the Chair:

Greetings! The 2011 AALS Annual Meeting in San Francisco was very engaging!

Enclosed are some photos from our 2011 program titled, "Beyond Humanizing: Can — and Should — Law Schools Strive to Graduate Happy Students?" It was held as a Joint Program of the Section on Academic Support and the Section on Balance in Legal Education, and Co-Sponsored by the Section on Student Services. Thank you to our

co-moderators — Catherine Glaze, Michael H. Schwartz, Emily Scivoletto — and to our speakers — Richard Delgado, Andrew P. Faltin, Rebecca Flanagan, Lawrence S. Krieger, Nancy Levit, Paula Lustbader, Paula Manning, Russell A. McClain, Deborah L. Rhode, Corie L. Rosen, Jean Stefancic and Laurie B. Zimet. Our Section's Program Committee Chair was Emily Scivoletto and our Section's Program Committee members were Hillary Burgess, Kathy Garcia, Barbara McFarland, Claire O'Keefe, Brendon Taga, Dan Weddle, Lisa Young and myself. Attendees found the program very informative.

For next year, the 2012 AALS Annual Meeting will take place in Washington, D.C. Our Section will not be holding its Section program; however, AALS will be holding a One-Day Workshop on Academic Support. This event is currently scheduled to be held on Saturday, January 7th from 8:45 a.m. – 5 p.m. It is free of charge. There will be a luncheon during this event, with information to be announced about ticket purchase for the meal.

AALS President Michael A. Olivas appointed a Planning Committee to organize the One-Day Workshop on Academic Support. Darby Dickerson is chairing this Planning Committee, which is comprised of AALS staff

(Susan Westerberg Prager, Jane M. La Barbera and Mary Cullen), along with Academic Success professionals (Paula Lustbader, Russell A. McClain and myself). This Spring, the Committee held a working meeting at AALS headquarters and have been busy planning the program.

The working title of the One-Day Workshop is "Got ASP?: Leveraging Academic Support Principles and Programs to Meet Strategic Institutional Goals." Topics for the day's workshop include current challenges facing legal education, such as increasing diversity, preparing students for practice, ensuring strong bar passage, measuring learning outcomes, enhancing student learning for this generation, and providing an overall educational experience that engages and motivates students. This full-day Workshop will be useful for administrators and faculty teaching both skills and casebook courses.

I look forward to seeing you in Washington, D.C. next January!

Best,
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Speakers (from left to right): Nancy Levit, Jean Stefancic, Richard Delgado, and Deborah L. Rhode. Introducing them at podium: Michael Hunter Schwartz.



Speakers (from left to right): Russell A. McClain, Paula Manning, Corie L. Rosen, and Rebecca Flanagan

Officers Elected to Serve from January 2010 to January 2011 (all serving one-year terms):

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Board D (Term expires 2012):
Emily Scivoletto
University of San Diego School of Law



Speaker: Lawrence S. Krieger

At the Section Business meeting in January, the Committee Chairs summarized their activities for the year and recruited volunteers. The following is a summary of these reports and committee staffing:

Bar Passage Committee

The Bar Passage Committee serves to investigate and report to the Academic Support Section on all issues relating to bar passage, particularly accreditation issues, testing methodology, and bar review programs. The Committee tracks relevant ABA rules, which may impact law school accreditation; it provides analysis and interpretation of ABA accreditation standards, and offers suggestions to improve the accreditation process. The Bar Passage Committee, chaired by Robert Coulthard of New England Law Boston, was hard at work this year on a comprehensive commercial bar prep report. Members should expect the report to be completed sometime in early to mid-2011. The report will cover which states are moving to uniform bar exam, changes to bar exam testing, and changes in how these courses are managed.

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Nominating Committee

The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to provide a slate of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee to be voted on by the Section at the AALS Annual Meeting.

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Poster Committee

This was the first year Academic Support had poster presentations at AALS. Like all new ventures, this one was not without challenges, but the committee received many excellent posters and chose four posters to be displayed at the 2011 Annual Meeting. Although the committee chose four posters, one of them was displayed by the Teaching Methods Section and one was not displayed because the author could not attend the conference. The committee will be working to address the challenges for a smoother poster presentation next year.

Chair: **Sue Lunbeck**, University of California Hastings College of Law, lunbecks@uchastings.edu
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The Work of the Program Committee for the Section on Academic Support will resume after the Annual Meeting in 2012 (Washington, D.C.). AALS will be holding the One-Day Workshop on Academic Success at the 2012 Annual Meeting.

The Program Committee is responsible for planning the program for the annual meeting. The Committee establishes a topic and Call for Proposals for the Annual Meeting workshop. It selects presenters from submitted proposals and facilitates a working relationship among the presenters to have a coordinated program.



Our audience!



Moderator: Emily Scivoletto

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Section Publication

The Academic Support Section publication, *The Learning Curve*, will continue to be edited by Corie Rosen of ASU for another year. *The Learning Curve* said "goodbye" to former editor Hillary Burgess, and added Jennifer Carr of UNLV and Heather Zuber of Duncan School of Law as rotating co-editors for the 2010 – 2011 year. *The Learning Curve* will continue to solicit articles, 500 – 2000 words, for forthcoming issues. The most recent issue of *The Learning Curve* went out to members electronically shortly before the annual meeting. The committee is currently putting together the next issue which should be out before the end of the semester.

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To access *The Learning Curve*, go to www.lawschoolacademicsupport.org then click on "The Learning Curve."



Speaker: Laurie B. Zimet