

Date and Time: Tuesday March 9th 2010 18:05. Venue: Cubicle #1 at CETYS Universidad's Libray

AGENDA:

FIRST: Welcome message by the President

SEGUNDO: Development of the observations and recommendations presented by the Academy with respect to the restructuring of the Attorney at Law curriculum.

At 18:05 Prof. Guillermo Castro Rico opened the session with a welcome message and explanation of the relevance of the only point on the day's agenda turning the floor over to Prof. Omar Castro Garcia.

Prof. Castro begins with a background on the topic and the importance of the Academy in the restructuring process of the curriculum with the end of presenting a proposal based on the opinions and experiences of law professionals and faculty.

Prof. Carlos de la Barrera opines: "It is necessary to extend the subjects, the programs are too tight" reffering to the merging of subjects in the previous restructure of the curriculum.

Prof. María Luisa Walther believes that the afore mentioned mergings reduce the cost of tutition since a whole semester is reduced from the program.

Prof. Castro Rico emphasizes that the Academy should not consider cost in its decisions by stating: "We must separate the economic factor and focus exclusively on Academic and Quality issues"

In Prof. Walther's opinion the 2001 curriculum offered higher quality than the 2006 one, to which Prof. Carlos de la Barrera agreed by saying: "Students left better prepared when they took 9 semesters and some subjects had not been merged".

Prof. Omar Castro poses the following questions in order to provide an order to everyone's opinions:



WHAT MUST BE IMPROVED IN THE PROGRAM?

- \checkmark Omar Castro suggests that there be more practice.
- ✓ Ma. Luisa Walther opines that practice must be linked to a specific subject.
- ✓ Carlos de la Barrera proposes a semester of practice and workshops.
- ✓ Castro Rico agrees with Omar Castro and Carlos de la Barrera and provides Medical Doctors as an example. They (The MDs) must do an internship where they practice and gain experience in different areas. "It would be ideals that lawyer could do internships in order to gain experience in all aspects of their field"

¿WHAT'S NEW IN LAW?

- ✓ Prof. Rodolfo Urbalejo mentioned
 - Conflict resolution in an oral way.
 - Alternative conflicto resolution.
 - The importance of argumentation.
 - Include Environmental Law.
 - That Agricultural Law be made required again.
- ✓ Prof. Edmundo Guajardo menciona:
 - When it comes to practice, all communications operations and notifications will be made electronically.
 - All fiscal matters will be dealt with electronically.
 - Electronic Invoicing and Matching begins in 2011.
- ✓ Prof. Ma. Luisa Walther mentioned:
 - Bioethics, there are many questions in relation to family law.
- ✓ Prof. Omar Castro mentioned:
 - The issue of Values "It's very recurring in law".
 - \circ International trends.
- ✓ Prof. Oscar Molina Zavala mentioned:
 - That students be concise, therefore teach them to make statements, spelling, syntax, and synthesis.
 - Make sure they can write using simple language. Cognitive and Speaking abilities

WHAT EMPHASIS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE PROGRAM?

✓ Prof. Castro Rico believes it already has the appropriate focus on international and corporate law.



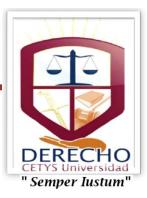
- ✓ Omar Castro says that English for the legal professional is very important since it allows partnerships with firms from all over the world.
- ✓ María Luisa Walther states that international experience is a differentiating factor with respect to other universities and it must be taken care of "the competition limits us to being corporate lawyers" It must be clear that our alumni be competent in any area of law.
- ✓ Castro Rico said "registration is low, if it were to increase, we could offer a concentration" as an example of this he stated: "As the University of Guadalajara, where such concentrations are geared towards three areas of Law" We must not lose sight that lawyers are immersed in a globalized world.
- ✓ El Lic. Urbalejo believes that our students' greatest strenght is linkage and signature subjects. To this point Prof Omar Castro made reference to students' values and conduct.
- ✓ Carlos de la Barrera says that students complain about subjects with Humanities and Values to which Prof. Urbalejo believes is due to the students' age.
- ✓ María Luisa Walther states that her students also have the same complaint. In her opinion, this is due to the fact that these subjects have a general emphasis and students expect to apply what they learn in their careers..."it would be ideal for such courses be taught specifically to law students and for them to be taught by a lawyer" she said. Also, the best time to offer these courses should be analyzed. For instance, Prof Basilio Martinez's class for 9th semester students was mentioned, "Students can't concentrate on so much theory when they are so close to graduation" perhaps it should be taught in an earlier semester and change the class title from "Philosophy of Law" to "Ontology of Law".

As a summary, the Academy offers the following recommendations:

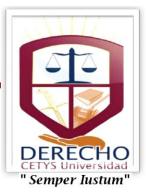
- ✓ Everyone agreed on a nine-semester curriculum
- ✓ More class-hours per semester: Marcela Guzmán
- ✓ More balanced load. Some semesters have more work load tan others: Carlos de la Barrera.
- ✓ That the course design allow student self-evaluation of analysis, research, and reflection skills. It should foster reading as a habit because it is clear that students don't read enough: Rodolfo Urbalejo.
- ✓ The educational model has to reinforce this part (Referring to Prof. Urbalejo's previous comment) Create a common front that promotes activities that encourage Reading and Writing: María Luisa Walther.
- ✓ "We are being pushed towards the pragmatic and. Where are the philosophical fundamentals?" Omar Castro.
- ✓ "At the Education Committee they say that the profesor doesn't encourage the students t oread, especially Associate Professors because it means they have to dedicate more time in reviewing. "let's be realistic. If the professor doesn't know how to use all the tolos, he can't ask the students to do so." Said Castro Rico.
- ✓ "There must be more communication between associate and full-time faculty with the committees such as the education committee that Prof. Castro Rico mentions. CETYS is a leader in many issues. It should be the leader in communication with faculty too." Said Prof Urbalejo.
- ✓ Integrate the subject of Oral Trials and alternative justice means: Urbalejo.
- "It would be good to merge the new oral trials with alternative justice means for conflicto resolutions into one subject:": Carlos de la Barrera.
- ✓ It would be ideal to have a full semester for practice and simulations: Urbalejo
- ✓ There is a five-year transition period and this merge would only be for this period: Omar Castro.
- ✓ Motivate the Professor to write through monetary incentives or publication of their work like they do at UABC: Castro Rico.
- ✓ Include a Scholarship Program: Marcela Guzmán
- ✓ By November of this year we should have the first two semesters of the new plan restructured. The objective of this meeting is to present a restructuring proposal and defend it. The institution is trying to standardize this program as it has done with other academies. To answer Prof De la Barrera's question regarding who would lead the restructuring process, it will be Prof. Ma. Luis Walther.

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Prof. Omar Castro provided participants with a matrix for faculty members to write their suggestions for restructuring of subjects. In this point each of the lawyers expressed their



opinions in writing and using the formats which were previously submitted to their consideration in order to agree on the program's curriculum. Each of the participants gave their opinion on whether each subject should be considered basic, desirable, elective or unnecessary.



Prof. Ma. Luisa Walther proposed that the subject of CIVIL LAW be divided so that CIVIL LAW I include persons and family law for CIVIL LAW I and CIVIL LAW II to include PROPERTY, REAL, AND INHERITANCE LAW.

Omar Castro proposes the following changes:

- Split the subject of AMPARO into AMPARO 1 and AMPARO 2
- Split the subject of CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL LITIGATION into SPECIAL CIVIL PROCEEDINGS and SPECIAL COMMERCIAL PROCEEDINGS.

Oscar Molina Zavala proposes amparo 1 y 2 as theoretical subjects and adding a subject in AMPARO CLINICAL TRAINING. INCLUDE THIS SUBJECT.

Prof. Marcela Guzmán proposes that the subject of PUBLIC AND PRÍVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW be split since it covers a lot of material and thera are interesting aspects which are not addressed with the desirable depth.

As for the class taught by Prof. Carlos Sandoval, it is proposed that it be split into TAX LITIGATION and ADMINISTRATIVE LITIGATION.

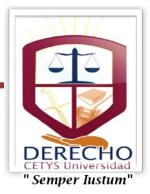
Prof. Urbalejo emphasized that the Means for Alternate Resolutions are the basis for roal trials incroporating Justice for Adolescents in the courses content.

It was proposed to include new subjects in the curriculum, which were noted by Prof. Omar Castro for the restructuring proposal document. The latter being: English for Legal Professionals as an elective subject, Criminology as a desirable subject, and Oral and Written Legal Argumentation as a must.

At 8:30 Prof. Castro Rico thanks participants for their presence and calls the meeting adjourned.

PRESENT: According to the signed roster:

Lic. Ma. Luis Walther Cuevas. Lic. Marcela Guzmán González. CP. Leticia Torres Arteaga. Lic. Guillermo Castro Rico. Lic. Omar Castro García. Lic. Carlos de la Barrera Figueroa. Lic. Edmundo Guajardo. Lic. Rodolfo Urbalejo Gallego Lic. Oscar Molina Zavala



Once read, signed in accordance:

Lic. Guillermo Manuel Castro Rico PRESIDENT.

> C.P. Leticia Torres Arteaga. SECRETARY.