

**LCA Winter Meeting
February 17, 2018**

**Levin College of Law
Gainesville, FL**

Minutes

Attendees: Bruce Abernethy, Carter Andersen, John Bales, Tom Bishop, David Bowers, Jeff, Boone, Rebecca Brock, Brian Burgoon, Dennis Calfee, Richard Comiter, James Cunningham, Barry Davidson, Edward Downey, Jonathan Gerber, Cheryl Gordon, Courtney Grimm, Lee Gunn, Scott Hawkins, Jeffrey Hirsch, Charlene Honeywell, Gary Huston, Tom Julin, Cristin Keane, Bill McCollum, Michael Minton, Wil Murphy, Lou Nostro, David Peek, Jorge Perez, Gary Printy, Ray Royce, Oscar Sanchez, Bill Schifino, Jeff Scroggin, Jo Thacker, Renee Thompson, Glenn Waldman, Guy Whitesman

Attendees By Phone: William Boyles, Karen Dyer, Betsy Gallagher, Bruce Hoffman, Marcia Howard, Nelly Khouzam

Faculty In Attendance: Provost Joe Glover, Bill Hamilton, Fred Murray, Dean Laura Rosenbury

Staff In Attendance: Rob Birrenkott, Colleen Flage, Andrea Fourman, Rachel Inman, Debbie Menoher, Whitney Smith, Callie Wilkes

8:35am LCA Chair Scott Hawkins called the meeting to order and held a moment of silence in honor of lives lost in the Parkland school shooting. He introduced Provost Joe Glover to make a presentation.

8:41am Provost Glover's presentation was *UF Ranking – Why the College of Law Matters*. Topics discussed: UF reached the Top 10 in *U.S. News & World Report*, which is important to our stakeholders. UF is on the path to Top 5. UF Law is on a wonderful trajectory and has good alumni support for progress.

9:10am Chairman Hawkins thanked Provost Glover for his support of the Law School, especially in regards to the Culverhouse Challenge and noted that Alumni are part of the partnership with UF. He introduced Dean Rosenbury to provide a State of the Law School address.

9:11am Dean Rosenbury discussed "We care about rankings because of our students -- past, current and future."

Dean Rosenbury introduced Colby Ellis, incoming President of the Student Bar Association, to present on SBA's past accomplishments and future plans and how SBA fits into the Law School's mission.

Dean Rosenbury presented employment statistics and referred the board to Rob Birrenkott to help place students. UF Law's bar passage was #4 in the state and

investments are being made to improve. UF Law moved from #48 to #41 in *U.S. News & World Report*, and this year's ranking will be out next month.

Dean Rosenbury gave a Campaign report. UF Law's fundraising goal is \$50M and is intended to culminate in Fall 2022. A Campaign video was presented. Special emphasis will be placed on a Veterans Law Clinic and a new matching challenge by Hugh Culverhouse, Mori Hosseini, and Provost Glover to raise \$2M for student scholarships from at least 2,000 alumni and friends by June 30, 2018.

- 10:10am Chairman Hawkins introduced Professor Bill Hamilton for a Faculty Spotlight.
- 10:11am Professor Hamilton presented on Electronic Discovery and Data Analytics. UF Law sponsored its first E-Discovery CareerFest on March 29, created a Core Curriculum Consortium, developed social media messaging, traveled to China, and developed relationships with the College of Liberal Arts and others. The program aims to be a public service with its UF Center for Data Analytics. Professor Hamilton is available for consultation.
- 10:35am Callie Wilkes explained the regional fundraising initiative. She asked for board members' help with sending alumni information updates to development@law.ufl.edu. She encouraged the board to let her know of law alums in other cities who need to be contacted. Andrea Fourman, UF Foundation Planned Giving, is also available to contact alumni.
- 10:40am Bylaw Revision Task Force – Carter Andersen. Board recommendations for bylaw revisions will be finalized and voted on at the next meeting. Forward any bylaws questions to Carter Andersen and Jo Thacker.
- 10:52am Chairman Hawkins announced that the next LCA meeting will coincide with Spring Commencement on May 18. There will be a reception the evening before on May 17.
- 10:53am Other Business and Committee Reports
- Gary Whitesman reported on the Heritage of Leadership Induction.
 - Oscar Sanchez reported on the LCA Nominating Committee and asked the board and the Dean to send names to consider. A slate will be presented at the next meeting.
 - David Peek reported on FATAAC. A written plan will be available by May.
 - Chairman Hawkins introduced new member George Perez ('88) of Miami.
 - Chairman Hawkins recognized James Cunningham for mentoring new students.
 - Chairman Hawkins encouraged giving through blended gifts resulting in a bigger impact. Andrea Fourman is available to discuss planned gifts with donors.
 - Tom Julin announced that two UF teams were in the finals of the Mock Trial Competition in Jacksonville.
 - Fred Murray announced that UF was recognized 1st for writing and 2nd overall in the ABA Tax Challenge Competition.
- 11:05am Chairman Hawkins asked for approval of the November 2017 minutes. It was so moved, seconded and approved.
- 11:06am Meeting adjourned.