

Advisory Committee Meeting
Law Discipline Ad Hoc Advisory Committee
East Los Angeles College

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 4:00 pm – 4:50 pm

Location: Law Offices of Javier Lepe, 3328 W Beverly Blvd, Montebello, CA 90640

Participants in Attendance: Javier Lepe, Attorney at Law
 Cynthia Hernandez, Attorney at Law
 Rodrigo Aguirre, ELAC Student
 Filemon Kevin Samson, ELAC Law Instructor/Ad Hoc Committee
 Moderator

Purpose: The ad hoc committee met to continue discussions regarding matters presented at the Department of Business Administration Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 17, 2017, specifically as applicable to the Law Discipline. The goal was to focus ideas and discussion on topics specifically related to the Legal field, and for students seeking education and careers in the Legal field.

Focused Topics:

- What is the impact of technology to millennials in the Legal field?
- What does the Legal field expect from ELAC students?
- How do you expect us to prepare our students in today's fast-changing Legal environment?

Committee recommendations to benefit ELAC students:

- Administrative Recommendations:
 - Provide more certificates and degrees in the legal field for students
 - Unanimous approval of "Legal Assistant/Paralegal Certificate"
 - Unanimous recommendation of Associate of Arts Degree in the Law
 - Provide real life work experience opportunities for students
 - Unanimous approval of pursuing Legal Aid Clinic administered by students with training and mentorship through partnerships with Legal Service Providers
 - Promote internships and shadowing of working professionals to develop skills
 - Apply an interdisciplinary approach to courses, eg. working with Administration of Justice Department to broaden course offerings
 - Create a "Law Club" for students to share ideas, knowledge and interest in the pursuing careers in all legal fields – attorney, paralegal, law enforcement, government/regulatory
- New Course Recommendations:
 - International Business Law (including emerging technology and E-commerce)
 - International Law (including business-based and family-based immigration)
 - Consumer Rights and Bankruptcy
 - Committee noted this would be important to students seeking a pathway to a Financial Advisor career
 - Criminal Law (including civil rights of criminal defendants)