MINUTES
November 17, 2009, 8:30-10:00am
Palmer Boardroom 1

Attendance: Kristen Ablauf, Brad Farnsworth, Sioban Harlow (chair), Peter Jacobson, Kristin King, Jennifer McLaughlin, Brian Talbot, Nancy VanderKuyl (staff to committee), Sam Vigersky, Megan Vogt, Brian Talbot. Three observers. Absent: Allen Hicken

1. Announcements – ICP call for papers

2. The committee reviewed and approved the October minutes. The next meeting is Tues Dec 8 8:30-10am. Proposed Winter term dates will be sent for review with the meeting timeframe remaining the same.

3. Research and Educational Leadership
   a. Curriculum page - N. VanderKuyl communicated information about the new web page to: the Ginsberg Center, Helen Fox, Ian Robinson, School of Public Health, Honors Program, ICP, Ethics Program, SOLE, Ford School IPC and to LSA advising (which also printed the info in LSA’s weekly newsletter to its students).
   b. Bangladesh internships for Summer 2010. B. Farnsworth discussed the latest proposal of CIBE to integrate the internship program into their Department of Education Title VI proposal for the October 2010-2014 cycle. He is proposing a total of 4 graduate internships, 2 to Cambodia and 2 to Bangladesh building on our pilot program and on the Cambodia Law infrastructure. Last year CIBE and CoLSHR funded one law and one public policy student. The notices for internship applications will go out in December. P. Jacobsen moved to acknowledge the committee’s support for the proposal to the President’s office. Seconded by B. Talbot. Unanimous approval with B. Farnsworth abstaining.
   c. The chair queried whether committee members had ideas/proposals for future Seminars/Symposia for Winter or Fall 2010. M. Vogt mentioned that SOLE will participate in the Second Social Justice conference in winter 2010. LS-HR offered to co-sponsor the conference pending a formal request from SOLE. The Committee discussed the problem of low attendance at the fall 2009 LS-HR/CPHE event.

4. Operational Leadership
   a. The CLC proposal on Elevating Responsibility was reviewed and discussed. The proposal was incorporated in an addendum to the contract. K. Ablauf reported that UCLA has signed on and NC had a phone conference with CLC that day. It was clarified that the pilot would provide additional information regarding compliance to K. Ablauf as she made licensing decisions which are currently based primarily on revenue and market information. K. Ablauf indicated that she would find this additional information beneficial in making licensing decisions. Committee questioned what deliverables we would see at the end of the eight month period and whether we might see attrition of licensees. Committee understanding of the proposed contract revision for ER-6 is that we can expect the creation of an assessment tool, administration of the tool to all seeking or renewing a license, and a report on the results of the assessment experience. Chair will contact the FLA/WRC about their perspectives on the EL6 program.

      M. Vogt questioned the financial motive of CLC with the ER6 program, the effectiveness of its proposed educational system & the accuracy of the information provided by participating companies. She requested that the committee re-examine the topic of the Designated Supplier Program and indicated that a revised proposal was forthcoming. Chair offered to include a discussion of DSP on December’s agenda. A copy of the committee’s 2006 report on the program will be circulated.

      Ensuing committee comments in favor of the ER6, included that it will encourage growth of internal monitoring, that companies will need to produce documented evidence of compliance, that the triangulation effect of FLA/WRC/ER6 would provide the leverage that UM needs to license companies willing to make a genuine commitment to UM and its labor code.

      Following up on the motion at the October meeting and review of the proposed contract a motion was made by P. Jacobsen and seconded by B. Talbot to endorse the ER6 contract. Eight members voted in favor, one opposed.

   b. Fee basis for membership in the FLA/WRC was discussed briefly. The chair asked the committee to begin considering a review of the fee basis as the fee structure was negotiated 10 years ago when many fewer organizations were participating. Since then, many additional organizations have signed on to each organization with no change in the fee structure. One question to consider is to what extent these organizations are directing their activities for the benefit of schools. The committee agreed to request and review the most recent financial and annual reports.

5. Monitoring Compliance/Licensing Issues
   - Jerzees de Honduras/Russell, no new updates had been received as of the time of the meeting.