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Re: Board Report for NALP's Law School Career Chiefs Interest Group

This was a quiet quarter for the Law School Career Chiefs Interest Group. We had one meeting, held on November 5, 2020. The focus of this particular meeting was professional development programming. We used the usual set-up of breakout sessions and then came back together to discuss the high points from each group's conversation. Over 60 individuals attended the session.

Particular highlights of this session include:

- Discussion of how to get the law school administration to agree to a professional development course –
  - Used employer complaints as data points
  - Used employment numbers
  - Allied with legal research and writing
- What the courses look like and whether they offer for credit –
  - Several schools said this is a required course
  - Most indicated this is for pass/fail
  - One mentioned creating a canvas course that shows up on the 1Ls' schedules
  - One school uses short (10 minute) to deliver the information
  - Those that provide credit indicate it is one or two credit courses
  - One school described their course as pathways and included: giving back, strengthening skills, professional brand and health and finances
  - Several mentioned that their courses are year-long
  - One school mentioned that they have dedicated staff for PD
  - One school provides cords at graduation for anyone who attend the professional development course
  - Easiest to get students to attend if the Registrar adds to their schedule

Due to the holidays and January OCIs, we did not schedule an Interest Group meeting in December or January. We will hold our next one in February.

I am very pleased at the continuing interest in this group by participants. I think this is a very worthwhile group to continue. It has provided a forum for schools to share ideas, frustrations, wins, and resources with one another. This kind of community building is especially needed at a time like this when us Career Chiefs may feel isolated and are seeking the support of one another. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Marcia