

Board of Directors of Western State University College of Law; Associate Dean Gregory Sergienko; Assistant Dean June Flaim; Library Director Cindy Parkhurst; Donald Daucher, Esq., Counsel for the School; and Dean James Hogg. Additionally, Dean Syverud appeared before the Council on behalf of the site evaluation team.

Following review and consideration of the information before it, the Council took the following actions:

(1) The Council concurred with the conclusions of the Accreditation Committee that Western State University College of Law has failed to establish that it is in full compliance with the Standards in the following respects:

- (a) With respect to Standard 301(a) and Interpretation 301-1, in light of the School's low bar passage rates and high attrition rates, it has not established that it maintains an educational program that prepares its graduates for admission to the bar. [See Findings of Fact (33) and (35)-(37) of the Accreditation Committee's April 2003 action letter.]
- (b) With respect to Standard 501(b) and Interpretations 501-1 and 501-2, in light of the School's admission of a large number of students with low pre-admission credentials and the School's high attrition and low bar passage rates, it has not established that the School is not admitting applicants who do not appear capable of satisfactorily completing its educational program and being admitted to the bar. [See Findings of Fact (29)-(37) of the Accreditation Committee's April 2003 action letter.]
- (c) With respect to Standard 401(a), in light of the lack of scholarly productivity of the School's faculty, it has not established that it has a faculty that possesses a high degree of competence as demonstrated by scholarly research and writing. [See Finding of Fact (26) of the Accreditation Committee's action letter.]
- (d) With respect to Standard 601(b), in light of the sharp decline in the library acquisition budget since fiscal year 2001 (\$837, 172 in FY 01 and \$480,000 in FY 03, despite a ten percent annual increase in the cost of library materials over the last four years), the resulting elimination of serial subscriptions and inability to add more than a small number of titles to the collection in FY 02, and the reduction in the number of professional law librarians, the School has not established that the law library has sufficient financial resources, supplied on a consistent basis, to support the law school's teaching, research and service program. [See Findings of Fact (42)-(51) of the Accreditation Committee's April 2003 action letter.]