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MEMORANDUM

TO: Paul Camenisch, Director Academic Program Review
FROM: Dean Glen Weissenberger
DATE: May 22, 2003
RE: Progress Report on Cycle Four MOA Document for the Center for Church/State Studies

The following is a progress report on the Memorandum of Agreement, June 2002, for the Center for Church/State Studies.

1. Determine key projects, focus, and priorities.

   This academic year should be characterized as a year of total re-evaluation for the projects, focus, and priorities of the Church/State Center. As Dean, I supported the preparation of a thorough evaluation of the Center by the former Director and currently Acting Director, Craig Mousin. As part of this evaluative process, the Acting Director prepared a report, and convened a number of focus groups of individuals who are supporters of and stakeholders in the future of the Center for Church/State Studies. As Dean, I participated in all of these meetings. As a result of this evaluative process, the Center is currently in discussions with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in an effort to develop a collaborative approach to the future of the Center which would involve faculty at both the College of Law and at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

2. Reconstitute executive committee.

   Because the Center is in an evaluative mode at the present, and currently planning for a restructuring of its activities, the process of reconstituting the executive committee has not been completed. When a future direction is more firmly established, it will be appropriate to determine the role and composition of the executive committee.
3. **Develop bylaws for the board**

Again, because we have been in a transitional year, it has not been appropriate to develop new bylaws for the board until a more definite direction for the Center is established.

4. **Seek more integration into the University.**

No less than two meetings have been held with Liberal Arts and Sciences in order to forge a more integrated mission for the Center for Church/State Studies. Currently, as Dean, I am in discussions with Dean Mezey regarding possible co-funding of the Center’s activities. As contemplated by the Memorandum of Agreement, the more formal relationship with the Religious Studies Department is being explored.

5. **Increase faculty involvement.**

While a number of faculty members have been involved in the discussions regarding the future of the Center for Church/State Studies, until a definite direction is established, more extensive involvement of faculty will not be possible. At present, Professor John Roberts, Professor Katheryn Dutenhaver, and Executive Director of the International Human Rights Law Institute, David Guinn, have been involved in the discussions with LA&S and Ombudsperson Craig Mousin.

6. **Develop measures of effectiveness.**

Again, because of the transitional year, development of measures of effectiveness are not feasible until a more concrete direction of the program is established.

7. **Continue publications.**

With the completion of the major scholarly publication which has been in progress for several years, the Center will need to address its publication agenda as it determines its future direction. The potential involvement of LA&S faculty will be integral to this process.
cc: Craig Mousin, Ombudsperson