TO: NALP Directors
FROM: Kristine D. Bridges
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RE: Law Student Professional Development Section Quarterly Report

I. **Collaboration with Lawyer Professional Development Section** –
   a. Vice-Chair Susan Fine reported in the Quarterly Section Call that LPD Section liaison, Maria Minor, and Law School PD member, Marcia Levy are putting together a webinar addressing Project Management. Maria and Marcia offered that the webinar is slated for early December and will serve as a tool that law school professional development offices can use to educate students on essential project management principals.
   b. This Spring, this collaboration will also endeavor to produce another webinar addressing What Law Firms Want Law Schools to Know about PD.
   c. We hope to also collaborate with the LPD Section on a Bulletin article on business development. A call for volunteers was made and members followed with Susan after the call. On the Section call, members expressed interest and support for these endeavors.

II. **Environmental Scanning during Section Call** –
   a. Given the continued and growing interest in this topic, this Section will endeavor to a Survey of Law School Professional Development Programs capturing the following information on the nature of the program components at schools having PD programs.
      i. The following schools reported structured PD endeavors:
         1. Cardozo – “Center for Professional Development”
         2. University of Oregon – Required PD course for students
         3. Washington & Lee – collaboration with faculty for PD endeavors as the bar is not as assessable due to size
         4. Florida State – “JUMP” Series addressing various PD issues
         5. St. Mary’s – “Programming on the Fly” Series, 10-mintue snippet videos addressing PD issues that students can access
      ii. Members were open to other schools contacting them and sharing information about their respective programs
   b. Some schools reported lower 2L turnout to events and job postings, although other reported they are not seeing a decrease, but instead
competing programs from student groups that are diverting student attention from PD programs.

III. Law Student PD focus at PDI
   a. Members are encouraged to attend NALP PDI in December.
   b. There are a handful of dedicated PD programs – Creating Better “Career Marriages”, “Professional Development Can’t Start at the Office”, and Making the Pitch for a PD Curriculum at Your Law School.
   c. Many other programs cross over between law firm and law school PD
   d. Law Student Member Roundtable on Friday morning