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**From:** Brothers, Sheila C  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 27, 2008 10:24 AM  
**To:** Manley, Bruce T; Tagavi, Kaveh  
**Cc:** Salsman, Jane; Healy, Michael P  
**Subject:** RE: Credits for Trial Advocacy Board  
**Attachments:** CourseChange.pdf; CourseChange.doc

Bruce, I believe Kaveh came up with another good solution!

Kaveh will grant a retroactive approval of the credits associated with LAW 960 so that all students who have previously taken LAW 960, and any student enrolled in LAW 960 through December 2008, can receive one, two or three credits as intended by the College of Law for successful completion of the course.

For any students who take the course after December 2008, only one credit will be awarded for successful completion unless the college submits a course change application (attached here in doc and pdf format) to make a permanent change.

I hope this suffices, all!

Sheila

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**From:** Healy, Michael P  
**Sent:** Friday, May 23, 2008 1:52 PM  
**To:** Tagavi, Anthony B  
**Cc:** Brothers, Sheila C; Manley, Bruce T; Salsman, Jane  
**Subject:** Credits for Trial Advocacy Board

Dear Dr. Tagavi:

I am the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the College of Law. The College was informed this week that law students would be able to receive only one credit for their completion of the course, Trial Advocacy Board (Law 960). The College has offered this course since the Spring 2002 semester as a variable one to three credit course with pass/fail grading. Students may enroll in the course (in their final law school semester) only when they have been accepted for membership by the instructor onto the Trial Advocacy Board (TAB). Our practice since Spring 2002 has been that students who work only as TAB members receive one credit. Members of the TAB who compete in trial competitions receive three credits. Students who do work supporting the trial competitions, usually by serving as witnesses at the mock trials, receive two credits. Credits are determined by the instructor. Professor Allison Connelly has been the instructor of record and TAB adviser for more than ten years.

The College's practice of offering Law 960 as a variable credit course began after the College of Law faculty decided on April 26, 2001, to change the credits awarded for the course from one credit to up to three credits. (I am attaching a copy of the minutes of this faculty meeting.) This faculty decision was apparently not forwarded for approval to the Senate Council and the Senate Council did not give its approval for this change to a variable credit course. (I began my work as Associate Dean in the summer of 2004 and am unaware of how this course change was processed.)

I am writing to request retroactive Senate Council approval for Law 960 as a variable credit course for one to three credits. Approval will conform the University's formal listing of the course with the law school practice and the 2001 decision of the College of Law faculty. I apologize that we are seeking this late approval. I would, however, appreciate prompt action because all students enrolled in Law 960 are third-year students and many are likely to need the additional credits to meet the degree requirements for the College.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Again, I appreciate your efforts in remedying this problem at this late date.

Sincerely yours,

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Minutes of Faculty Meeting  
April 26, 2001

Attending were: Dean Vestal, Associate Dean Bakert, Professors Ausness, Bratt, Connelly, Davis, Fortune, Frost, Gaetke, Healy, Lawson, Matthew, Michael, Moore, Rogers, Salamanca, Schwemm, Underwood, Vasek, Weinberg, and Welling.

1. Professor Underwood presented two alternative proposals concerning the appointment of Interdisciplinary Fellows. After discussion, the faculty unanimously voted to adopt Alternative 2.
2. Dean Vestal announced that after much consideration, Jim Heller declined the Law School's offer to become the Library Director. No motion was made to proceed with the other two candidates and therefore the Dean will appoint a search committee to begin interviewing candidates for that position next year.
3. Dean Vestal proposed that the Law School's Order of the Coif Chapter begin electing honorary members again in accordance with Section 4.4 of the Rules. The Dean further proposed that we elect Mr. Orson Oliver ('68) as our initial honorary member. After discussion, the faculty unanimously approved both proposals.
4. Professor Welling reported the Curriculum Committee's recommendation, based on its 4-2 vote, that the credit awarded to members of the Trial Advocacy Board's competitive teams be increased from one (1) credit hour to three (3) credit hours. Professor Welling also reported that the Committee unanimously recommended that the next year, the faculty re-examine the College's overall approach to giving credit hours for Trial Advocacy Board, appellate advocacy (Moot Court) board, and two journal co-curricular activities. The Committee's combined recommendations passed with twelve (12) votes in favor and six (6) votes in opposition.
5. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dayna Bowen Matthew  
Assistant Professor of Law