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MEMORANDUM

To: William Fortune, Chair, U.K. Senate Council

From: Christopher Frost, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, U.K. College of Law

Re: Request for Extension of Approval of College of Law Honor Code

Date: March 28, 2002

Our College Honor Code was approved by the University Senate for two years beginning in the fall semester of 2000-2001 academic year. Thus, Senate approval will expire at the end of the 2002 summer session. The College of Law requests an extension of Senate approval of the Honor Code through the fall semester of 2002 in order to permit the students and faculty of the College time to study the operation of the Honor Code over the past two years and to consider whether any changes are necessary prior to seeking permanent Senate approval. I believe that our two years of experience under the present Honor Code has provided us with good information regarding its mechanics and structure and we now have a group of students who have attended the College of Law under the Honor Code and can provide us with valuable input.

We have initiated preliminary faculty discussions and discussions with members of the Honor Council about the strengths and weaknesses of the current Honor Code. Once we have appointed next year's Honor Council, we will formalize these initial conversations by appointing a joint student/faculty committee to consider the desirability of retaining the Honor Code and the need for changes. Next year's Honor Council will be in place by Monday, April 8. We anticipate appointing an Honor Code Study Committee composed of students and faculty soon thereafter, which committee will meet over the summer and into early next fall to prepare proposal. By mid-fall we should be in a position to seek permanent Senate approval of the College of Law Honor Code.

Please be assured that we recognize the need to obtain re-approval of our Honor Code. Extending the deadline for such re-approval will assure that we can produce an Honor Code that reflects careful consideration by faculty and students alike.

The University Senate Council recommends approval by a unanimous vote..