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מרכזת הוועדה להערכת איכות הלימודים במשפטים
המועצה להשכלה גבוהה

לאלכס שלום רב,

הנדון: תגובתנו לדוח הוועדה להערכת איכות הלימודים במשפטים 2015
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להלן תגובתנו:

Committee Recommendation	Steps toward implementation
<p>1. We recommend that COM collect comprehensive and detailed data on placement outcomes (both internships and permanent employment) for their students and publish those data on their website.</p>	<p>The COMAS Haim Striks School of Law (the "School") welcomes this recommendation. As discussed in the Report, the Office of Career Services (OCS) oversees placement of students for internships and of graduates for permanent positions. Over the past year, the number of employees in the OCS has doubled in order to achieve various goals, including to better track placement according to areas of practice and law offices. As soon as this data is collected and organized, the School will post it to its website.</p>
<p>2. As described in more detail in our general report, we believe that the CHE should receive information on the financial condition of the college, so as to enable it to evaluate some of COM's key financially-driven educational choices.</p>	<p>The CHE has recently received the financial statements of the College for the year ended September 30, 2014.</p>
<p>3. We believe that the college should make efforts to increase the number of elective courses offered by members of the faculty or outstanding adjunct professors, and to limit the number of students in such courses to 40. This will create more opportunities for students to conduct in-depth study in smaller, more intimate groups.</p>	<p>The School agrees with this analysis and welcomes the recommendation. Over the past two to three years, the School has gradually increased the number of elective course offerings, allowing a commensurate decrease in the number of students-per-class. The School intends to continue this trajectory in the future. In addition, the School has decided to increase the number</p>



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	of practical workshop offerings as well as the summer courses abroad, both of which are typically offered to small groups. At the same time, the School carefully vets prospective electives and ensures they are taught by Israel's leading jurists, including Supreme Court Justices and famous lawyers.
4. While we were impressed that the faculty provides numerous enrichment opportunities for interested students, we also believe that the college should give attention and invest resources in trying to expand the number of students in that group.	As discussed above, the School has decided to increase the number of practical workshop offerings and summer courses abroad in order to provide additional opportunities for a larger group of students beyond just honors students. The School hopes to allow any interested student to enroll in at least one practical workshop or summer course abroad during the course of their studies.
5. To the extent it is financially and logistically feasible, COM should reduce the student-faculty ratio either by decreasing the number of students or increasing the number of full time faculty, or both.	The School is working with the COMAS administration to obtain approval for recruitment of additional full time faculty members in order to improve the student-to-faculty ratio.

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