

to summarize the team's findings and to include the few remaining concerns. To arrive at a consensus on the wording of the summary, many emails were exchanged among and between team members over the next several weeks. Through the vehicle of a summary letter, dated April 24, 2007, Dr. Mills conveyed “. . . the unanimous view of the members of the committee that Husson College's application for the creation of a law school meets the criteria set forth in Chapter 170.” A signed copy of the April 24th summary letter, dated May 9, 2007 and received May 14, 2007, affirms the Team's view (see Appendix 2).

Standard A – Organization and Governance

The preliminary planning for the new Law School was undertaken by the Husson College Office of Academic Affairs with the assistance of consultants. Husson College has four full-time and several part-time adjunct faculty who hold J.D. degrees. Recruitment for a founding dean for the School was recently concluded with the hiring of an academic administrator from the Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, Missouri. Husson's application presented detailed information about the administrative responsibilities of its Board, its President, the faculty and students. There were also organizational charts showing lines of authority and text explaining the relationships. During the interview process, the President indicated that there are plans to “unbundle” the dual responsibilities of some of the administrative staff in view of the needs of the proposed new School of Pharmacy. Husson College has the organizational structure needed to carry out the founding of this new School of Pharmacy. Plans are underway to recruit personnel with the necessary skills and experience to oversee the development of the new school.

This standard is met.

Standard B – Institutional Objectives

Husson College's application contained its mission statement, the place of graduate education in the context of the Husson College mission, the mission of the curriculum and the concept and justification for the Juris Doctorate (J.D.). “Husson seeks to serve motivated, career-oriented students through a curriculum that integrates liberal arts and sciences, professional and technical studies, and experiential learning outside the classroom. Husson dedicates itself to excellence in teaching, to a personalized collegiate experience, to the development of individual self-worth, to a curriculum which promotes clear thinking and communication skills, and to an environment which values the search for ethical truths in a changing world.” The mission statement is reflected in the academic offerings as well as in the way the college is administered. It is clear that the proposed new Law School will fit well within the College's mission and with other degree programs in the health arena, including Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Physical Therapy and Criminal Justice.

This standard is met.