Dear Students:

This email is intended for students enrolled in the 2020 summer semester only and outlines fee exemptions and enrollment in courses through waitlist clearance.

**Fee bills:**
Your fee bills for summer became available yesterday. In one way or another, the fee bills reflect three fee exemptions or waivers. The actual dollar amount depends on the number of credit hours in which you are enrolled. These exemptions/waivers may appear in different ways on the fee bill.

Below is an explanation of the three exemptions or waivers we created for the Law Center.

1. **Building Use Fee:** In light of this summer’s move to the fully online format, and with no confirmation that we could open our building to you yet, we have decided to exempt or waive the “Building Use Fee” altogether. It is a minor fee, so the effect on your bill will also be minor—but it is covered 100%. If we can open the building to you later in the summer, we will, but we do not yet know whether that can occur.

2. **Operational Fee:** Although the Law Center’s actual operational costs are not any lower for summer than “usual,” we are providing a 50% reduction in the “Operational Fee” for this summer only. We hope this will help ease your transition into the summer months.

3. **Mandatory Fees:** Although the “Mandatory Fees,” which are charged by LSU for university-wide services, remain exactly that—mandatory from LSU—we have decided to cover those for you this summer. LSU itself is providing a 15% credit or waiver for all summer students for the Mandatory Fees; the Law Center will cover the remaining 85% for its students. The “mandatory fees” are charged by LSU for a variety of things, including the UREC, the Union, the Student Health Center, Mass Transit, etc. (A full list is online.) Some of these services could be available to you this summer, but some will not be. To the extent LSU offers any of these services this summer, in “real life” or through remote or virtual services, the Law Center will have paid these fees on your behalf. This includes student health services to full-time summer students on a remote-service basis, including our mental health counselor who continues to provide counseling services on a remote basis via Microsoft Teams.

We hope that these fee exemptions and waivers are helpful to those of you in summer school this year. However, note that future fees depend on future circumstances. These exemptions are not determinative of the future. We do not plan to cover the Mandatory Fees for students into the future, even if LSU continues to make 15% discounts on its side. When we cover the remaining Mandatory Fees, the Law Center pays to LSU the remaining 85%. We can do that this summer for the number of students in the summer program to help mitigate the dislocation many of you understandably feel from losing the summer program in Lyon, or losing out on a summer employment opportunity, or a summer field placement, or more. But that mitigation program won’t be able to continue for our entire student body in fall. Similarly, unless our operational costs decline, we will be unable to cut or exempt the Operational Fee on a going-forward basis. Other fees such as the Building Use fee would depend on what our physical circumstances are.

**Waitlist clearance:**
We wanted to accommodate everyone with a desire to enroll this summer, particularly in light of the forced cancellation of the Lyon program and the COVID-19-related issues some are facing with field placements and other opportunities requiring in-person interaction. Yesterday, a program ran within our registration system to add all students currently on the waitlists for the three large-enrollment courses: Business Associations I, Evidence, and Sales & Real Estate. If you were on a waitlist, you received an email about being added or skipped. Please review that email carefully and check your
schedules to confirm your current enrollment status for all summer courses and to ensure you are in the courses you wish
to take.

As students self-adjust their summer schedules, spaces in courses may become available over the next few weeks. If you
want to add another course, go to the registration system and add it if space is available. It’s fine to go on a waitlist, but
adding a class where space is available is a better idea. We should be able to accommodate most requests as there is ebb
and flow at the margins of various courses.

**How we expanded enrollment:**
We were able to add students from the waitlists because the faculty teaching Business Associations I, Evidence, and Sales
& Real Estate, namely Professors Holmes, Thomas, and Lonegrass, have worked with the administration to devise an
arrangement for each course to add faculty support to allow for more faculty-student engagement. Increased
engagement is possible because three of our Professors of Professional Practice, Professors Thompson, Barry, and
Krousel, have agreed to work with the faculty to support these courses. This allows us simultaneously to enhance the
course effectiveness for all students in these courses and to add students from the waitlists. Each of Professors
Thompson, Barry, and Krousel will work with Professors Holmes, Thomas and Lonegrass respectively as a Consulting
Professor of Professional Practice. The precise details of the arrangement will differ within each online course since
course activities will understandably differ between courses Professors Holmes, Thomas, and Lonegrass are also using
tutors for certain interactive functions and in operating the online courses this summer.

Overall, we think you will find these experiences, as well as your experience in the other courses such as Advanced Legal
Research and Appellate Practice, to be quite engaging. You may in some instances find them more “engaging” than you
thought—meaning you need to be prepared for each of these online classes to be just as demanding as any law school
class. The general rule of thumb for a law school course is to multiply the “in-class” hours by 3 to get total class-related
time. That’s harder to calculate for an online course where you do not have “in class” hours to multiply and for a
condensed 7-week summer semester instead of a 14-week fall/spring semester. I have obtained from the summer faculty
a note on expectations: you should expect around 18 hours a week this summer for each 3-credit course. You will be
scheduling this work for yourself each week, while keeping up with certain deadlines provided by your faculty members.
The two-credit courses would be slightly lower.

I hope this information helps you understand the exemption or waiver of certain fees for the summer term, the opening
of waitlists, and the adding of Consulting Professors of Professional Practice.

All my best (and do keep washing your hands—it still matters!),

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