

University Senate

Proposed: April 3, 2009

Adopted:

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A CERTIFICATE IN
GLOBAL BUSINESS LAW AND GOVERNANCE
BETWEEN COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS I/SCIENCES PO
(School of Law)**

WHEREAS, the Education Committee of the University Senate has favorably reviewed the proposal from the Law School to establish a Certificate in Global Business Law and Governance jointly with the University of Paris I/Sciences Po; and

WHEREAS, the Committee is satisfied that the proposal has the approval of the faculty and deans of the Law School, as well as that of the provost; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program will be a year-long, English language, integrated course of study, designed to train lawyers from both an American common law and European civil law perspective, and to prepare graduates to assume leadership roles in international law firms, courts, corporations, banking and financial institutions, academia, and global governance and regulatory agencies; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program will be based on the “cohort” concept in which all participating students enter the program at the same time and follow the same curriculum, and will therefore provide opportunities for the students to learn in a supportive, collaborative environment; and

WHEREAS, the host institutions of the proposed program have made assurances that all courses required for completion of the program will be available to the participants; and

WHEREAS, participants in the proposed program will study with a distinguished U.S. and European faculty on the cutting edge of research and practice, with experience in business law, finance and economics, corporate governance, and national and global regulatory regimes, and the participants will have opportunities to take part in faculty research; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program would be the first program of its kind to focus on Global Business Law and Governance as a distinct field of legal study;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a program leading to a Certificate in Global Business Law and Governance between Columbia University School of Law and the University of Paris I/Sciences Po be established, with the proviso that the Committee will review the program in five years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate forward this resolution to the Trustees for appropriate action.

Proponent: Committee on Education

JOINT CERTIFICATE IN GLOBAL BUSINESS LAW AND GOVERNANCE
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW UNIVERSITY OF PARIS
I/SCIENCES PO

The program in business law and governance, with George Bermann as academic director, will be a year-long, English language; integrated course of study training lawyers from both a common law (American) and civil law (European) perspective. Graduates will be uniquely prepared to assume leadership roles in today's international law firms, courts, and corporations, banking and financial institutions, academia, and global governance and regulatory agencies.

The program would begin in the fall semester at CLS and be followed by the spring semester in Paris in a program co-sponsored by Paris I and Sciences Po. The program is projected to have between 20 to 30 participating students, equally divided between CLS and the partner schools in Paris. The CLS portion of the curriculum would consist of a menu of existing CLS courses (although there are future plans to develop one or two custom-designed core courses).

The program is based on the "cohort" concept, in which all participating students enter the program at the same time and pursue the same course of study each year. Columbia students will (generally) participate during their 3rd JD year after being selected during their 2L year. Students will spend the first semester at Columbia and the second abroad, with a cohort of students from the partner institutions, following a common course of study. Participating JD candidates from CLS, and students from Sciences Po and Paris I will receive a joint-certificate from the partner institutions memorializing participation in and successful completion of the program, alongside the diploma corresponding to the degree program they are principally following at their home school.

Sample Program Scheduling

Table for **semester** programs

FALL		SPRING	
COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
Comparative Corporate Governance	3	EU Institutional Law	2
Advanced Corporate Law	2	EU Competition Law	2
Advanced Contracts: Strategy and Counseling	3	European Contract Law	2
Antitrust and Trade Regulation	3	Global Litigation and Conflicts of Laws	2
Commercial Transactions	4	Intellectual Property in a global perspective	2
Corporate Finance	3	WTO Case Law and Litigation	2
Corporations, see 1	4	Comparative Labor Law	2
Corporations, see 2	4	Comparative Employment Discrimination Law	2
Electronic Commerce	4	Economics in International relations	2
Law of the WTO	4	Public Contracts in Legal Globalization	2
Capital Markets: Development, Structure, and Policy	2	International Contracts	2
Comparative and International Antitrust Law	2	International Arbitration	2
Current Issues in Corporate Governance	2	International Investment Law	2
Deals Litigation	2	History of Legal Thought	2
Foreign Direct Investment and Public Policy	2	Tutorial Projects with suitable institutions	2
Strategic International Commercial Transactions	2		
WTO Law	2		
Secured Transactions	4		
Securities and Capital Markets	3		
Transnational Litigation & Arbitration	4		

International Financial Transactions	3		
Human Rights	3		
Labor Law	4		

Senate Education Committee

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT: Certificate in Global Business Law and Governance Between Columbia Law School and the University of Paris I/Sciences Po

Overview

The proposed certificate program in Global Business Law and Governance will be a year-long, English language, integrated course of study, which would begin in the fall semester at Columbia Law School (“CLS”) and be followed by the spring semester in Paris in a program co-sponsored by Paris I and Sciences Po. The program is projected to have 20 to 30 participating students, equally divided between CLS and the partner schools in Paris. The CLS portion of the curriculum would consist of a menu of existing CLS courses (although there are future plans to develop one or two custom-designed core courses).

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Students will receive instruction from a distinguished U.S. and European faculty on the cutting edge of research and practice, with experiences in business law, finance and economics, corporate governance, and national and global regulatory regimes. Students will also have opportunities to take part in faculty research. Participating students will receive a joint certificate from the partner institutions memorializing participation in and successful completion of the program, alongside the diploma corresponding to the degree program they are principally following at their home school.

Goals of Program

The proposed program will train lawyers from both common law (American) and civil law (European) perspectives and will be the first program of its kind to focus on global business law and governance as a distinct field of legal study. The program is designed to provide graduates with unique preparation to assume leadership roles in today’s international law firms, courts, and corporations, banking and financial institutions, academia, and global governance and regulatory agencies.

Conclusion

The proposed certificate program will provide students who are interested in global business law and governance with a valuable opportunity to work in a collaborative educational community and receive instruction from a distinguished international faculty. The Education Committee therefore supports the proposed program for a Certificate in

Global Business Law and Governance between Columbia Law School and the University of Paris I/Sciences Po.