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Meeting of the Faculty of the Fordham University
School of Law, held in the Law School, Hooker Park Bldg.,
on Wednesday, May 22, 1918, at two o'clock

Present:-

The Rev. Joseph H. Mulry, S. J., President of the
University, and all members of the Faculty. The Rev.
President of the University presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read
and adopted.

On motion of the pro. Dean, it was resolved
that all students of the Third Year Class, who had
no conditions, and who were otherwise eligible, be
recommended to the Trustees of the University, for the
degree of L. B. to be conferred at the eleventh annual
Commencement to be held at the University on
Wednesday afternoon, June 12, 1918, at ³three o'clock

On motion of the pro. Dean it was resolved
that Messrs. Richard H. Gibbs, Jr., Philip J. O'Connor,
Isador J. Schuster and Charles C. Schwartz, be
awarded the degree of L. B. "cum laude", they
having received a general average of over 90%
and under 95% for their three years work, and it
was further resolved that Messrs. O'Connor and Schwartz
be awarded the honor of the highest standing for the
class of 1918.

On motion of the pro. Dean, it was resolved
that Richard H. Gibbs, Jr. and Charles C. Schwartz be
awarded the prize of \$50.00 in gold, ^{each} these students having
received the highest average in the Third Year Class in the
afternoon and evening divisions of the School respectively.

On motion of the pro. Bran it was resolved that all those students in the Third Year Class who had entered the service of our country before the close of school, and who had successfully completed the first semester of the year 1917-1918, be awarded the degree of LL. B. with those members of the class who had remained, and successfully completed the entire year - lectures and all final examinations. It was further resolved, at this time, not to pass upon the status of those students who had entered the service from the First and Second Year classes before the termination of the school year.

Before the close of the meeting, the Pen. Rector asked for a discussion of the advisability of matriculating women in the Law School; after hearing the opinions of the various members of the faculty, he announced he would take the matter under advisement, and notify us later his decision.

On motion the meeting was declared adjourned.

P.S. In a letter from the Pen. Rector of the University under date of July 6, 1918, he writes: "it has been decided that, owing to objections raised against it, women will not be admitted to the classes of the Law School this Fall."

In September, 1918, the Pen. Rector authorized the matriculation of women, and ordered the insertion of this fact to be put in the newspapers.