

But Cf. . . .

GREEN EGGS AND LEGISLATION

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Editors' Note: The following is a verbatim transcript of an actual faculty meeting at the University of Minnesota Law School, discussing a proposed (ahem) "curricular reform"—tinkering with our signature first-year "Legislation" course yet another time, to see if we can finally get it right. If you don't quite get it, well, then, we guess you just had to be there. Apologies to the referenced names, especially Jim Chen and Phil Frickey (whose book is really quite good, really, sincerely), who are present and former editors of this journal and Legislation teachers at Minnesota, and to Miranda McGowan, Brett McDonnell, and Dan Farber, other professors who have endured the course's myriad formats here.

Chen.
Jim.
Jim Chen.
Jimmy Chen!

*That Jimmy Chen, that Jimmy Chen,
I do not like that Jimmy Chen.*

Do you like Legislation?

I do not like Legislation. I will not teach it, Jimmy Chen.

Would you teach it here, or there?
Would you teach it for a Chair?

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I would not teach it here or there.

I would not teach it for a Chair.

I will not teach it anywhere!

I will not teach Legislation. I do not like it, Jimmy Chen.

Would you teach it in the Spring?

Just a short 2-credit thing?

I would not teach it in the Spring. I hate truncated credit things!

I would not teach it here or there. I would not teach it for a Chair.

I do not like Legislation. I do not like it, Jimmy Chen.

You could use Phil Frickey's book.

It's pretty nifty! Take a look!

I do not like Phil Frickey's book.

It's full of crap.

I've had a look.

This would give the course some starch!

Start the class sometime mid-March!

Then you'd teach four days a week!

Listen to the students shriek!

I will not start the class in March,

What a stupid, stupid, farce!

I hate to hear the students shriek,

What do you take me for, some geek?!

I will not teach it in the spring, I hate those short 2-credit things,

*I will not teach Phil Frickey's book, it's full of crap, I've
had a look,*

I will not teach it here or there, I will not teach it anywhere!

I do not like Legislation, I will not teach it, Jimmy Chen!

Would you teach it now and then?

Trading off with Mc-Gow-an?

You could teach with Brett McDonnell,

You could teach the Frickey Funnel.

I would not, could not teach the Funnel,

I'll leave that stuff to Brett McDonnell,

*I will not trade off with McGowan, I will not teach it now
and then.*

*I will not teach it, Jimmy Chen! I DO NOT LIKE
LEGISLATION!*

You could have your own small section,
Talk about the Bush election.

*I do not want my own small section,
I'm sick to death of the election,
I will not teach with Brett McDonnell,
I will not teach that wretched Funnel,
I will not teach with Ms. McGowan,
I will not teach it now and then,
I will not teach the Frickey book,
It's full of crap, I've had a look!
I will not teach it in the spring,
I hate those short 2-credit things,
I will not start a course mid-March,
That adds insult, not much starch,
I do not like Legislation, I will not teach it Jimmy Chen!*

The Fall! The Fall!
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You could teach it in the Fall!

I will not, will not, in the Fall.

Teach 3 credits in the Fall!
That way you can do it all!

*I will not teach it in the Fall,
I just don't like the course at all!
Look here, Jimmy Chen, now look!
I do not like Phil Frickey's book!
I will not teach in fall or spring,
A full-blown course, or shortened thing!
I will not start the course in March,
The whole darn thing is such a farce!
I will not teach 4 days a week!
That would make the students freak!
I will not teach it here or there!
I will not teach it anywhere!*

I do not like Legislation! I do not like it, Jimmy Chen!

You do not like it, so you say,
Try it, try it, and you may.
Try it and you may, I say!
Try it on a one-year basis!
(You could add your favorite cases!)

Jim, if you will let me be, I will try it, you will see.

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*Say! I like Legislation! I do! I like it, Jimmy Chen!
 And I will teach it now and then,
 With Farber, Mc-Gow-an, and Chen!
 And I will teach with Brett McDonnell!
 I'll even learn to love The Funnel!
 If you will make the credits Three,
 'Twill be so good, so good, you see!
 And I will teach it in the Fall.
 With 3-credits, I'll do it all!
 And I will teach the Frickey book.
 (I'll give the thing a second look.)
 If you give me my own small section,
 I will teach the Bush election.
 On a one-year trial basis, I will add my favorite cases!
 I'll teach the Holy Trinity!
 I'll teach Weber! Bock Laundry!
 I'll take Spelunkers from the morgue!
 I'll even teach some Hans-Georg!
 I'll even teach them Arrow's Theorem!
 I'll never let Scalia near 'em!
 And I would teach it in the Spring
 (Though not as a two-credit thing).
 And I could start the course in March,
 The joy of spring will give it starch!
 And I would teach four days a week.
 Forget the students! Let 'em freak!
 And I would teach it here or there.
 Yes, I would teach it anywhere!*

*I do so love Legislation!
 Thank you! Thank you, Jimmy Chen!*