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WILLIAMSBURG — The acting dean of the College of William and Mary's Marshall-Wythe School of Law, Emett Fischer, said Friday that he had no hint of what action the American Bar Association will take regarding the accreditation of the law school.

Fischer and the dean-designate, former Sen. William B. Spong Jr., met for four hours Thursday with an ABA commission in Chicago. The commission was convened to determine whether William and Mary's law school is in compliance with ABA standards.

Fischer said that Dean Orin Slagle of Ohio State University Law School and James White, an ABA special consultant who visited the campus several times last year on fact-finding trips, conducted the hearing.

The problems regarding the law library "are no longer accreditation problems," Fischer said. The library was found to be in compliance with ABA standards in that area. I reported on some development in that area and they are satisfied with what we have done in that regard.

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