

Executive Session Faculty Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm by Dean Sergio Pareja, once a quorum was reached. The following people were present for at least some portion of the meeting.

Faculty: Maryam Ahranjani, George Bach, Reed Benson, Camille Carey, Barbara Creel, Elizabeth Elia, Scott England, Paul Figueroa, Sonia Gipson Rankin, Veronica González-Zamora, Vinay Harpalani, Steven Homer, John Kang, Joshua Kastenburger, John LaVelle, Ernesto Longa, Natalie Martin, Serge Martinez, Jennifer Moore, Aliza Organick, Mary Leto Pareja, Sergio Pareja, Michelle Rigual, Lysette Romero Cordova, Joseph Schremmer, Sarah Steadman, David Stout, Carol Suzuki, Sherri Thomas, Cliff Villa (16 needed for quorum for this executive session meeting; names that count toward quorum in bold)

Staff: Beverly Akin, Emilie McVay-Ash

Action Items:

Invitation to Non-Voting Faculty – Dean Sergio Pareja: The Promotion and Tenure Committee moved to invite Professors England and Stout to participate in the discussion at their request. The motion passed with no opposition.

Committee Chairperson Mary Pareja thanked the committee members, Ramona Garcia, and Cheryl Burbank for their hard work.

Requirements for Tenure – Professor Mary Pareja: The Faculty received a brief summary of the Tenure and Promotion requirements from the Faculty Handbook and the UNM SOL Policies. Particular attention was drawn to the passage: “For a positive tenure review, the faculty member shall have demonstrated competence or effectiveness in all four areas, and excellence in either teaching or scholarly work.” The four areas are teaching, scholarly work, service, and personal characteristics.

Report from Panel and Discussion regarding Professor Steven Homer – Professors Michelle Rigual and Aliza Organick: The panel reported on the candidate’s teaching, scholarship, service, and personal characteristics. Discussion followed. The faculty voted to recommend tenure and promotion to full professor for Steven Homer.

Report from Panel and Discussion regarding Professor Vinay Harpalani – Professors Carol Suzuki and Nathalie Martin (presenting on behalf of Laura Spitz): The panel reported on the candidate’s teaching, scholarship, service, and personal characteristics. Discussion followed. The faculty voted to recommend tenure and promotion to full professor for Vinay Harpalani.

Report from Panel and Discussion regarding Professor Joshua Kastenburger – Professors John Kang and Reed Benson: The panel reported on the candidate’s teaching,

scholarship, service, and personal characteristics. Discussion followed. The faculty voted to recommend tenure and promotion to full professor for Joshua Kastenber.

Report from Panel and Discussion regarding Professor Maryam Ahranjani – Professors Jennifer Moore and Serge Martinez: The panel reported on the candidate's teaching, scholarship, service, and personal characteristics. Discussion followed. The faculty voted to recommend tenure and promotion to full professor for Maryam Ahranjani.

The Dean will forward the reports and results of the votes to the Provost.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 PM.

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