

Faculty Meeting Minutes December 8, 2023

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

Faculty: Maryam Ahranjani, Reed Benson, Camille Carey, Barbara Creel, Elizabeth Elia, Scott England, Allison Freedman, Sonia Gipson Rankin, Marc-Tizoc González, Vinay Harpalani, Steven Homer, John Kang, Josh Kastenber, Jennifer Laws, Serge Martinez, Jennifer Moore, Nadine Padilla, Sergio Pareja, Michelle Rigual, Alexandra Siek, Sarah Steadman, David Stout, Sherri Thomas, Samuel Winder, Peter Winograd (17 needed for quorum; names that count toward quorum in bold)

Staff: Beverly Akin, Bonnie Stepleton (announcements only), Emilie McVay-Ash (minutes)

Announcements:

December 15, 2023 Faculty Meeting - Dean Camille Carey: The results of the faculty poll indicate that there will not be a quorum for the scheduled December 15 meeting, so it is cancelled.

Incident in the Parking Lot - Dean Camille Carey: Someone was held at gunpoint in the law school parking lot on Thursday evening. UNM PD indicated that it was a domestic violence incident. Dean Carey has asked for additional information, but UNM PD has not provided any additional information. Dean Carey has asked for increased surveillance and patrols.

Staff Gifts - Professor David Stout: Professor Stout thanked everyone who has contributed to the staff gifts. He reminded everyone that there is still time to contribute if you have not already done so.

Clerkship Mixer - Professor Scott England: There will be a mixer for faculty and judges on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 from 5:00 to 6:00 PM in the Forum. He hopes everyone will be there. Please RSVP to Amber Johnson.

Stolen Vehicle - Dean Camille Carey: A staff member's vehicle was stolen from the parking lot on Friday, December 1. It was not a new car or a fancy car. It did have a club on it. The theft took place during the day.

Black History Month - Professor Sonia Gipson Rankin: This year, UNM School of Law Alumna and NM State Bar President Elect Aja Brooks will be the keynote speaker for UNM's celebration on Saturday, January 27.

Faculty Holiday Party - Dean Camille Carey: Dean Carey will be hosting the faculty at her home on Sunday night at 5:00 PM. She hopes to see everyone there.

Action Items:

Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2023 Faculty Meeting - Dean Camille Carey: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2023 meeting. There was no discussion. The motion passed with 18 yes votes, 0 nay votes, and 3 abstentions.

The meeting moved into executive session at 2:11 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Action Item: Vote on Candidates for Natural Resources and Environmental Law Position - Dean Camille Carey: Faculty Appointments Committee Chair Maryam Ahranjani provided a description of the position and listed both the required and preferred qualifications. She and Professor Nadine Padilla then presented a summary of the reference checks which included strengths and weaknesses for each of the candidates as described by the references. Following a discussion on the qualifications of each of the candidates, voting commenced.

40% Acceptability Round: In the first round of voting, faculty members voted by secret ballot for each of the two candidates as to whether they consider them acceptable for the NREL position. One of the two candidates received more than 40% of the faculty votes.

60% Offer Round: The faculty voted to extend an offer to the candidate who received at least 60% of the votes. As a result of this vote, it was decided that the Dean would contact the candidate to inform her that an offer would be forthcoming. The specifics of that offer are subject to a report by the Promotion and Tenure Committee, a faculty vote, and approval of the Provost. The Promotion and Tenure Committee will prepare a report for the January 19, 2024 faculty meeting. At that meeting, the faculty will vote on which status to offer to the candidate.

Action Item (Order of the Coif Faculty only): Vote on Order of the Coif status for one additional graduate from Class of 2023 - Dean Camille Carey: Dean Carey explained the circumstances regarding one graduate of the Class of 2023 who is qualified but was not included in the previous vote. A motion was made and seconded to seek membership for that recent graduate. The vote passed with 17 yes votes, 0 nay votes, and 0 abstentions.

The meeting was adjourned by majority vote at 4:24 PM.