

## **Faculty Meeting Minutes**

### **October 18, 2024**

*The meeting was called to order at 2:02 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, George Bach, Warigia Bowman, Camille Carey, Christy DeSanctis, Scott England, Paul Figueroa, Laura Gomez, Verónica Gonzales, Felipe Guevara, Vinay Harpalani, Steven Homer, John Kang, Josh Kastenber, April Land, Jennifer Laws, Nathalie Martin, Serge Martinez, Aliza Organick, Gabe Pacyniak, Nadine Padilla, Mary Pareja, Sergio Pareja, Michelle Rigual, Alexandra Siek, Sarah Steadman, David Stout, Carol Suzuki, Samuel Winder** (*18 needed for quorum; names that count toward quorum in bold*)

**Staff:** Beverly Akin, Emilie McVay-Ash, Ernest Tafoya, Sue George, Owen Johnson

**Student Representatives:** Vanessa Springer (3L), Kieran Raney (2L), Andrew Kessel (1L)

### **Announcements:**

Dean Camille Carey welcomed the new 1L representative Andrew Kessel to his first meeting. She also welcomed back Vanessa Springer as the 3L representative.

**CLE Guidelines - Sue George, Director of the Institute for Public Law and Owen Johnson:** Sue George introduced Owen Johnson, a new Senior Attorney with IPL. In fiscal year 2024, the law school provided 36 programs and submitted more than 2000 credits to the State Bar of New Mexico. Sue encouraged the faculty to submit program proposals and shared how grateful the legal community has been for the programs provided by the law school. The faculty received a handout detailing the requirements for CLEs and the process for requesting approval. Owen Johnson explained the process as follows. Faculty members who are interested in submitting a program should use the website to submit a description of the program. The committee will approve eligible programs and inform the faculty member. With permission, the programs will be recorded and made available for self-study through the UNM SOL website. Owen further reminded the faculty of the new Equity in Justice credit requirement and the allowance by the NM Supreme Court that all required CLEs may be completed through self-study.

### **Action Item:**

**Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2024 faculty meeting - Dean Camille Carey:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2024 meeting. There was no discussion. The motion passed with 19 yes votes, 0 nay votes, and 4 abstentions.

*At this time, Dean Carey thanked everyone for attending the meeting and excused those not permitted in the Executive Session.*

### **Executive Session, Action Item:**

**Discussion and Vote on Evidence and Trial Practice Faculty Candidates - Professor Nathalie Martin, Chair of Faculty Appointments:** Committee Chair Nathalie Martin thanked the committee for their hard work and provided a description of the hiring process. Professors David Stout and George Bach then presented a summary of the candidates' experience and 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 as to which of the three candidates they consider acceptable for the ETP position.

**Ranking Round:** Following the 40% Acceptability Round, faculty voted by secret ballot to select their top candidate.

**Runoff Round:** The faculty held a vote between the two candidates tentatively ranked second and third. The candidates maintained the same second and third rankings they tentatively held after the first round.

**60% Offer Round:** To receive an offer, a candidate must receive the vote of 60% of the faculty. The faculty voted for which of the three candidates should receive an offer.

### **Executive Session, Action Item - Order of Coif Members Only:**

**Vote on Order of the Coif for students from the Class of 2024 - Dean Camille Carey:** Dean Carey read the names of the graduates of the Class of 2024 who qualify to be members of the Order of the Coif. A motion was made and seconded to seek membership for those graduates. It passed with 21 yes votes, 0 nay votes, and 0 abstentions.

*The meeting was adjourned by majority vote at 4:00 PM.*