

Faculty Meeting Minutes October 24, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Dean Camille Carey once a quorum was reached. The following people were present for at least some portion of the meeting.

Faculty: Warigia Bowman, Camille Carey, Paul Figueroa, Allison Freedman, Sonia Gipson Rankin, Veronica Gonzales, Marc-Tizoc Gonzalez, Steven K. Homer, John Kang, Joshua Kastenber, April Land, Jennifer Laws, Nathalie Martin, Serge Martinez, Jennifer Moore, Matthew Murrell, Mary Pareja, Sergio Pareja, Alexandra Siek, Sarah Steadman, David Stout, Carol Suzuki, Sherri Thomas, Cliff Villa, Sam Winder, Natalie Winters (*17 needed for quorum; names that count toward quorum in bold*)

Staff: Beverly Akin, Renee Ferrell, Alejandra Gallegos, Stephanie Grant, Courtney Holmes, Ernest Tafoya

Student Representatives: Ryan Hardman (1L), Andrew Kessel (2L)

Announcements:

Faculty Hiring Vote Schedule - Dean Camille Carey: The faculty vote on the LIPP position, originally scheduled for November 21 (a legislative Thursday), has been rescheduled to December 2. All other votes will take place as previously scheduled. The Clinic faculty hiring vote will be on October 31. The Legal Analysis & Communication Program faculty hiring vote will be on November 21.

NM Law Center Building - Dean Camille Carey: While the NM Law Center was at the top of UNM's priority list for funding this year, the Higher Education Department did not include the project on its list for a second year in a row.

Action Item:

Approval of Minutes from August 22, 2025, Faculty Meeting - Dean Carey: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2025 meeting. There was no discussion. The motion was passed with 23 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions.

Executive Session (Voting Faculty Only):

Action Item: Vote on Candidates for Criminal Law Position - Dean Camille Carey: Faculty Appointments Committee Chair and Professor Nathalie Martin provided a description of the faculty hiring process for the Criminal Law position. She and Associate Dean John Kang then presented an overview of the candidates and 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 as to which of the candidates are acceptable for the Criminal Law position. All three candidates received more than 40% of the faculty vote.

First Ranking Round: Following the 40% Acceptability Round, faculty voted by secret ballot and selected only one candidate as a top choice. One candidate received more than 50% of the vote.

Second Ranking Round: Following the First Ranking Round, faculty voted by secret ballot and selected only one candidate from the remaining two as a preferred candidate. One candidate received more than 50% of the vote, thus resulting in a ranking of the second and third candidates.

60% Offer Round: The faculty voted on which candidates the dean was authorized to extend an offer to. All three candidates received 60% of the vote.

The meeting was adjourned by majority vote at 3:35 p.m..