

Faculty Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 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: Camille Carey, Allison Freedman, Laura Gomez, Marc-Tizoc Gonzalez, Steven K. Homer, John Kang, Joshua Kastenber, Jennifer Laws, Nathalie Martin, Serge Martinez, Jennifer Moore, Matthew Murrell, Nadine Padilla, Mary Pareja, Sergio Pareja, Michelle Rigual, Alexandra Siek, Paul Spruhan, Sarah Steadman, Carol Suzuki, Sherri Thomas, Clifford Villa, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Samuel Winder, Natalie Winters (*17 needed for quorum; names that count toward quorum in bold*)

Staff: Lawrence Begaye (announcements only), Beverly Akin, Krista Allen (announcements only), Myka Curtis (announcements only), Renée Ferrell, Alejandra Gallegos, Courtney Holmes, Ernest Tafoya, Priscilla Peña-Johnson (announcements only)

Student Representatives: Ryan Hardman (1L)

Action Item:

Approval of Minutes from October 31, 2025, Faculty Meeting - Dean Carey: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the October 31, 2025, meeting. There was no discussion. The motion was passed with 20 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention.

Executive Session, Action Item (Voting Faculty Only):

Action Item: Vote on Candidates for Indian Law Position - Professor Nathalie Martin, Chair of Faculty Appointments Committee: Professor Nathalie Martin provided a description of the faculty hiring process for the two Indian Law positions. Professor Sherri Thomas and Professor Sam Winder 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 on the acceptability of the candidates for the Indian Law position. Three of the four candidates received more than 40% of the votes.

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 neither of the remaining two candidates received at least 50% of the vote.

60% Offer Round: The faculty voted on whether the Dean was authorized to extend an offer to the top-ranked candidate. That candidate received 60% of the vote.

The meeting was adjourned by majority vote at 4:02 p.m.