

University of New Mexico School of Law
Faculty Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2006

Present: Cynthia Aragon, Norman Bay, Barbara Blumenfeld, Chris Fritz, Laura Gómez, Em Hall, Evan Hobbs, Scott Hughes, John LaVelle, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Nathalie Martin, José Martínez, Alfred Mathewson, Margaret Montoya, Jenny Moore, Mike Norwood, Ted Occhialino, Sergio Pareja, Carol Parker, Liz Rapaport, Leo Romero, Suellyn Scarnecchia, Carol Suzuki, Gloria Valencia-Weber

Students: Brendan O'Reilly, Ed Perea

Staff: Sandra Bauman, Peggy Lovato, Theresa Montoya

The meeting was called to order at 3:44 pm on Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

I. Announcements:

- A. Dean Scarnecchia acknowledged suddenness of Herb Wright's departure, and announced the plan for an event to allow students, staff, faculty and alumni to thank him for all of his work for UNMSOL. SOL will conduct a national search after the events planning and alumni relations portions of the position are to some extent reassigned, so the individual hired will be able to focus largely on fundraising.
- B. Dean Scarnecchia extended her thanks to Daniel Ortega, Claire Conrad and Carmen Rawls for their terrific work to make the Simms Lecture a great success. She has received very positive feedback, and emphasized the direct relationship between an excellent speaker, such as Harold Koh, and a highly successful event.

II. Business Search:

- A. Gloria Valencia-Weber:
 - 1. Gave brief introduction, reviewing events that lead to field being narrowed from four to two candidates, due to two candidates withdrawing from consideration for varying personal reasons.
 - 2. Explained that the dean, appointments committee, and business faculty conferred, and agreed to continue the search process because remaining candidates provide adequate qualifications.
- B. Dean Scarnecchia:
 - 1. Thanked committee for all their hard work, and expressed her belief that the candidates are both very strong contenders.
 - 2. Invited open discussion about candidates, asking for faculty to express positive feedback as well as speak comparatively about the two.
- C. Open discussion ensued.
- D. Motion made to offer position to specific candidate. Vote, called by show of hands, was unanimous in favor of extending offer to that candidate.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Bauman
Administrative Assistant to Dean Suellyn Scarnecchia