

Faculty Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2005

Present: Lisa Torraco, Steven Homer, April Land, Suellyn Scarnecchia, Sergio Pareja, Mike Norwood, Nathalie Martin, Barbara Blumenfeld, Denise Fort, Michael Browde, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Chris Fritz, Jenny Moore, Rob Schwartz, Norman Bay, Elizabeth Rapaport, Barbara Bergman, Kip Bobroff, John LaVelle, Em Hall

Students: Brandon O'Reilly, Lynn Carillo-Cruz,

Guests: Daniel Ortega, Susan Mitchell, Rebecca Witherington

I. Approval of Minutes:

A. The minutes of the last Faculty Meeting, 12/07/04, were distributed and approved unanimously.

II. Announcements:

A. Faculty were asked to fill out cards to admitted applicants. The cards and text were provided by Susan Mitchell and Rebecca Witherington.

B. Associate Deans:

1. Lopez:

- a. Reminded faculty of Lee Teitelbaum's celebration of life on March 4. Herta Teitelbaum and others are sponsoring a fellowship in Lee's honor. It honors a research assistant for providing excellent service as a researcher.
- b. Senator Bingaman has notified UNM SOL that the school is qualified to apply for a tax clinic grant. Several faculty have been notified to assist, but if others are interested, please contact Lopez.

2. Schwartz:

- a. Faculty lunches will continue throughout the term.

3. Moore:

- a. Thanked the faculty for assistance in preparation of the curriculum and participating in the process. Now working on formalizing the curriculum for next year and will send it to the faculty by the end of the week, but the schedule does not include adjunct courses. Moore needs scheduling input from those who have not yet raised concerns by noon tomorrow (2/23). Small changes can still be made. Faculty are encouraged to let Moore and Scarnecchia know if there are any mistakes or imbalances.

C. Dean's Announcements:

1. Sergio Pareja was formally welcomed to his first faculty meeting.
2. John LaVelle has written articles critiquing Ward Churchill on his research. He has the articles linked to his profile on the website.
3. Nathalie Martin has been invited to be the resident Scholar at the American Bankruptcy Institute during the Fall.
4. Mike Norwood will be the new Associate Dean for Academic Affairs starting in the Fall term.
5. Jim Ellis and his team won the Hawthorne case in California. Steven Homer and Carol Suzuki were involved on the team.
6. Paul Nathanson has announced his retirement, and a meeting will be held on March 2 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm to discuss the future of the Institute for Public Law and the position.

7. Regarding the presence in Santa Fe, a story appeared in the Santa Fe New Mexican, and a lot of good response has resulted. Lawyers who take the classes will do so for CLE credit, and others will be taking courses for CEU's. A special tuition will not need to be developed or charged. An administrator needs to be found. Chris Fritz will be helping to determine the classes and the need. Lopez mentioned that there may be a place in the College of Santa Fe as UNM already has a presence there.
8. Sherri Burr has served as the UNM SOL Faculty Representative in the Faculty Senate for four years, and is no longer qualified to continue. If anyone volunteers, the faculty agreed that they will endorse the choice.
9. UNM SOL is asked to participate with main campus in several opportunities.
 - a. Friday, Sept. 23 will showcase UNM in the Albuquerque Tricentennial. Any programming ideas are welcomed. Perhaps Laura Gomez will be interested in presenting some New Mexico legal history.
 - b. A list of meetings has been scheduled for strategic clusters for interdisciplinary research and teaching. Dean Scarnecchia will put the list in faculty mailboxes.
 - c. Faculty are encouraged to submit ideas for course proposals to VP for summer/evening courses office, \$20,000 grant available.

D. Moore:

1. Peace Fair is from Noon to 8:00 pm on March 1 in the UNM SUB Ballroom. This is a celebration of the UNM Peace Studies Program.

E. Bay:

1. Regarding the faculty evaluations, the Student Affairs Committee has agreed that the students should have access to the evaluations, but allow the professors discretion to customize the evaluations as they wish. This would be done next Fall. The Committee submitted this as a motion. After discussion, the motion passed.

III. Discussion Items:

A. Hiring:

1. UNM SOL will have two openings for the 2006-2007 academic year. Dean Scarnecchia will appoint a faculty appointments committee by the end of this semester. Faculty should think strategically in filling these positions regarding possible grants, interdisciplinary work, etc.
2. UNM SOL is under scrutiny regarding whether the school is open to different points of view. Hiring should be done with an eye toward encouraging a variety of viewpoints on the faculty.

B. Solomon Amendment:

1. Two handouts were distributed (attached). Both Third Circuit and a Federal District Court have enjoined application of the Solomon Amendment. This, at this point, does not affect the UNM SOL. The General Counsel's office is involved, and they have said that the SOL cannot file a lawsuit on its own behalf. The Regents of UNM would have to approve such a lawsuit. Individual faculty members can join lawsuits on their own behalf.
2. A state representative from Roswell has introduced a bill that would bar UNM from restricting military recruiting on campus.
3. A committee will be put together to revisit pushing the SOL policy to the Regents. Dean Scarnecchia took names of volunteers.

- C. Admissions:
 - 1. The Ad Hoc Committee is moving along, and is currently looking at possible revisions to the policy. The committee will bring their recommendations to the faculty.
 - 2. The committee will also be looking at the Pipeline Project in order to broaden the SOL involvement in this project. UNM is looking at doing this project in conjunction with other professional schools.
- D. Budget:
 - 1. The UNM SOL is in the process of putting together next year's budget. Banner project is now allowing information, and next year's accounting should be much closer to ideal.
 - 2. The deficit will not be increased this year, for the first time in many years. It stands at about \$350,000 right now.
- E. Fundraising:
 - 1. A large gift has been received from a donor to cover all moot court costs this year.
 - 2. There are 34 members of the Dean's Circle now. All who were asked in DC to join the Dean's Circle agreed to do so.
- F. Legislature:
 - 1. The Library's \$250,000 funding request has passed out of the Education Committee.
 - 2. The SILC funding request is still active.
 - 3. The LRAP bill is in committee.
 - 4. The Utton Center is in for two or three different funding proposals.
 - 5. A bill has been entered to change residency rules for members of tribes in New Mexico: Such students are to have in-state tuition even if the student has left New Mexico.
 - 6. A Native American Access to Justice project is proposed to provide backup and policy work on representation for poor and indigent people, especially Native Americans, in the clinic and the American Indian Law Center.
- G. Student Issues:
 - 1. A petition was distributed from students regarding the cancellation and rescheduling of classes (attached). The faculty was asked to respect the concerns brought forward, to restrict rescheduling as much as possible, and if necessary, reschedule during the blocks specified. Rapaport suggested the 3 –5 pm slot on non-faculty meeting Tuesdays. Fort also suggested that Dean Scarnecchia write back to the students and explain how sometimes the necessity to reschedule is unavoidable. Dean Scarnecchia also asked for other suggestions.
 - 2. A report of concerns from student-parents were distributed to faculty (attached). Computer lab rules will be taken up at the Senior Administrators meeting on Wednesday (2/23). Students will be made aware of the flex-time program.
 - 3. Further student issues will be addressed at a later meeting.
- H. Academic Support will be addressed at a later meeting.

The next meeting will be March 22, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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