

University of New Mexico School of Law  
Faculty Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Present: Chamiza Atencio-Pacheco, Marsha Baum, Norman Bay, Barbara Bergman, Barbara Blumenfeld, Kip Bobroff, Michael Browde, Sherri Burr, Denise Fort, Eileen Gauna, Erik Gerding, Laura Gomez, Evan Hobbs, Steven Homer, John LaVelle, Nathalie Martin, Jose Martinez, Alfred Mathewson, Mike Norwood, Ted Occhialino, Daniel Ortega, Sergio Pareja, Carol Parker, Leo Romero, Suellyn Scarnecchia, Carol Suzuki, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Peter Winograd

Students: Esteli Juarez, Ed Perea,

Staff: Sandra Bauman

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 pm on Tuesday, January 16, 2007

I. Approval of Minutes:

With the agreement to include John LaVelle in the list of attendees, the minutes of the December 12, 2006 Faculty Meeting were unanimously approved.

II. Announcements:

A. Dean Scarnecchia:

1. Welcomed Kip Bobroff and Ted Occhailino back from their respective leaves. Announced that Margaret Montoya and Rob Schwartz were on leave this semester.
2. Held a brief discussion about locking the faculty lounge every evening to avoid a repeat of a recent incident. Stated her intention to reappoint a Building and Safety Committee to look at general security in the building, offer a forum for reporting incidents such as the one previously mentioned, and provide a body to make recommendations to both UNMSOL administration and main campus.
3. Announced the availability a furnished office in Santa Fe for the use of UNMSOL faculty and staff. The Montgomery and Andrews firm has donated one of the offices in their building, thanks to the efforts of Paul Biderman and Bill Uher. Any specific questions regarding its use should be directed to Paul Biderman.
4. Briefly discussed the two legislative priorities that specifically concern the Law School this session: the Corrinne Wolf Children's Center and the Utton Center's spearheading the development of a water consortium.
5. Congratulated Denise Fort on her appointment to the Climate Change Committee, and announced Dahlia Dorman's appointment as UNM Student Regent by Governor Richardson.
6. Announced her presence in Santa Fe during this legislative session will mainly focus on the work done by the Ethics Task Force.

7. Encouraged anyone planning to in Washington, DC, on February 6 to attend the UNM reception that will be held that day.
  8. Thanked everyone who provided input about the Law Deans' Cully Stimson statement. She decided to add her signature to the document.
- B. Associate Dean Carol Parker:
1. Reported the Utton Director Search Committee has received many good applications from promising candidates. The committee will be conducting telephone interviews through January and hopes to bring candidates to UNMSOL in February.
  2. Briefly described the next phase and approximate timeline of the renovation of the Library facilities.

### III. ABA Accreditation Visit and Self Study

- A. Associate Dean Mike Norwood briefly described "what a self study is." The process leads up to the ABA reaccreditation visit in fall, 2007 – the date of which has not yet been determined. He identified his fellow committee members (Nathalie Martin, Carol Suzuki and Jose Martinez). He outlined where the ABA team would be based (in the King Room) and what would be available to them during their visit.
- B. Associate Dean Norwood drew attention to each of the handouts he had provided for the faculty to look over: "Standard Form for Faculty Vitae," "Classroom Visitation form", "Faculty Office Visit Sample form," and "Mission Statement" and "Introduction to Strategic Plan." He walked through each one offering ideas and examples of what the site visit team would do and look for in their observations.
- C. Discussion was open throughout. Associate Dean Norwood encouraged faculty members to provide copies of scholarship to be available during the visit. He reminded them the ABA team is an observing body not an evaluative body. Both faculty members and student reps voiced the desire to brainstorm about ways to increase the level of student engagement in the process. It was agreed that "dry runs" of individual office visits be done by the committee members. Both Associate Dean Norwood and Dean Scarnecchia emphasized that the self study is a document to be produced based on the input and analysis of the entire faculty.

### IV. Hiring Update

Barbara Blumenfeld was asked to give a brief update on the work of the Faculty Appointments committee. She answered that the committee was scheduled to begin reviewing the resumes for the LRW position. Dean Scarnecchia said the outcome of the SILC offer would be announced shortly.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Bauman  
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