

University of New Mexico School of Law
Faculty Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2007

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Present: Marsha Baum, Norman Bay, Barbara Blumenfeld, Kip Bobroff, Michael Browde, Sherri Burr, Jim Ellis, Eileen Gauna, Erik Gerding, Laura Gomez, Steven Homer, April Land, John LaVelle, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Nathalie Martin, José Martinez, Alfred Mathewson, Margaret Montoya, Mike Norwood, Ted Occhialino, Sergio Pareja, Liz Rapaport, Leo Romero, Suellyn Scarnecchia, Carol Suzuki, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Christine Zuni Cruz

Students: Joshua Allison, Esteli Juarez, Brendan O'Reilly

Staff: Sandra Bauman, Susan Mitchell

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 pm on Tuesday, April 24, 2007.

I. Approval of Minutes

- A. The minutes of the March 6, 2007 meeting were presented for approval. A motion to approve with no changes was made, seconded and passed upon a vote.
- B. The minutes of the April 10, 2007 meeting were presented for approval. A motion to approve with no changes was made, seconded and passed upon a vote.

II. Announcements

- A. Dean Scarnecchia briefly described the various hand-outs that had been placed at each seat by:
 1. highlighting the line item in the UNM FY 2007-08 I & G Budget Plan that covers an SOL professor's salary;
 2. offering the Memorandum describing the funding details from the 2007 legislative session;
 3. Speaking in a little more detail to the printed copy of the e-mail she had sent earlier in the day regarding the fall 2007 symposia the UNM Deans are planning for incoming President Staidly, and asked for faculty involvement, feedback or ideas.
- B. Dean Scarnecchia spoke briefly about e-mail regarding the strategic planning conversations she would like to have during the 2007-08 faculty meetings (which will be scheduled twice a month), mentioning that everyone would receive a printed copy, including attachments mentioned in the e-mail, by the end of the week.
- C. Dean Scarnecchia reminded everyone that graduation will be on May 12 at 6:00 p.m. However all are asked to be on the Back Patio stairs by 5:15 for photos with the students. She would like to incorporate more faculty involvement in the ceremony and asked everyone to let her know if they would like to participate.
- D. Megan Argo has accepted the Legal Writing position and will begin in July.

- E. Dean Scarnecchia thanked everyone who has been showing up for the entire end of the year social events that have been going on.
- F. Sam Deloria has taken the position of Director of the American Indian Graduate Center and is in the process of finding a replacement for his current position of Executive Director of AILC.
- G. Dean Scarnecchia, Peggy Lovato and John Feldman had a meeting with security, the outcomes of which are:
 - 1. a safety survey by campus police will be done at SOL for their suggestions;
 - 2. there may be some 'panic' buttons installed in strategic places in the building;
 - 3. The cell phone/e-mail alert service that has been implemented campus-wide was announced.
 - 4. The Dean encouraged everyone to bring safety concerns to her attention.(Items F and G were announced at the end of the meeting.)

III. Admissions

- A. Dean Scarnecchia reminded everyone that the main motion of the Admissions Committee, originally presented at the February 21 meeting with a revision presented at the March 6 meeting, was still on the table.
- B. Currently under discussion continuing from the April 10 meeting is the motion to amend made by Professor Montoya, and seconded by Professor Mathewson, which would add an additional paragraph to the proposed policy.
 - 1. Prior to the reopening of discussion Professor Montoya amended her motion, with Professor Matheson's approval, to move the suggested paragraph out of the policy proper and into a commentary section.
 - 2. Discussion then opened beginning with those waiting to comment from the last meeting.
 - 3. After a period of discussion, a motion to call the question was made, seconded and approved.
 - 4. Voting on the amendment to add the proposed paragraph to a commentary section in the admissions policy was taken by secret ballot. Upon tallying the ballots the motion failed.
- C. Discussion then ensued on the Admissions Committee's proposed policy. Voting was done by secret ballot. Upon tallying the ballots the motion to adopt the Admissions Committee proposed policy passed.

IV. Self Study

- A. Associate Dean Mike Norwood handed out packets which contained the introduction section of the self study document. He directed the faculty's attention to the mission statement and the program of legal education section. He discussed that this hand out is an addition to the "revised" packet that faculty members had received in their mail boxes earlier in the week.
- B. Associate Dean Norwood announced that three more sections of the self study document (those regarding students, administration and faculty) will be distributed before the end of the week. He also announced that, as of fall 2007, women will be the majority of faculty members for the first time in SOL history.

- C. The floor was opened to discussion about any part of the report that the faculty had received thus far. Associate Dean Norwood encouraged direct comments or suggestions to anyone on the committee (Professors Nathalie Martin, José Martinez, Carol Suzuki or himself) via e-mail, private discussion or during open forums such as faculty meetings or deans' hours.
- D. Discussion ensued offering editing suggestions, as well as clarifications and ideas of items to be included, or excluded, and possible formatting ideas (such as adding a section to speak to an area that cuts across multiple sections rather than including it in each, for example: technology). It was suggested that editing comments be sent directly to the committee member who wrote the respective section, and that substantive document changes be the subject of these conversations.
- E. Dean Scarnecchia thanked the committee members and expressed her hopes to be able to have the faculty vote on a draft of at the May 8 faculty meeting.

V. Honors and Awards

- A. Student representatives were excused prior to the beginning of this portion of the faculty meeting.
- B. Professor Ted Occhialino
 - 1. introduced his fellow committee members (Professors José Martinez, Marsha Baum, and Kip Bobroff);
 - 2. passed out the awards list;
 - 3. moved, on behalf of the committee, that the faculty approve the list as presented.
 - 4. encouraged faculty to contribute towards the funding of some of the listed awards; and
 - 5. announced the date, time and place of the Honors and Awards Ceremony (May 11, 5:00 p.m., at the Albuquerque Museum), and reminded the group that faculty members will be asked to present awards at the ceremony.
- C. Discussion ensued. Clarifications were asked for and offered. It was suggested that any objections should be handled confidentially by presenting concerns to committee members for reconsideration.
- D. A vote to approve the awards list with one addition and with the exception of any objections arising confidentially was taken. The list of honors and awards was approved with one abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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