

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW
FACULTY MEETING**

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

Attendance: Megan Argo, Marcia Baker, Marsha Baum, Norman Bay, Barbara Bergman, Paul Biderman, Barbara Blumenfeld, Kip Bobroff, Sherri Burr, Louis Caldera, Barbara Creel, Jim Ellis, Sandy Gaines, Eileen Gauna, Erik Gerding, Laura Gómez, Steven Homer, Scott Hughes, April Land, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Nathalie Martin, José Martinez, Alfred Mathewson, Margaret Montoya, Jenny Moore, Daniel Ortega, Sergio Pareja, Carol Parker, Leo Romero, Suellyn Scarnecchia, Rob Schwartz, Carol Suzuki, Christine Zuni Cruz

Students: Josh Allison, Brian Close

Sr. Admin/Staff: Sandra Bauman

I. Interim and Permanent Dean Processes

- a. Dean Scarnecchia led a discussion regarding “next steps” given her decision not to continue her employment at SOL.
 - i. She briefly described the conversations she had with former Dean Robert Desiderio, Associate Provost Richard Holder, and Interim Provost Vi Florez.
 - ii. Provost Florez will send (probably early next week) a memo to the faculty acknowledging the Dean’s resignation and asking the faculty to nominate or apply to the Interim Dean Position. This will be a confidential process, and the Provost will meet with the Faculty (perhaps as early as the next regularly scheduled meeting) regarding her observations after speaking with the candidates.
 - iii. Dean Scarnecchia is willing to offer the Provost any suggestions made by the faculty regarding the process of her appointing an Interim Dean.
 - iv. The permanent term for the next dean will begin the following school year (July 2009).
 - v. Discussion ensued.
 1. A motion was made and seconded that the Interim Dean cannot be a candidate for the permanent position.
 2. After discussion a friendly amendment to the motion was made (and agreed upon by the seconds) that the faculty’s preference would be that the Interim Dean not be considered a candidate for permanency. The wording was changed to “Faculty recommends to the Provost that the Interim Law Dean not be a candidate for the permanent position.”
 3. Upon a vote the amended motion passes with 15 in favor, 4 against and 8 abstentions.

- vi. Dean Scarnecchia indicated that she would let the Provost know the faculty's recommendation. She also stated that it would be better for an individual to be appointed as soon as possible to ease transition.
- vii. The Dean described the process of a permanent Dean search a little further.

II. Natural Resources Hire Update

- a. Dean Scarnecchia thanked everyone involved for a great job interacting with the candidate and his wife when they last visited. They loved it here.
- b. The candidate's current University voted yesterday to move forward with an expedited spousal hire process for a tenure track position.
- c. Dean Scarnecchia is also moving forward with our campus regarding spousal hiring based on the responses from the people who met with her last week and really liked and were interested in her.
- d. The candidate said their decision will not be delayed by waiting on the current University's offer.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Bauman
Administrative Assistant to the Dean