

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW  
FACULTY MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 19, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 3:11 p.m.

Attendance: Marcia Baker, Norman Bay, Barbara Bergman, Kip Bobroff, Sherri Burr, Barbara Creel, Eileen Gauna, Erik Gerding, April Land, Margaret Montoya, Jenny Moore, Mike Norwood, Sergio Pareja, Carol Parker, Leo Romero, Suellyn Scarnecchia, Carol Suzuki

Students: Brian Close

Sr. Admin/Staff: Sandra Bauman, Bonnie Stepleton

I. Announcements

- a. Minzner Chair Update: Legislature passed an allocation of \$600,000 which must be matched dollar-for-dollar by private fundraising, and an additional \$102,000 of unmatched funds was allocated through individual legislators. This gives us a good head start towards the \$1.5 million chair.
- b. Dean Scarnecchia passed on to the Provost the content of the last faculty meeting. The Provost sent faculty a memo and Friday is the deadline for applications or recommendations for the Interim Dean position.
- c. Hiring Update: Things are going very well. There is definite interest in the NR candidate's spouse from two areas on main campus. She is in town to interview with people tomorrow, and hopefully a decision will be made by Friday. The candidate has indicated a very positive outcome based on what happens in the next few days.
- d. Dean Scarnecchia addressed a student incident that occurred last week, and relayed the information that everyone involved is working on a process of dealing with the episode in a positive way. She thanked Associate Dean Mike Norwood and Assistant Dean Bonnie Stepleton specifically for their efforts. Assistant Dean Cyndi Johnson is currently looking into different electronic conversation/communication systems that may help alleviate situations such as this in the future.
- e. Professor Laura Gómez announced the production of the Vagina Monologues this weekend, including that she and Professors Carol Suzuki and Antoinette Sedillo Lopez are each involved on different production nights. The proceeds will benefit the Hopi battered women's shelter. Professor Kip Bobroff announced that he and Professor Steven Homer will be leading small group discussions after the Saturday performance. He and Professor Eileen Gauna extended the students' desire that a female faculty member volunteer to lead an additional discussion group.
- f. Dean Scarnecchia and Assistant Dean Stepleton passed out some resource information regarding stress, emergency and crisis management with students in wake of the last week's incident and the shooting at Northern Illinois University.

- g. Legislative Funding Update: SILC appropriation of \$214,000 appears to have been approved. The Utton center has also received \$55,000. All IPL money came through and the Court of Appeals building funding is awaiting approval.
- h. Assistant Dean Stepleton asked the faculty to begin thinking early about graduation awards. She, Bill Uher, and Nancy Huffstutler, will be compiling a list of awards (with monetary amounts attached) to turn over to the committee, who will then call for nominations. Additional awards can be proposed by faculty members. She also encouraged everyone to plan on attending, and order their regalia early.

II. Faculty heard presentations by Professors Jenny Moore, Sergio Pareja, Barbara Bergman and Ted Occhialino on teaching styles and techniques with discussion following.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Bauman  
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