

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW  
FACULTY MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 1, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

Attendance: Marsha Baum, Norman Bay, Barbara Bergman, Kip Bobroff, Michael Browde, Louis Caldera, Barbara Creel, Eileen Gauna, Laura Gómez, Scott Hughes, April Land, Nathalie Martin, José Martinez, Alfred Mathewson, Margaret Montoya, Ted Occhialino, Sergio Pareja, Carol Parker, Leo Romero, Suellyn Scarnecchia, Robert Schwartz, Carol Suzuki, Peter Winograd

Sr. Admin/Staff: Carmen Rawls, Bonnie Stepleton

Guests: Mark Manzutto

I. Presentation by Mark Manzutto, from PPD, on SOL ADA compliance goals for rooms 2405 and 2406, and proposals to reach them. Faculty were asked to think about the proposals, and offer feedback, as a vote on the decision of which proposal to follow will be brought up at a later faculty meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the following Faculty Meetings: January 22, 2008, January 29, 2008, February 5, 2008, February 19, 2008 and March 4, 2008. Upon a vote the minutes were approved with no corrections or additions.

III. Announcements

- a. Dean Scarnecchia provided the reasoning behind the request from IPL to convert the basement storage space into office space, and the details regarding the space available for transferring some of the items stored to alternative areas within SOL, as well as other storage options. The files need to be moved by April 11 to allow construction to begin on April 14. She suggested the faculty consider the issue and come up with a storage policy which will be fair for all faculty members throughout their tenure at SOL.
- b. Indian Law faculty has been talking to Professor Santa Falcone (from School of Public Administration) regarding teaching/beginning a program on Tribal Administration. If faculty has concerns or would like to give feedback, please let Dean Scarnecchia, John LaVelle, or any of the Indian Law faculty know.
- c. Dean Scarnecchia briefed the faculty on what is currently going on within UNM regarding the budget.
- d. Bonnie Stepleton reminded the faculty:
  - i. of the faculty advisement training session on Friday, April 4, at 12:30 in the Faculty Lounge.
  - ii. of the "first ever" Faculty Advising Fair scheduled for Monday, April 7, at 1:00 p.m. in the Forum.

- e. to nominate students for the graduation Honors and Awards previously provide by Professor Mathewson.
- f. April 2 event announcements:
  - i. Celebration on April 3 at 1:00 p.m. for National Mock Trial Team - first time UNMSOL has gotten past the first round, and made it to 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the country.
  - ii. Retirement reception at 4:30 for Marilyn O'Leary and Ruth Singer.
  - iii. Terri Cole will be speaking for the Business Law Society students.

#### IV. Faculty Senate Representative

Dean Scarnecchia has asked anyone who is interested in serving the remainder of Carol Parker's term to let her know.

#### V. Order of the Coif

Peter Winograd introduced the recommendation of the executive committee of the Order of the Coif to admit a new chapter: Pepperdine University. A motion was made, seconded and voted on by all members of the Order of the Coif unanimously to admit the new chapter.

#### VI. Dean Search Plans

- a. Leo Romero announced that the Provost's office appears to be open to the idea of accelerating the search process, and at least starting it before the new Provost arrives.
- b. He expressed his perspective that the faculty should discuss the following three (although more may come up) issues in regard to the search:
  - i. How many faculty members will be on the committee?
  - ii. What should be the faculty role in selecting the faculty members on the committee?
  - iii. What should be the faculty role in suggesting other members of the committee?
- c. In order to facilitate discussion and decisions regarding the search, he provided some details regarding the last search committee by handing out:
  - i. an annotated version of the 2001 ad circulated at that time, and asking the faculty to look it over and offer any other suggestions of changes to be made.
  - ii. a list detailing the composition of the last committee so the faculty could see who was represented.
  - iii. the time-line that was used in 2001, as well as a suggested time-line for the current search.
- d. Professor Romero believed it to be reasonable to ask, as a faculty, that the Provost have the committee in place by May 1. He envisions a three to three-and-a-half month active recruitment process, with a potential decision by the hiring officer to occur in early December.
- e. Discussion was invited and ensued.
  - i. A motion was made to form a small committee to research specific avenues the dean search should take, which passed unanimously upon a vote. Volunteers for said committee were solicited.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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