

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW  
FACULTY MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 15, 2008**

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

Attendance: Norman Bay, Paul Biderman, Sandy Gaines, Eileen Gauna, Erik Gerding, Scott Hughes, April Land, John LaVelle, Mike Norwood, Sergio Pareja, Carol Parker, Leo Romero, Suellyn Scarnecchia, Robert Schwartz, Carol Suzuki, Peter Winograd

Staff: Sandra Bauman

I. Announcements

- a. Pre-Dean search committee suggested at the last faculty meeting has been formed and includes: Chair, Laura Gómez, Margaret Montoya, Alfred Mathewson, Scott Hughes and Marsha Baum.
- b. Based on the feedback received, it is evident that attempting to begin a Tribal Masters Program within the Law School, with Professor Santa Falcone, is not currently a viable idea. Dean Scarnecchia has recommended to John LaVelle that he, and the Indian Law faculty, meet with the new director of the Public Administration program about moving forward together in working on a Tribal Administration Masters program.
- c. Dean Scarnecchia provided a fund balance update.
- d. Dean Scarnecchia provided some clarification on filling faculty spots - including possible hiring - announcing that more conversation on this will be forthcoming. A major question to be considered is how well SOL can handle multiple faculty searches along with the Dean search. Recommendations will be brought back to the faculty for consideration.
- e. Dean Scarnecchia reviewed the schedule for the upcoming Faculty Meetings, indicating that since there is so much to cover at the April 29 meeting some of that agenda may be put off to the May 13 meeting.
- f. Erik Gerding presented follow-up to an e-mail sent to faculty from the Student Affairs committee which asked faculty to advertise their attendance policy and encourage students to use unexcused absences for illness (including sick children). The reasoning for this is to help those with major health issues not to be unnecessarily exposed to contagious illnesses. Faculty were asked to notify Susan Mitchell about their attendance policies as well in order to incorporate them into tutor training. It was suggested that the faculty strongly consider having a conversation about coming to consensus over more uniform absence policies.

II. Report from IPL - Paul Biderman, Director

- a. The following areas were covered in the presentation:

- i. A brief history to date of the mission, purpose, budget, personnel structure and growth.
  - ii. The work/mission of each of the centers within IPL including: funding, anecdotes, publications, conferences, classes, and details of each program.
  - iii. A brief description of the new development of regaining “public policy” as a joint area, as the Institute for Public Policy will be moving over to the Law School, with Paul Biderman named as interim director.
  - iv. Positive movement in the attempt to form a Consortium for Private and Public Policy with other UNM entities to provide a forum for constructive public dialogue, discussions and resolutions. Some potential areas include climate change and immigration issues.
- b. Dean Scarnecchia reiterated her desire to increase the connections between SOL and IPL. She encouraged faculty to let Paul Biderman, or the directors of various centers, know if they have particular interest in any of the areas of IPL’s work.

### III. President’s Strategic Framework and SOL’s Strategic Planning Process

- a. Dean Scarnecchia introduced the background for discussion about President Schmidly’s Strategic Framework.
- b. Her suggestion is to continue on the current path SOL has begun with our strategic planning conversation into next year, as she believes it fits very well and easily into the President’s framework.
- c. Dean Scarnecchia defined many areas where SOL’s current conversation coincides well within the President’s framework, and asked for the faculty’s support for her to report back to main campus that the way SOL is currently handling strategic planning can very well be part of the framework.
- d. Questions and discussion ensued.
- e. A main focus of leadership under this administration is being able to articulate how goals are being met (or exceeded).
- f. Student assessment is being heavily stressed. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez has agreed to be liaison between SOL and main campus in this area.
- g. Dean Scarnecchia handed out and discussed her proposals for moving the strategic planning process forward.
- h. The Carnegie Follow-up study will be looking for a replacement for her from SOL. She may be able to stay on the study in a more general role, but that has yet to be determined.
- i. Some additional discussion followed, including a broad discussion about various ways to continue the strategic planning process at the law school.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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