

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW
FACULTY MEETING**

September 11, 2007

Dean Scarnecchia called the September 11, 2007, Faculty meeting of the UNM School of Law to order at 3:06 p.m.

Attendance: Marcia Baker, Marsha Baum, Norman Bay, Paul Biderman, Barbara Blumenfeld, Kip Bobroff, Michael Browde, Sherri Burr, Chris Fritz, Eileen Gauna, Erik Gerding, Laura Gómez, Scott Hughes, John LaVelle, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Nathalie Martin, José Martinez, Margaret Montoya, Jennifer Moore, Mike Norwood, Ted Occhialino, Daniel Ortega, Sergio Pareja, Carol Parker, Leo Romero, Suellyn Scarnecchia, Rob Schwartz, Carol Suzuki, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Peter Winograd

Students: Joshua Allison, Esteli Juarez, Ed Perea

Staff: Cyndi Dean, John Feldman, Melissa Lobato, Peggy Lovato, Susan Mitchell, Bonnie Stepleton, Pat Trainor, Bill Uher

I. Announcements

- a. Dean Scarnecchia announced the next presentation on Best Practices by Peter Joy will be on October 2.
- b. Deans' Group will plan out the use of Faculty meetings for Strategic Planning for the rest of the year.
- c. Dean Scarnecchia announced she e-mailed a memo detailing this years' Professorships and Awards, and acknowledged the recipients: Professor Ted Occhialino continues to hold the Karelitz Chair; Professors Jim Ellis and Rob Schwartz hold the Weihofen Chair (reminded everyone of the Oct. 25th event honoring Professor Ellis); Professors Chris Fritz, John LaVelle and Alfred Mathewson were awarded Dickason Professorships; Professor Gloria Valencia-Weber, the Regents' Professorship; Professor Erik Gerding, the Regents' Lecturer; Associate Dean Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, the Alumni Association Award; and Professor Barbara Bergman, the Friedman Award.
- d. Security survey of the building will be conducted. A recent night-time security sweep of the building revealed that faculty are not locking their office doors, which Dean Scarnecchia encouraged everyone to remember to do.
- e. 1st Difficult Dialogue is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19. Dean Scarnecchia plans to hold a discussion about the Student Forum, including questions about whether or not to have such a listserv, and if so, should there be standards in place? If possible, she would like to hold a debate with someone willing to take stance of keeping it in place.
- f. Dean Scarnecchia and Bill Uher would like SOL to wait until October to decide on an appropriate memorial to honor Justice Pamela Minzner. Will talk with Dick Minzner. Faculty were encouraged to continue to share their ideas with Dean Scarnecchia.

- g. Peter Winograd announced Loan Forgiveness (for broader group than just law school graduates working in public service sector) approved by both House and Senate.
- h. SBA Announcements by SBA President Ed Perea:
 - i. Josh Allison will Chair the Honor Code Review Committee which is charged with reviewing the code and deciding whether to make any modifications.
 - ii. SBA Auction will be on Tuesday, October 9th.
 - iii. Appointments to the Dean's Committees and SBA Executive Boards will be announced via e-mail.

II. Self Study Document – Associate Dean Mike Norwood

- a. Associate Dean Norwood outlined the process the faculty would follow in modifying and adopting each section of the Self Study document. He acknowledged the hard work of the committee, the senior administrators, the faculty, and Melissa Lobato to this point.
 - i. The report will be projected onto the screen page by page, allowing for discussion or discussion. (During the discussion that followed, Associate Dean Norwood asked faculty to focus on substantive changes.)
 - ii. At the end of each section a vote of approval for that section's inclusion in the Self Study will be taken, with the assumption that its appearance on the screen represents the motion to adopt that particular section.
 - iii. Significant modifications should be made by motion with a second, with votes being taken as these arise.
 - iv. Comments provided by the faculty since last Friday fall into two categories:
 - 1. those easily handled such as typographical and grammatical changes, which were made without discussion; and
 - 2. those requiring discussion by the faculty, which will appear on the screen in yellow highlighted text.
- b. Self Study Section Discussion/Approval
 - i. Introduction
 - 1. Changes were proposed, discussed and made as agreed upon by the group.
 - 2. It was proposed the modified Introduction Section be adopted by the Faculty for their Self Study, which, upon a vote, passed with one vote against.
 - ii. Administration
 - 1. Changes were proposed, discussed and made as agreed upon by the group.
 - 2. It was proposed the modified Administration Section be adopted by the Faculty for their Self Study, which, upon a vote, passed with two abstentions.
 - iii. Law School Finances and University Support
 - 1. Changes were proposed, discussed and made as agreed upon by the group.
 - 2. It was proposed the Finance Section be adopted (to include an updated budget report) by the Faculty for their Self Study, which, upon a vote, passed with one abstention.

- iv. Program of Legal Education
 - 1. Changes were proposed, discussed and made as agreed upon by the group.
 - 2. It was proposed the modified Program of Studies Section be adopted by the Faculty for their Self Study, which, upon a vote, passed with one abstention.
- v. Faculty
 - 1. Changes were proposed, discussed and made as agreed upon by the group.
 - 2. It was proposed the modified Faculty Section be adopted by the Faculty for their Self Study, which, upon a vote, passed with three abstentions.
- vi. Students
 - 1. Associate Dean Norwood asked if the one of the faculty was willing to draft a paragraph regarding concerns articulated about the environment at SOL being uninviting to the expression of conservative viewpoints, the inclusion of which would be further discussed by the faculty. Professor Ted Occhialino volunteered to draft such a paragraph and submit it for review via e-mail.
 - 2. Discussion continued regarding additional proposed changes. However due to time constraints, and the number of items proposed, further discussion and voting on the Student section was postponed to the next Faculty Meeting.
- vii. Associate Dean Norwood invited faculty to continue to provide feedback on the remainder of the Self Study.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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