

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW
FACULTY MEETING**

September 18, 2007

Dean Scarnecchia called the September 18, 2007, Faculty meeting of the UNM School of Law to order at 3:09 p.m.

Attendance: Marcia Baker, Marsha Baum, Norman Bay, Barbara Blumenfeld, Kip Bobroff, Michael Browde, Barbara Creel, Chris Fritz, Eileen Gauna, Erik Gerding, Laura Gómez, Scott Hughes, April Land, John LaVelle, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Nathalie Martin, José Martinez, Alfred Mathewson, Margaret Montoya, Jennifer Moore, Ted Occhialino, Sergio Pareja, Carol Parker, Leo Romero, Suellyn Scarnecchia, Carol Suzuki, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Peter Winograd

Students: Joshua Allison, Esteli Juarez

Staff: Sandra Bauman, John Feldman, Melissa Lobato, Susan Mitchell, Bonnie Stepleton, Pat Trainor

I. Announcements

- a. JAG Interviews: Professor Erik Gerding announced that JAG will be interviewing at SOL on September 25. An amelioration letter will go out shortly to students and faculty, and language will also be posted around the school. If anyone is interested in volunteering to “man” an amelioration table in the Forum, please let contact Professor Gerding.
- b. First Year Student James Quinn: Professor Jenny Moore announced that a memory book for James Quinn was available, and encouraged anyone who was interested to add their thoughts by Thursday. The book will be given to his family to use during their memorial service on Sunday. Dean Scarnecchia also described the student response, and praised Assistant Dean Stepleton’s interaction with his family. Associate Dean Sedillo Lopez recommended contacting CATS about presenting to classes regarding the grieving process and coping. Dean Scarnecchia reminded the faculty that the family will be holding a memorial service in Santa Fe at 4:00 on Wednesday, September 19, and thanked everyone for their quick and generous responses to this situation.

II. Self Study Discussion – Associate Dean Mike Norwood

Associate Dean Norwood projected the most recent draft of the Self Study document, which reflected the changes decided upon during the last Faculty meeting.

- a. Student Section
 - i. The first item presented for discussion and vote was the language written by Professor Occhialino regarding the liberal bent of the Law School. A motion was

made by Professor Occhialino and seconded by Professor Baum to include the paragraph in relationship to the student survey, and discussion ensued. During the discussion a motion was made by Professor Bobroff to substitute his language for Professor Occhialino's. This motion was seconded by Professor Gómez.

Additional discussion followed, during which it was suggested to substitute the word "divergent" for "political," which was approved by both Professors Bobroff and Gómez. After additional conversation Professor Bobroff called the question: whether or not to support the proposed substitute paragraph including the friendly amendment change into the Self Study. Upon a vote it was approved to include the paragraph in the Self Study with five votes against.

- ii. Academic Support – Professor Mathewson indicated his desire to provide a history of the Academic Support program which reflects how we arrived to where we are now.
 - iii. Associate Dean Norwood proposed the Student Section as is be adopted by the Faculty for their Self Study. Upon a vote the Student Section was approved with 2 abstentions.
 - iv. Assistant Dean Feldman brought two reservations he had to the attention of the Faculty, one of which the Faculty agreed to delete and the other they decided to leave as is.
- b. Information Resources Section
- i. This section includes the Library, Information Technology and Media Center services. Associate Dean Norwood could not identify any particular areas needing discussion.
 - ii. He proposed the Faculty adopt the Information Resources section for inclusion in the Self Study. Upon a vote this section was approved with one abstention.
- c. Facilities Section
- i. This section acknowledges great strides made in improving the facility since the last Self Study, and it identifies the short-comings that still exist.
 - ii. Comments were invited.
 - iii. After discussion, Associate Dean Norwood moved that the Faculty adopt the Facilities section for inclusion in the Self Study. Upon a vote this section was approved with three abstentions.
- d. The adoption of these sections concludes the major work on the Self Study, which is now complete except for small changes – which will be accepted until Wednesday, September 19, 2007.
- e. Dean Scarnecchia thanked the Self Study Committee for all their hard work, with special attention to Associate Dean Mike Norwood and Melissa Lobato.

Dean Scarnecchia announced the Admissions report on the current First Year class will be presented at the next Faculty meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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