

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW
FACULTY MEETING**

Tuesday, September 30, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m.

Attendance: Norman Bay, Reed Benson, Barbara Blumenfeld, Sherri Burr, Louis Caldera, Barbara Creel, Eileen Gauna, Steven Homer, April Land, John LaVelle, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, José Martinez, Jennifer Moore, Daniel Ortega, Sergio Pareja, Carol Parker, Liz Rapaport, Leo Romero, Carol Suzuki, Peter Winograd

Staff/Sr. Admin.: Sandra Bauman, Peggy Lovato, Susan Mitchell,

Guest: Provost Suzanne Ortega

I. Presentation by Provost Suzanne Ortega

- a. Dean Romero introduced Provost Ortega, asking her to present a little background on herself to the faculty. He then asked each faculty member to introduce him- or herself, and provide some information about areas of teaching and scholarship.
- b. Following the exchange of introductions, Provost Ortega opened the meeting up for a question and answer period as a way of providing a more interactive environment.
 - i. The Provost articulated and elaborated a bit on the following three questions she feels are primary:
 1. How can UNM grow its student body in a way that is responsive to concerns of access across the state for all citizens, and, at the same time, ensure the timely degree completion of all students?
 2. What would it mean if UNM really can (re)claim the title “University of the Americas?”
 3. How does diversity more deeply penetrate the nature of what we do in the classroom and as scholars?
 - ii. Discussion of these as well as additional questions and ideas posed by the faculty ensued. The Provost shared, at Dean Romero’s request, her view of retention of faculty lines at college levels, particularly as it would relate to the law school.
- c. Dean Romero thanked Provost Ortega for her willingness to meet and speak with the faculty today.

II. Announcements

- a. The following announcements were distributed in print for faculty to read and comment upon:
 - i. Leo is pleased to report that Krista Kelley will be the new Development Director for the Law School. She will begin October 20. She comes to us from Adelante Development Center, where she has served as the Chief Development Officer. (She later withdrew her acceptance.)
 - ii. Judicial Selection News:

1. 12th Judicial District: Leo and Sandra will be in Alamogordo for the Judicial Nominating Commission meeting on Friday, October 3, to fill a vacancy in the District Court, 12th Judicial District.
 2. Court of Appeals: Leo and Sandra will be in Santa Fe for the Appellate Nominating Commission meeting for two days, October 15-16, to fill three vacancies on the NM Court of Appeals.
 3. 2nd Judicial District: Leo and Sandra will be in Albuquerque, beginning November 13, for the Judicial Nominating Commission meeting to fill two vacancies on the 2nd Judicial District Court.
- iii. The breakfast in honor of our graduates before the swearing-in ceremony was a real success according to our graduates. Thanks to Carmen Rawls for organizing it, and Barbara Bergman for hosting the event.
- b. There was no comment or discussion, and no additional announcements were made.

III. Faculty Travel Policy

- a. Dean Romero reminded everyone of the details of the current policy.
- b. Discussion and clarification followed.

IV. Additional Discussion

- a. The meeting proceeded into a period of open, general discussion that touched on the following topics:
 - i. Faculty lines.
 - ii. The dean search process.
 - iii. Contemplating an increase in the size of the student body at the law school.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Bauman
Administrative Assistant to the Dean