

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW  
FACULTY MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 11, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 3:11 p.m.

Attendance: Marsha Baum, Reed Benson, Barbara Bergman, Michael Browde, Camille Carey, Eileen Gauna, Erik Gerding, Laura Gómez, April Land, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Nathalie Martin, Alfred Mathewson, Mike Norwood, Daniel Ortega, Sergio Pareja, Carol Parker, Liz Rapaport, Carol Suzuki, Kevin Washburn

Students: Lacey Daniels

Staff/Sr. Admin: Sandra Bauman, Stephanie Grant, William Jackson, Bonnie Stepleton

**I. Announcements**

- a. Dean Kevin Washburn introduced Stephanie Grant, the new school administrator.
- b. Dean Washburn presented a brief budget update.
- c. Dean Washburn reported on the DV/DWI Practice program, and follow-up from Governor Richardson's press conference.
- d. Associate Dean Barbara Bergman reminded the faculty of the grade submission deadlines.
- e. Dean Washburn solicited volunteers for reading names and hooding during graduation ceremonies.
- f. Associate Dean Mike Norwood relayed Melissa Lobato's request that the faculty notify her of any projects with which the support staff might offer assistance over the summer.
- g. Professor April Land reminded faculty of the May 14<sup>th</sup> Honors and Awards Ceremony.
- h. Dean Washburn reminded faculty of the May 14<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals dedication, and encouraged them to visit the Court prior to the start of the Honors and Awards Ceremony.
- i. Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez reminded faculty to let her know if they would like to be included on the invitation list for the June 4<sup>th</sup> event, "The Role of a Public University in New Mexico: A Dialogue Among Legislators, Faculty, Staff and Student and Community Leaders," held at the Law School.

**II. Approval of April 20, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

- a. The motion to approve the minutes as presented was seconded, and no discussion ensued.
- b. The vote to approve the minutes without changes or corrections was unanimous.

**III. State Bar "Bridge the Gap" Mentorship Program – Dean Kevin Washburn**

- a. Dean Washburn reminded faculty about the program, as presented at the last meeting, and indicated his desire to provide the State Bar with Law School faculty input, as promised.


- b. Discussion ensued, focusing on the general idea of a mentorship program for new attorneys.
- c. Following the conversation, Dean Washburn summarized he would report back to the State Bar that the faculty is hopeful about the program, has no significant concerns, and would detail modest concerns faculty currently have.

IV. Curriculum Committee Report – Professor Reed Benson, Co-chair

- a. Professor Benson reminded faculty of the proposal broached at the last meeting, and provided detailed explanation of the rationale and history for those who were previously absent.
- b. Professor Benson, on behalf of the committee, asked that the faculty approve the proposal as presented, and invited discussion.
- c. Conversation regarding the proposal ensued.
  - i. Ultimately, rather than consider the entire proposal, a friendly amendment was made to simply include the following verbiage in the current handbook in within the description of First-Year Curriculum requirements: “A student must earn a minimum grade of C minus in LRRW and in Advocacy. Furthermore, in order to enroll in Advocacy, a student must have either earned a C minus or better in LRRW, or have both the recommendation of his or her LRRW professor and the consent of his or her Advocacy Professor.”
  - ii. The amendment was seconded, and passed by a majority vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Bauman  
Administrative Assistant to the Dean