

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW
FACULTY MEETING**

Tuesday, September 1, 2009

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

Attendance: Megan Argo, Marsha Baum, Reed Benson, Barbara Bergman, Paul Biderman, Sherri Burr, Camille Carey, Barbara Creel, Chris Fritz, Eileen Gauna, Erik Gerding, Laura Gómez, Steven Homer, April Land, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Nathalie Martin, José Martinez, Jenny Moore, Mike Norwood, Ted Occhialino, Daniel Ortega, Carol Parker, Liz Rapaport, Leo Romero, Carol Suzuki, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Kevin Washburn, Peter Winograd, Christine Zuni Cruz

Students: Brian Close, Lacey Daniels

Staff/Sr. Admin: Sandra Bauman, William Jackson Peggy Lovato, Susan Mitchell, Bonnie Stepleton

Guests: Dr. Bob Bailey

I. Dean's Introduction and Welcome

- a. Dean Kevin Washburn welcomed Professors Nathalie Martin, Ted Occhialino and Margaret Montoya back from leaves. He also welcomed and introduced Camille Carey, visiting clinic professor, and William Jackson, the Law School's new registrar.
- b. Dean Washburn reintroduced Student Bar Association representatives Brian Close (3L) and Lacy Daniel (2L).
- c. Dean Washburn reported on his activities over his first few months here; spoke about his vision for the Law School, and plans in place for reinvigorating class reunions. He thanked the faculty for their support, guidance and patience.
- d. Dean Washburn congratulated Professor Erik Gerding for his excellent presentation to the Albuquerque Bar Association.
- e. Questions were invited and discussion ensued.

II. State and University Budget Forecast

- a. Dean Washburn presented a brief picture of the current and future budgetary outlook.
- b. He announced that the goal for funding the Minzner Chair has been reached, and there are other chairs and major gifts in the works.
- c. It looks as though a number of retirements in the near future will significantly impact budgetary as well as other aspects of the Law School.
- d. Questions, comments and discussion ensued.

III. A motion to adopt the minutes of the April 21, 2009, meeting was made and seconded. The faculty voted unanimously to approve the minutes with no revisions.

IV. Announcements

- a. Dean Washburn made the following announcements:
 - i. Faculty should e-mail notification to the dean of any nationally recognized honors or awards received in the past.
 - ii. Alumni Achievement Award dinner, on October 9th, will honor Senator Tom Udall, Paula Tackett and Professor Emeritus Bill MacPhearson.
 - iii. The Karelitz Chair litigation has been settled.
 - iv. The Karelitz Oil and Gas Chair is currently open, and recommendations are welcome.
 - v. Career Services will provide brief details about the job market and students at an upcoming faculty meeting.
 - vi. Encouraged faculty to support those students who want to participate in the HNBA Annual Convention in town this week.
- b. Professor Carol Parker provided a brief overview of the new reimbursement policy that covers nonstandard equipment and software.

V. Committee Assignments

- a. Dean Washburn described the intent and charges of some new committees he is appointing.
- b. A finalized list of committee assignments will be ready to circulate shortly.
- c. Questions and discussion ensued, briefly.

VI. Plans for the 2009-2010 Appointments Committee

- a. Professor Liz Rapaport will chair the committee.
- b. No hires will be made this year, and the Law School is not attending the ABA recruitment conference.
- c. The committee's charge is to create a hiring plan for the foreseeable future, as well as to work on a proposal for an Affiliated Faculty Designation to create links across campus with interdisciplinary departments.

VII. Introducing the Class of 2012 by the numbers – Susan Mitchell

- a. Ms. Mitchell presented via the use of PowerPoint and projected spreadsheets.
- b. She provided statistical breakdowns and goals in various categorizations of the student body. She offered to provide a print copy of this information to anyone interested.
- c. Questions and discussion ensued.

VIII. H1N1 Presentation – Dr. Bob Bailey of Risk Services

- a. Dr. Bailey spoke to various points in regard to H1N1 and UNM's response with the help of a PowerPoint presentation.
- b. Upon the conclusion of Dr. Bailey's presentation, Dean Washburn asked the faculty for a motion to relax the current attendance policy in regard to H1N1 issues, including not requiring doctors' notes for a return to class after three to five days.
- c. The motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.
- d. Questions for and discussion with Dr. Bailey ensued.

- IX. Order of the Coif Nominations (student representatives and visitors were excused)
- a. The list of nominees from the class of 2009 was distributed to the faculty.
 - b. A motion was made and seconded to approve for election to the Order the top twelve students based on grade point average. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Bauman
Administrative Assistant to the Dean