

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW
FACULTY MEETING**

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 3:12 p.m.

Attendance: Marsha Baum, Barbara Bergman, Sherri Burr, Camille Carey, Barbara Creel, Eileen Gauna, Laura Gómez, April Land, John LaVelle, Nathalie Martin, José Martinez, Alfred Mathewson, Jennifer Moore, Mike Norwood, Daniel Ortega, Sergio Pareja, Carol Parker, Rob Schwartz, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Kevin Washburn, Peter Winograd

Students: Jesse Allen

Staff/Sr. Admin: Tony Anderson, Sandra Bauman, Hannah Farrington, William Jackson, Cyndi Johnson, Susan Mitchell, Bonnie Stepleton

- I. Approval of Minutes from December 7, 2010 Faculty Meeting
 - a. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the December 7th faculty meeting as presented.
 - b. There was no further discussion, and the motion received unanimous approval by a show of hands.

- II. 2404 Remodel
 - a. The faculty meeting was noticed and held in room 2404 to allow faculty the opportunity to view the room's remodeling completion.
 - b. IT/Media staff member, Tony Anderson, provided a brief showcase/virtual tour of the room's media features.
 - c. Both he and Cyndi Johnson offered faculty members individualized tutorial services should anyone feel them necessary.

- III. Announcements
 - a. Dean Kevin Washburn
 - i. Acknowledged Professor Christine Zuni Cruz receipt of the 2010 Pincus Award at the AALS Annual Meeting earlier in January 2011.
 - ii. Welcomed Rob Schwartz back to the Law School.
 - iii. Reported there was good news with regard to end-of-year giving, details of which would, in part, comprise a development report by Hannah Farrington at a later meeting.
 - iv. Informed faculty that one of the outstanding hiring offers was declined, and he is proceeding to presenting an offer to the next candidate previously approved by the faculty.
 - b. Professor Gloria Valencia-Weber announced the various upcoming events honoring SOL's deceased colleague, Tim Vollmann.

- IV. Budget Update – Associate Dean Carol Parker
 - a. Current economic forecast somewhat brighter than previously expected.
 - b. UNM lobbyists’ current focus is on eliminating the funding formula tuition credit. Dean Parker urged faculty to be willing to play a role in educating political leaders, if requested.
 - c. Both current budget proposals (LFC & DFA) will hit RSPS funding pretty significantly.
 - d. Dean Washburn reminded everyone that another of SOL’s graduates, Nate Gentry, has recently been elected to the legislature, and he encouraged faculty to send congratulatory notes.

- V. DWI/DV Prosecution in Practice Program – Professor Hope Eckert
 - a. Professor Eckert provided the background of the development of the program.
 - b. She described the model the program follows, as well its purpose, goal, philosophy and logistics. The students are very positive about their experiences, and Professor Eckert is receiving a great deal of community interest and support.
 - c. Questions and conversation were invited, but none followed.

- VI. Admissions Update – Assistant Dean Susan Mitchell
 - a. Assistant Dean Mitchell
 - i. Provided a handout copy of information from which she elaborated.
 - ii. Noted that applicants and applications are both down about 10% nationwide.
 - iii. Described the various costs of attendance and means available to students to attempt to meet them.
 - iv. Presented application statistics, including a comparison among the last few years.
 - v. Recruitment efforts covered a much wider scope than ever before. She may ask faculty to reach out personally to applicants interested in specific areas, particularly New Mexico residents; and is interested in input regarding different strategies.
 - vi. A period of questions and discussion followed her presentation.

- VII. NM State Bar & Supreme Court CLE and Professionalism Rules Proposals – Dean Kevin Washburn
 - a. Dean Washburn briefly described the two proposals being considered, accompanied by ongoing discussion among the faculty with regard to their potential impacts:
 - i. Changing the current required one hour in each professionalism and ethics to a 2 hour total requirement in any combination.
 - ii. Eliminating the professionalism requirement and replace it with a mentorship program in which every first year lawyer gets a mentor.
 - b. After continued conversation, Dean Washburn asked whether there was consensus among faculty for one proposal over the other. There was a strong majority in favor of the combined professionalism/ethics proposal. Dean Washburn stated he would communicate the faculty’s viewpoint and ideas to Chief Justice Daniels.

- VIII. ABA Standing Committee on Federal Judicial Improvements, Media Alerts Project, 10th Circuit – Dean Kevin Washburn

- a. Dean Washburn described this ABA initiative to get law schools to adopt a circuit court and summarize (blog) the key cases that are coming up for argument.
- b. Is this something we can take on?
- c. Conversation ensued regarding the ramifications, logistics and feasibility. No definitive action was taken, although it was suggested that a call be made to both of the schools doing this for their respective courts in Texas and Arizona.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra Bauman", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sandra Bauman
Administrative Assistant to the Dean