

FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

1. Announcements
2. Approval of March 22nd Meeting Minutes
3. Student Affairs Committee Report - Professor Megan Argo, Chair
4. Words of Gratitude - Professor Paul Biderman
5. Disciplinary Committee Report - Associate Dean Barbara Bergman
6. ABA Proposed Standards - Associate Dean Mike Norwood

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The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

Attendance: Megan Argo, Marsha Baum, Reed Benson, Barbara Bergman, Paul Biderman, Sherri Burr, Camille Carey, Eileen Gauna, Laura Gómez, Jacquie Hand, Scott Hughes, April Land, Alfred Mathewson, Jenny Moore, Mike Norwood, Sergio Pareja, Carol Parker, Liz Rapaport, Leo Romero, Carol Suzuki, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Kevin Washburn, Peter Winograd

Students: Julia Maccini, David Odegard, Mel Panagakos

Staff/Sr. Admin: Sandra Bauman, Susan Mitchell, Bonnie Stepleton

- I. Approval of March 22, 2011, Faculty Meeting Minutes - Dean Kevin Washburn
 - a. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, as presented, from the March 22nd faculty meeting.
 - b. There was no further discussion, and the motion received unanimous approval by a show of hands.

- II. Announcements
 - a. Dean Washburn
 - i. could provide no budget updates as, at this time, the Governor had not yet signed the new fiscal year's budget bill, and the Regents had not yet finalized their budgetary decision for next year.
 - ii. announced he would be serving on the Interim Provost search committee.
 - iii. is in the process of reviewing summer research grant proposals, and encouraged anyone who had not yet submitted a request to do so as quickly as possible.
 - iv. introduced David Odegard, incoming SBA President, Mel Panagakos, incoming 2L Faculty Representative, and Julia Maccini, incoming 3L Rep.
 - v. reported on the recent Admitted Applicants event.
 - b. Professor April Land reminded faculty of the Honors & Awards nomination deadline, and distributed forms to any who requested them, reiterating that alternative acknowledgements would be made for any student nominated for an unfunded award.

- III. Student Affairs Committee Report - Megan Argo, Chair
 - a. Ms. Argo summarized the background and impact of the high cost of textbooks, and the Law Library's recent policy change (due to said cost) of not maintaining reserves of all textbooks in use.
 - b. Ms. Argo presented recommendations to the faculty to help alleviate this issue, and acknowledged that a student representative from this committee will take an active role in educating the students about steps they can take from their end.
 - c. There was faculty comment and discussion throughout the presentation.


- IV. Parting Words - Professor Paul Biderman
 - a. Dean Washburn introduced Professor Biderman, and thanked him for his many years of service and excellent work on behalf of IPL and the Law School community.
 - b. Professor Biderman addressed the faculty
 - i. providing historical background on his connection with the Law School,
 - ii. encapsulated an overview of his time with IPL and its continued and potential vision for the future, and
 - iii. expressed deep gratitude to the faculty and staff for the quality of relationships, both professional and personal, he has experienced throughout his affiliation.

- V. Disciplinary Committee Report - Associate Dean Barbara Bergman
 - a. Dean Bergman provided an overview of what the committee has been working on given its charges related to the student Honor Code and the lack of procedure for handling non-academic student issues.
 - b. She defined the committee's goals as
 - i. closely evaluating and modifying the current Honor Code, and
 - ii. creating from scratch an administrative disciplinary procedure.
 - c. She distributed two preliminary documents the committee has drafted to meet the stated goals, and which, upon finalization and approval, will become part of the student handbook.
 - d. She invited questions or concerns to be addressed to the committee prior to the faculty meeting at which the final recommendations and documents will be presented for a vote.
 - e. Questions and discussion were invited and ensued.

- VI. ABA Proposed Standards for Accreditation - Associate Dean Mike Norwood
 - a. Dean Norwood distributed print-outs from the ABA website related to two of the areas under review for modification: faculty job retention and tenure, and curriculum.
 - b. He and Professor Emeritus Peter Winograd presented background, and additional information related to the current conversation occurring within the ABA evaluation process.
 - c. Discussion ensued throughout.
 - d. A motion was made and seconded to communicate to the ABA the suggested verbiage, "We endorse the position taken by Georgetown and other law schools relating to the position taken by the ABA."
 - i. Discussion on the motion ensued.
 - ii. A friendly amendment was proposed and accepted to task Dean Washburn and/or Dean Norwood with drafting the appropriate verbiage.
 - iii. Upon a vote, by show of hands, the motion passed with one abstention and no opposition.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra Bauman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Sandra Bauman
Administrative Assistant to the Dean