

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW
FACULTY MEETING**

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m.

Attendance: Reed Benson, Barbara Bergman, Sherri Burr, Camille Carey, Barbara Creel, Chris Fritz, Eileen Gauna, Laura Gómez, April Land, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Nathalie Martin, José Martinez, Alfred Mathewson, Jenny Moore, Mike Norwood, Sergio Pareja, Carol Parker, Liz Rapaport, Carol Suzuki, Kevin Washburn

Students: Jesse Allen, Ethan Watson

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

- I. Approval of October 12, 2010, Faculty Meeting Minutes
 - a. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented.
 - b. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote after no discussion.

- II. Announcements
 - a. Dean Kevin Washburn:
 - i. Provided an update on interactions with our top ranked Civ/Pro candidate [*name Max Minzner or keep anonymous?*] who is actively considering our offer.
 - ii. Reminded faculty of the November 12th 60 for 60 Law School anniversary gala, and provided a brief synopsis of activities currently underway towards its staging.
 - iii. Mentioned his recent meeting with Justice Alito, and the informal invitation he proffered for the Justice to visit our law school.
 - b. Professor April Land announced the hiring of Gordan Rahn to spearhead the grant-funded Innocence & Justice Project.
 - c. Associate Dean Carol Parker presented a budget update, encapsulating the current initiatives being explored both nationally and by UNM.
 - d. Associate Dean Barbara Bergman reminded faculty of the October 20th Faculty Advisement Fair, thanking those who have already volunteered and inviting others so interested to contact her.
 - e. Professor Alfred Mathewson attempted to recruit more members for the UNMSOL basketball team in response to the Court of Appeal's challenge.

- III. Faculty Appointments Committee – Professor Liz Rapaport
 - a. Hiring Vote on Business and Tax Clinic Position
 - i. Professor Rapaport stated that the Committee recommended moving forward on at least two of the three candidates for faculty consideration, unless the faculty decided to consider all three for ranking for hiring offers.

- ii. Professors Nathalie Martin and Camille Carey presented brief reports about their interactions with the references provided by each of the candidates.
 1. Professor Martin presented a synopsis of Jim Kelly's references, all exceptionally positive in all areas of teaching, collegiality and scholarship.
 2. Professor Carey presented a synopsis for each of:
 - a. Jenny O'Flanagan – great with clients, delightful, strong doctrinally and analytically, astute diplomat, comfortable taking leadership role among peers, engaging in scholarship.
 - b. Julie Lawton – great with clients, classic team player, good non-hierarchical supervisory style, practical and academic, more practitioner-oriented.
 3. Professors Martin, Sergio Pareja and Alfred Mathewson each spoke as members of the Business/Tax faculty, providing some background and vision for the clinic, and offered their personal insights and preferences on the order in which the candidates should be considered.
 4. Wider conversation by the rest of the faculty was then invited, and compilations of faculty and student comments on each of the candidates were distributed. Various faculty members offered their insights and input about the clinic in general and each candidate, specifically, as well as voicing their preferred rankings.
 5. The question for voting on hiring recommendations was called.
 - a. Dean Washburn received consensus by the faculty to move forward with two of the three candidates.
 - b. The first vote, by secret ballot, resulted in a majority preferring one of the two remaining candidates.
 - c. The second vote, by secret ballot, resulted in a majority greater than 60% authorizing the Dean to make an offer to this first candidate.
 - d. The third vote, by show of hands, resulted in the requisite percentage (greater than 40%) of faculty in favor of considering the remaining candidate.
 - e. The fourth vote, by show of hands, resulted in a majority greater than 60% authorizing the Dean to make an offer to the second candidate, should the first candidate decline.
 6. Professor Chris Fritz thanked and congratulated the Appointments Committee for all their hard work to date. Dean Washburn heartily concurred, and indicated he would extend a hiring offer to the first candidate immediately.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Bauman
Administrative Assistant to the Dean