

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW  
FACULTY MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 24, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m.

*Attendance*

*Faculty:* Grace Allison, George Bach, Reed Benson, Barbara Bergman, Sherri Burr, Jim Butler, Camille Carey, Barbara Creel, Jim Ellis, John Feldman, Chris Fritz, Eileen Gauna, Pam Lambert, April Land, John LaVelle, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Nathalie Martin, Max Minzner, Ted Occhialino, Carol Parker, Gordon Rahn, Leo Romero, Rob Schwartz, Dave Sidhu, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Kevin Washburn, Christine Zuni Cruz

*Students:* Mel Panagakos

*Staff:* Sandra Bauman

**I. Announcements**

- a. Professor Sherri Burr detailed the upcoming Spring Faculty Colloquium series.
- b. Dean Kevin Washburn
  - i. highlighted requests for nominations for both the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Lectureship Award and the UNM Teaching Awards.
  - ii. announced the finalization of John Feldman's position change to research professor/coordinator of alternative dispute resolution programs.
  - iii. gave a brief legislative update regarding bills being introduced that could potentially impact the Law School.
  - iv. presented an admissions synopsis to date.
  - v. provided an update on Judicial Selection.
  - vi. apprised faculty of his February travel schedule.
  - vii. displayed an example of the integrated budget spreadsheet Associate Dean Carol Parker created to serve as a budgeting tool for the Law School's complex needs.
- c. Professor Barbara Bergman invited faculty to the Career Services Manager candidate presentations on January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.
- d. Dean Parker invited faculty input regarding the development of the old faculty lounge and other underutilized law school space.

**II. Approval of December 12, 2011, Minutes**

- a. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, as presented, from the last faculty meeting.
- b. There was no further discussion and the motion received unanimous approval.

III. Oil and Gas Candidate Consideration - Dean Kevin Washburn

- a. Dean Washburn distributed the information packets previously produced by the Appointments Committee with regard to the candidate under consideration.
- b. The Dean reminded faculty of the background for this position, including
  - i. the December 2011 faculty vote which garnered the candidate the appropriate threshold as acceptable for hiring consideration;
  - ii. and the Dean's follow-up with donors and the provost regarding creatively funding this position.
- c. Professor Reed Benson provided additional information and background on the candidate.
- d. A brief period of discussion followed.
- e. Dean Washburn asked faculty to vote by secret ballot in the following manner:
  - i. Each faculty member was asked to write yes or no to authorize a hiring offer.
  - ii. The candidate received more than the 60% threshold necessary, and Dean Washburn told the faculty he would contact the candidate as soon as possible.

IV. Indian Law Visitor Hire Consideration

- a. Professors Antoinette Sedillo Lopez and Christine Zuni Cruz briefly touched on this subject, sparking some conversation among the faculty.
- b. Professor Zuni Cruz confirmed she is still in the process of interacting with each faculty member individually on this matter.
- c. A packet on the candidate will be prepared and placed in the old faculty lounge for consultation by faculty members.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Bauman  
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