

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW  
FACULTY MEETING**

**Tuesday, September 13, 2011**

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

Attendance

Faculty: George Bach, Reed Benson, Sherri Burr, Jim Butler, Camille Carey, Denise Fort, Chris Fritz, Eileen Gauna, Scott Hughes, April Land, John LaVelle, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, José Martinez, Max Minzner, Jenny Moore, Carol Parker, Rob Schwartz, Dave Sidhu, Quiche Suzuki, Kevin Washburn, Peter Winograd, Christine Zuni Cruz

Students: Julia Maccini

Staff/Sr. Admin: Sandra Bauman, Hannah Farrington, Stephanie Grant, William Jackson, Susan Mitchell, Bonnie Stepleton

I. Approval of August 23, 2011, Meeting 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 by a show of hands.

II. Announcements

- a. Dean Washburn
  - i. thanked everyone involved for Justice Sotomayor's very successful visit, especially Professor Christine Zuni Cruz, Assistant Dean Bonnie Stepleton, and Career & Student Services Coordinator Nancy Huffstutler.
  - ii. announced Justice Mary Murguia's (of the US 9th Circuit Court in Phoenix) pending visit to present the inaugural Sen. Dennis Chavez Lecture on Law & Civil Rights.
  - iii. mentioned his own upcoming presentation as the October 9<sup>th</sup> speaker in the Albuquerque Academy's Grevey Lecture series.
  - iv. briefly updated faculty on the current Class Reunion happenings.
  - v. assured faculty that committee assignments are being finalized and will be disseminated shortly.
- b. Professor Denise Fort announced the Bureau of Reclamation conference being held at the Hotel Andaluz this week.

III. Bar Passage - Assistant Dean Bonnie Stepleton

- a. Assistant Dean Stepleton gave a bit of detail regarding the most recent State Bar exam results, including some statistics, general profiles (without identities) of students who don't pass, and meaningful indicators.

- b. She indicated she would like to have an ongoing conversation with faculty about what to do throughout the educational experience that would help students be better prepared for the exam, and offered some ideas.
- c. Questions and conversation ensued briefly.

IV. Development Update - Assistant Dean Hannah Farrington

- a. Assistant Dean Farrington passed various “show” books and packets around, and ran a PowerPoint slideshow throughout her presentation, providing an update of what’s been going on to date in the Development/Advancement area.
- b. She recapped the last two fiscal years, as well as the current one thus far, and briefly described both the greater UNM capital campaign and the pending School of Law campaign which will be specific to the Hart scholarship fund.
- c. Assistant Dean Farrington provided details of the November 4<sup>th</sup> Distinguished Achievement Awards Dinner honoring Leo Romero, Peter Mallery and Catherine Goldberg.
- d. She briefly described the current search for a Major Gifts Officer whose sole responsibility will be bringing in large donations.
- e. She thanked everyone for the helpful feedback she has received, including describing the outcome of some of it, and asked faculty to continue to bring ideas for events, gift priorities, or cultivation to her. She also asked for input with regard to offering CLE credit for the Chávez lecture, and duplicating in state the upcoming ethics presentation Professor Emeritus Ted Occhialino is giving in Washington, DC.
- f. Though invited, there were no questions following this update.

V. Faculty Appointments Update - Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez

- a. Professor Sedillo Lopez briefly updated the faculty on where the Appointments Committee is in the hiring process to date, including
  - i. the Committee’s plan to fill 30 interview slots during the October AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference in Washington, DC.
  - ii. her own, and the Committee’s in general, opinion of the four various hiring pools.
- b. She asked potential applicants to permanent positions to leave the room as conversation in regard to the potential sole source hiring method ensued.
  - i. The Committee’s decision is not to pursue a sole source hire at this time; additional Committee members provided input on this decision.
  - ii. Questions, comments and discussion proceeded throughout this portion of the meeting.
- c. Upon the conclusion of discussion, those who left the room were invited to rejoin the meeting.

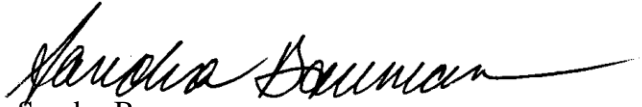
VI. Faculty Disciplinary Policy

- a. Dean Washburn provided brief background on the policy, which was distributed to faculty via e-mail prior, as well as made available in hard-copy, during the meeting.
- b. Dean Washburn asked for faculty feedback prior to responding to the Interim Provost’s request for deans’ input before signing the policy into activity.

- c. Professor Scott Hughes, the School of Law Faculty Senate Representative, gave a bit of additional background, and offered to bring any faculty feedback to the Faculty Senate as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 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