

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW  
FACULTY MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 29, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 3:13 p.m.

*Attendance*

Faculty: George Bach, Marsha Baum, Reed Benson, Barbara Bergman, Sherri Burr, Camille Carey, Barbara Creel, Chris Fritz, Eileen Gauna, Pam Lambert, April Land, John LaVelle, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, José Martinez, Alfred Mathewson, Max Minzner, Jenny Moore, Carol Parker, Gordon Rahn, Leo Romero, Dave Sidhu, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Kevin Washburn, Peter Winograd, Christine Zuni Cruz

Students: Mel Panagakos, Julia Maccini

Staff: Sandra Bauman, Stephanie Grant

- I. Approval of November 22, 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.
  
- II. Announcements
  - a. Dean Kevin Washburn briefly provided details about the following:
    - i. One of the clinic candidates considering a hiring offer scheduled to visit Albuquerque the weekend of December 2 - 4.
    - ii. Professor Eileen Gauna earned her 5-year service pin.
    - iii. Changes to be occurring within the Office of Career and Student Services, including a role transition for Assistant Dean John Feldman and the hiring of a new Career Services director.
    - iv. Lecturer Megan Argo's decision to leave at the end of this academic year, prompting a search for a new Legal Research and Writing instructor.
    - v. The National High School Mock Trials Competition to be held in Albuquerque in May, 2012.
    - vi. His testimonies and appearances before legislative committees, including the Land Grant Committee with Pam Lambert, and the Science Technology and Telecommunications Committee with 3L student Jeffrey Kendall.
  - b. Associate Dean Carol Parker
    - i. Reminded everyone to complete the UNM mandatory annual online training modules by December 31<sup>st</sup>.
    - ii. Reminded those who had not yet done so to submit an electronic version of their most current CVs to Sandra Bauman by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

- iii. Provided additional details about UNM's current food and hospitality policies, specifically regarding reimbursement requests and providing refreshment for events on campus.
  - c. Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez announced an invitation-only legislative dialogue on December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Faculty Club, telling faculty members to let her know if they would like an invitation to attend.
- III. Dr. Chaouki Abdallah, Interim Provost, provided an overview of the Provost Office's priorities, discussed some in greater detail, and interacted with faculty.
- IV. Faculty Appointments Committee Report - Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez
- a. Professor Lopez provided an update on the hiring process in general, and reminded everyone of the continuing discussion and voting on Clinic candidates planned for this meeting.
  - b. After some conversation regarding potential timing issues for discussing and voting on the Indian Law candidates, a motion to hold an additional faculty meeting for this purpose on December 6<sup>th</sup> was made, seconded, and passed with two abstentions.
  - c. Consideration of the remaining Clinic candidates, who had all received the 40% threshold vote for acceptability at the November 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, then proceeded.
    - i. For the first round of voting, by secret ballot, each faculty member was asked to write down the name of his or her preferred candidate, resulting in one candidate receiving the majority of votes.
    - ii. For the second round of voting, by secret ballot, each faculty member was asked to vote "yes" or "no" to authorize the Dean to make a hiring offer to the majority candidate, should either of the two current pending offers be rejected. The resulting vote barely netted the candidate the requisite 60% threshold.
    - iii. Discussion ensued, and, due to time constraints, a motion to table further consideration of this matter until the next meeting was made and seconded, and it was approved by unanimous consent. A vote to adjourn was called, with a majority voting in favor, one opposed and one abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Bauman  
Administrative Assistant to the Dean