

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW  
FACULTY MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 6, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m.

*Attendance*

Faculty: Reed Benson, Sherri Burr, Camille Carey, Barbara Creel, Chris Fritz, Eileen Gauna, Scott Hughes, April Land, John LaVelle, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Nathalie Martin, José Martinez, Alfred Mathewson, Max Minzner, Margaret Montoya, Jenny Moore, Carol Parker, Leo Romero, Dave Sidhu, Carol Suzuki, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Kevin Washburn, Peter Winograd, Christine Zuni Cruz

Students: Tunte Eaton, Tracy Goodluck

Staff: Sandra Bauman, Stephanie Grant, Susan Mitchell, Bonnie Stepleton

I. Announcements

- a. Dean Kevin Washburn and Sandra Bauman reminded faculty members of upcoming holiday celebrations to which they had been invited, and requested responses from those planning to attend.
- b. Dean Washburn provided a brief update on the status of each of the three outstanding hiring offers.

II. Faculty Appointments Committee Report on Indian Law Candidates

- a. NALSA members Tunte Eaton and Tracy Goodluck informed the faculty, that after robust discussion of the three candidates, the student organization endorsed a specific candidate. A letter from the NALSA board addressing this matter was circulated among the faculty.
- b. Professor Christine Zuni Cruz will circulate a letter which she received from the Tribal Law Journal editors endorsing the same candidate.
- c. The three Indian Law candidates were then considered.
  - i. Summarizations of each of the candidates in the areas of teaching, scholarship and references were made as follows:
    1. Professor Zuni Cruz presented on Alex Pearl.
    2. Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez presented on Casey Douma.
    3. Professor Emeritus Leo Romero presented on Dustin Jansen.
  - ii. Upon conclusion of the presentations, Professor John LaVelle informed the faculty of the Indian Law faculty's strong recommendation of the same candidate endorsed by NALSA and TLJ students. He, and each of the other Indian Law faculty (Professor Barbara Creel, Professor Zuni Cruz, and Professor Emerita Gloria Valencia-Weber), provided additional background and personal insights into this recommendation, as well as general information they believed to be highly beneficial for faculty to consider regarding hiring into this particular teaching area.

- iii. Additional discussion ensued.
- d. Voting then proceeded in the following manner:
  - i. For the first round of voting, by secret ballot, faculty members were asked to write down all of the names each considered acceptable for appointment, resulting with two of the three candidates receiving at least the threshold 40%.
  - ii. For the second round of voting, by secret ballot, faculty members were asked to write down the name of the one candidate he or she preferred between the two receiving the 40% threshold vote. This resulted in a tie between the two candidates, and two votes abstaining.
  - iii. For the third round of voting, by secret ballot, faculty members were asked to vote yes or no to authorizing the Dean to make a hiring offer to either one, both or neither of the candidates. One of the candidates received a bare majority vote, but neither received the supermajority required for an offer.
  - iv. A period of discussion followed.
  - v. A motion was made, and seconded, to repeat the process followed in the third round of voting in light of a potential failed search.
  - vi. A motion was made and seconded to table proceeding on the motion to repeat the third vote until the next faculty meeting. This motion failed upon a vote.
  - vii. A fourth round of voting, by secret ballot, where faculty members were given the same instructions as for the third round of voting, proceeded, with similar outcome: neither candidate received the supermajority required for an offer.
- e. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, which gained unanimous approval upon a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Bauman  
Administrative Assistant to the Dean