

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW
FACULTY MEETING**

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

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

Attendance

Faculty: Reed Benson, Barbara Bergman, Sherri Burr, Camille Carey, Barbara Creel, Jim Ellis, Chris Fritz, Eileen Gauna, Steven Homer, Scott Hughes, John LaVelle, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Nathalie Martin, José Martinez, Alfred Mathewson, Max Minzner, Jenny Moore, Leo Romero, Carol Suzuki, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Kevin Washburn, Peter Winograd, Christine Zuni Cruz

Staff: Sandra Bauman, Stephanie Grant, Susan Mitchell

I. Announcements

- a. Dean Washburn provided a brief summary of his meeting, regarding Judicial Selection, with Governor Martinez earlier in the day.
- b. Dean Washburn encouraged the faculty, and reiterated their accomplishments and teamwork as a whole, especially throughout this year's intensive faculty hiring.
- c. Dean Washburn announced Yael Cannon's acceptance of the faculty's hiring offer.
- d. Dean Washburn presented Professor Sedillo Lopez' and Professor Zuni Cruz' proposal to hire an Indian Law visitor next year. The proposal will be raised as an item for discussion and faculty vote at a future faculty meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

- a. Minutes of Faculty Meeting on Nov. 29, 2011
 - i. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, as presented, from the 11/29/11 faculty meeting.
 - ii. There was no further discussion and the motion received approval of the majority by voice vote, with one opposed and one abstention.
- b. Minutes of Faculty Meeting on Dec. 6, 2011
 - i. A motion was made to approve the minutes, as presented from the 12/6/211 faculty meeting.
 - ii. Professor Christine Zuni Cruz noted one necessary change, after which the motion was seconded.
 - iii. There was no further discussion and the motion, including the requested modification, received approval of the majority by voice vote, with two abstentions.

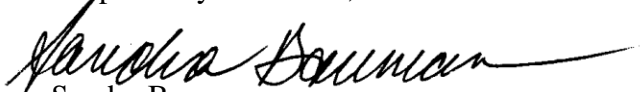
III. Retention, Promotion and Tenure Committee - Professor Alfred Mathewson

- a. All individuals who were not tenure/tenure-track faculty members, with the exception of the Dean's administrative assistant taking minutes, were asked to leave the room for this brief portion of the meeting.
- b. Separate minutes were taken.

- IV. Faculty Appointments Committee - Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez
- a. All those previously asked to leave were invited to return for the remainder of the meeting.
 - b. Summarizations in the areas of teaching, scholarship and references, of each of the candidates for the remaining faculty vacancies were made as follows:
 - i. Professor Max Minzner presented on Thalia Gonzales.
 - ii. Associate Dean Barbara Bergman presented on Adam Morse.
 - iii. Professor Sedillo Lopez presented on both George Bach and Alex Ritchie.
 - c. Dean Washburn presented the faculty with the potential to utilize funding from the Oil and Gas Chair to hire into this area. He asked the faculty to consider this possibility as they continue to discuss the candidates, and he would proceed to interact with the donors if the appropriate candidate receives the 40% threshold.
 - d. After a period of conversation about all the candidates, the faculty proceeded to vote.
 - i. The first round of voting, by secret ballot, resulted in the oil and gas candidate receiving more than the minimum threshold of votes necessary for Dean Washburn to follow through with his proposal to consult with the donors.
 - ii. For the second round of voting, by secret ballot, each faculty member was asked to write down which of the other three candidates they considered acceptable for appointment. All three candidates received more than the 40% threshold.
 - iii. Additional discussion ensued.
 - iv. For the third round of voting, by secret ballot, each faculty member was asked to write only his or her preferred candidate's name, resulting in one candidate receiving the majority of votes.
 - v. The fourth round of voting, by secret ballot, resulted in this candidate receiving more than the 60% threshold authorizing the Dean to extend a hiring offer. Dean Washburn acknowledged he would contact this candidate with an offer.
 - vi. For the fifth round of voting, by secret ballot, each faculty member was asked to write the name of the remaining candidates he or she preferred, with one of the two receiving a majority.
 - vii. The sixth round of voting, by secret ballot, resulted in that candidate receiving more than the 60% threshold, authorizing Dean Washburn to extend an offer should the first candidate decline the offer.
 - viii. The seventh round of voting did not result in the final candidate receiving the 60% threshold to authorize a hiring offer.
 - e. Conversation then proceeded on the topic of consideration and voting for alternate Clinic candidates, should the pending offer be rejected. The consensus was not to conduct any further voting at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Bauman
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