

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW
FACULTY MEETING**

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m.

Attendance

Faculty: Grace Allison, George Bach, Reed Benson, Barbara Bergman, Sherri Burr, Jim Butler, Yael Cannon, Camille Carey, Barbara Creel, Denise Fort, Chris Fritz, Eileen Gauna, Ruth Kovnat, April Land, John LaVelle, Alfred Mathewson, Max Minzner, Aliza Organick, Ritchie, Sergio Pareja, Elizabeth Rapaport, Tony Renzo, Alex Ritchie, Leo Romero, Dave Sidhu, David Stout, Carol Suzuki, Kevin Tu, Peter Winograd, Christine Zuni Cruz

Students: Brian Moore, Stephen Ralph

Sr. Staff/Staff: Heather Harrigan, Pam Lambert, Jennifer Laws, Susan Mitchell, Bonnie Stepleton, Raylene Weis

I. Announcements

The following announcements were made:

- a. Professor Eileen Gauna announced that Professor Marsha Baum, who was currently in Tasmania, was encouraging other faculty to consider visiting Tasmania.
- b. Professor April Land congratulated Professor Burr and the Art Committee for the success of the staff art show that was launched on January 11. Professor Burr announced that the current show would be on display until spring break, when the next exhibit featuring student art work would be displayed.
- c. Professor Alfred Mathewson announced that the Africana Studies program is hosting a kick-off brunch for Black History Month, on January 26. This year's theme is "The 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation."
- d. Dean Bergman announced that Marilyn O'Leary would be available during the spring semester to tutor students who wanted help with their writing skills. She encouraged faculty to recommend that students seek out her assistance.
- e. Professor Eileen Gauna announced that The Natural Resources/Environment Program and the students' Environmental Law Society are co-sponsoring a lecture on February 4, featuring Suedeen Kelly, a former UNM law professor and FERC Commissioner.

The faculty discussed possibly hosting a lunch for Ms. Kelly as part of the faculty colloquium series when she is here.

f. Dean Bergman announced that Provost Abdullah would be attending a future faculty meeting to talk more in detail about RCM (Responsibility Centered Management).

II. Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2012

A motion to approve the minutes from the faculty meeting on December 11, 2012, was made. It was seconded, and the faculty unanimously approved the minutes.

III. Professors Sherri Burr and Camille Carey distributed the agenda for the Spring 2013 Faculty Colloquium Series.

IV. Professor Alfred Mathewson and Susan Mitchell reported on current admission numbers. The new Assistant Dean for Admissions, Jeffery Dubinski-Neessen, will begin work on February 11, 2013.

V. Professor Chris Fritz reported updates from the Assessment Committee – reminding everyone of the original “charge” to the Committee from former Dean Washburn. Professor Fritz introduced the members of the Committee, discussed the actions that have been taken regarding the issues of a mandatory grading curve, and university requirements related to an assessment of students’ performance.

VI. Professor Max Minzner circulated an updated draft regarding Legal Writing Faculty Appointment and Contracts

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.