UNM SCHOOL OF LAW
FACULTY MEETING

Tuesday, August 21, 2012

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

Attendance
Faculty:
Grace Allison, George Bach, Marsha Baum, Reed Benson, Barbara Bergman, Barbara Blumenfeld, Sherri Burr, Jim Butler, Yael Cannon, Camille Carey, Barbara Creel, John Feldman, Chris Fritz, Eileen Gauna, Steven Homer, Scott Hughes, Ruth Kovnat, Pam Lambert, April Land, John LaVelle, Ernesto Longa, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Nathalie Martin, Alfred Mathewson, Max Minzner, Jenny Moore, Aliza Organick, Daniel Ortega, Sergio Pareja, Gordon Rahn, Liz Rapaport, Tony Renzo, Alex Ritchie, Leo Romero, Dave Sidhu, David Stout, Carol Suzuki, Kevin Tu, Kevin Washburn, Christine Zuni Cruz

Students:
Jesse Allen, Leland Begay

Sr. Staff/Staff:
Sandra Bauman, Hannah Farrington Parker, Ramona Garcia, Kelli Grady, Heather Harrigan, William Jackson, Susan Mitchell, Bonnie Stepleton, Curtis Vigil

I.   Announcements
  a. Dean Kevin Washburn
      i.   welcomed new faculty members George Bach, Yael Cannon, Aliza Organick, Tony Renzo, Alex Ritchie, David Stout, and Kevin Tu; new faculty support staff member Kelli Grady; and faculty members returning from leave Sergio Pareja and Elizabeth Rapaport. He also acknowledged Professor Emerita Ruth Kovnat.
      ii. presented UNM service awards to Professor John Feldman (10 years) and staff members Ramona Garcia (10 years) and Curtis Vigil (5 years).
      iii. notified faculty that preliminary "final" faculty committee assignments will be announced shortly.
      iv. provided a brief update on Judicial Nominating Committee activity.
      v.   announced Justice Serna's upcoming retirement reception, offering an invitation for those interested to attend, as well as information regarding the scholarship being established in his honor here at the School of Law.
      vi. offered an update on the progress of the various ongoing construction projects in and around the Law School building, and thanked everyone impacted for their sacrifices and patience.
      vii. acknowledged the success of this year's recent 1L Orientation, as well as all of the work Assistant Dean Bonnie Stepleton and Nancy Huffstutler put into the event.
  b. Professor Nathalie Martin
      i.   announced there are seats available at the Law School table at the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) Annual Dinner, where Professor Margaret

Montoya will receive the 2013 SALT Great Teacher Award. The dinner will occur during the AALS Annual Meeting in New Orleans in January and faculty were urged to attend.

ii. asked faculty for general consent for a yoga class to be held in the Mountain Wing Faculty Lounge twice a week, as there is currently no other space available in the building. This class is open to both faculty and staff. A brief period of comments and questions ensued, with general consensus being given.

c. Professor Sherri Burr distributed the fall faculty colloquium schedule and provided brief descriptions of each speaker and event listed.

II. Approval of May 8, 2012, Faculty 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.

III. Faculty Retreat Report - Professor Jenny Moore

a. Professor Moore announced the dates and times of the upcoming Faculty Retreat: Friday, September 14, 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, September 15, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The location is still to be determined and the ad hoc committee is working on finalizing the agenda.

b. She encouraged faculty to continue meeting in their triads up until the retreat, and thanked those who have provided feedback on their meetings.

c. Professor Mathewson provided some detail with regard to the facilitator who is being hired for this event.

IV. Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid, Spain, Summer Program - Professor Sergio Pareja

a. Professors Pareja and Daniel Ortega provided brief background and proposed details of the summer program being proposed, including curricular suggestions, potential dates to run next summer, UNM Latin American & Iberian Institute support, and funding structure (to be similar to the current Guanajuato program). Dean Washburn also offered supportive comments.

b. A period of questions and conversation followed.

c. Due to an American Bar Association application deadline for this program, Professor Pareja asked the faculty to vote on whether it supports moving forward with the proposal to establish the program, with the understanding that some of the details still need finalization.

d. The faculty voted to approve the proposal with a majority (27) in favor, one opposed and no abstentions.

V. Cumulative Grade Point Average Distribution - Associate Dean Barbara Bergman

a. Dean Washburn provided brief background on this topic.

b. Associate Dean Bergman stated that the Assessment & Teaching Committee will review the current grading structure and decide on whether it should be revisited. She invited faculty members to provide the committee with any feedback or ideas.

VI. Order of the Coif - Assistant Dean William Jackson
    a. Students, staff, and non-members were excused.
    b. Assistant Dean Jackson distributed the list of student nominees based on final grade point averages.
    c. A motion was made and seconded to approve the list, and conversation was invited.
    d. The motion received unanimous approval by a show of hands.

VII. Student Grade Appeal - Dean Kevin Washburn
    a. Dean Washburn provided brief background on a grade appeal situation which will be brought up as an item for consultation with faculty, according to the rules, at the next faculty meeting. Dean Washburn informed the faculty that he had recused from the matter and that Dean Romero has taken the role of dean in this matter.
    b. Due to the confidential nature of the matter, materials will be available for faculty members to read at Sandra Bauman's desk rather than generally distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Bauman
Administrative Assistant to the Dean