

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW
FACULTY MEETING**

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

Attendance

Faculty: George Bach, Marsha Baum, Reed Benson, Barbara Bergman, Barbara Blumenfeld, Sherri Burr, Jim Butler, Yael Cannon, Camille Carey, John Feldman, Chris Fritz, Eileen Gauna, Scott Hughes, April Land, John LaVelle, Alfred Mathewson, Max Minzner, Jenny Moore, Mike Norwood, Aliza Organick, Sergio Pareja, Liz Rapaport, Tony Renzo, Alex Ritchie, Leo Romero, Dave Sidhu, David Stout, Carol Suzuki, Kevin Tu, Kevin Washburn, Peter Winograd

Students: Jesse Allen, Consuelo Gonzales

Sr. Staff/Staff: Sandra Bauman, Hannah Farrington Parker, Stephanie Grant, Heather Harrigan, William Jackson, Bonnie Stepleton

I. Announcements

- a. Assistant Dean Bonnie Stepleton
 - i. briefly detailed the most recent bar passage rates; 92% for UNM School of Law graduates.
 - ii. reminded faculty of the retirement event for Assistant Dean Susan Mitchell, scheduled for 3:30 on Thursday, September 27.
- b. Professor John Feldman informed the faculty of the background and details for the upcoming ADR Symposium the Law School, in conjunction with the State Risk Management Office, is hosting on October 18 and 19.
- c. Dean Kevin Washburn
 - i. provided a brief update on the outcome of this year's Golf Tournament.
 - ii. introduced 2L Consuelo Gonzales, attending Fall Faculty Meetings as proxy for student representative Brian Moore since his class schedule does not permit him to do so.
 - iii. thanked and congratulated the ad hoc committee which planned the recent highly successful faculty retreat, and thanked all participating faculty for the investment of their time into the event.
 - iv. briefly detailed the next expected steps in is confirmation to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs position.

II. Approval of September 4, 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.

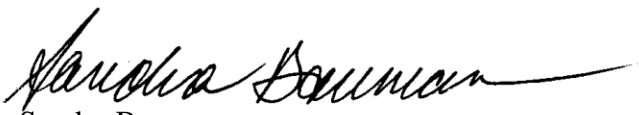
III. Granting Emerita Status to Professor Margaret Montoya - Dean Kevin Washburn

- a. Dean Washburn reminded faculty of the University's policy with regard to granting retiring professors emeritus status.
- b. A motion was made and seconded to grant Professor Margaret Montoya emerita status upon her retirement for her many years of service to our Law School.
- c. Upon the calling of the question, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

- IV. Faculty Appointments - Professor Liz Rapaport
- a. Professor Rapaport summed up the Faculty Appointment Committee's understanding, coming out of last week's faculty retreat, of the faculty's preferences with regard to conducting hiring searches this year:
 - i. conduct a national search and hire one clinician.
 - ii. potentially conduct a national search and hire one Indian Law faculty member, but the Committee seeks direction with regard to whether the search will be for a tenure track or a visitor position.
 - iii. postpone for one year the consideration of hiring for an Environmental Law position.
 - iv. postpone hiring specifically for a Business and Tax Clinician.
 - b. On behalf of the Committee, Professor Rapaport asked the faculty to provide the requested direction where clarity is still an issue, and to formally indicate that the Committee should proceed with the hiring proposals decided on at this meeting.
 - c. Professor John LaVelle spoke on behalf of the Indian Law faculty, indicating they had met to consider how to advise the Committee. The Indian Law faculty would like a national search for one faculty position to be conducted in such a manner that would allow for the ability to consider offering either a tenure track or a visitor position based on the candidate pool created.
 - d. Additional discussion ensued.
 - e. A motion was made and seconded that the Faculty Appointments Committee should proceed with a national search for a Clinical Law hire, to include looking at applicants within the pool created who might indicate interest in Business and Tax without specifically or exclusively addressing that area. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
 - f. A motion was made and seconded that the Faculty Appointments Committee should proceed with a national search for an Indian Law hire, which could be either a tenure track or a visitor position. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- V. Student Grade Appeal, Faculty Consultation - Professor Emeritus Leo Romero
- a. Students and non-faculty members were excused.
 - b. Dean Washburn, who had previously recused himself from this case, turned the Chair over to Professor Romero, and left the meeting.
 - c. This portion of the meeting became a *de facto* executive session, and confidential minutes were taken separately.
- VI. Order of the Coif - Professor Emeritus Peter Winograd
- a. All faculty not currently members of the Order of the Coif were excused.
 - b. A motion was made, and seconded, to nominate for membership the five new faculty members who are not currently members of the Order of the Coif.
 - c. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Administrative Assistant to the Dean