

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW
FACULTY MEETING**

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

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

Attendance

Faculty: 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, Scott Hughes, Pam Lambert, April Land, John LaVelle, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Nathalie Martin, Alfred Mathewson, Max Minzner, Jenny Moore, Mike Norwood, Aliza Organick, Daniel Ortega, Sergio Pareja, Liz Rapaport, Alex Ritchie, Leo Romero, Dave Sidhu, David Stout, Carol Suzuki, Sherri Thomas, Kevin Tu, Kevin Washburn, Christine Zuni Cruz

Students: Jesse Allen, Susan Barela, Jessica Candelaria, Laura Gilmore, Consuelo Gonzales, Tracy Goodluck, Santee Lewis, David Mendes,

Sr. Staff/Staff: Kendall Alexander, Krista Allen, Sandra Bauman, Darcy Bushnell, Hannah Farrington Parker, Stephanie Grant, Heather Harrigan, William Jackson, Cyndi Johnson, Melissa Lobato, Megan McCarthy, Theresa Montoya, Bonnie Stepleton

Guests: Provost Chaouki Abdallah, Sr. Vice Provost Michael Dougher

I. Announcements

- a. Dean Kevin Washburn reminded those in attendance that Sandra Bauman, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, had accepted another position within UNM. He thanked her for her service to the law school, judiciary, and legal community. Professor Sherri Burr presented both Dean Washburn and Ms. Bauman with congratulatory flowers from the entire faculty.
- b. Associate Dean April Land announced and invited everyone to the Clinic Open House, scheduled Friday, Oct. 5th, to celebrate the Clinic's history and recent remodel in conjunction with UNM School of Law hosting the Mountain West Regional Clinical Conference.
- c. Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez announced the courses selected for each of the summer law programs in Guanajuato, Mexico, and Madrid, Spain.

II. Approval of September 18, 2012, Faculty Meeting Minutes

- a. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, as presented, from the last faculty meeting.
- b. Discussion ensued.

- c. An amended motion was made and seconded to alter both the previously approved minutes of September 4 and the September 18 minutes to reflect that the portions of these meetings concerning the grade appeal were *de facto* executive sessions. The minutes taken during these sessions will be removed from the public minutes, with notation that minutes from these portions will be saved separately.
- d. Upon a call for a vote, the amended motion received unanimous approval.

III. Appointments Committee Report - Professor Liz Rapaport, Chair

- a. Professor Rapaport reported that the Committee will be attending the AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference (FARC), October 11-13.
 - i. All those invited by the Committee for interviews for Clinical positions during the have accepted.
 - ii. Four applicants invited by the Committee to interview for the Indian Law position at FARC have accepted, and an additional applicant will interview by "Skype."
- b. Professor Rapaport and Professor Christine Zuni Cruz, on behalf of the Committee, apprised the faculty of a recommendation, to be brought at a later date, to establish an ad hoc committee to investigate the use of "Indian preference" for faculty hiring in order to consider whether to adopt a policy for its inclusion for future Indian Law searches/hires.
- c. A period of discussion and questions followed.

IV. Next Steps Towards the Appointment of an Interim Dean - Provost Chaouki Abdallah and Sr. Vice Provost Mike Dougher

- a. Dean Washburn introduced Provost Abdallah and Vice Provost Dougher, then left the meeting to allow uninhibited discussion.
- b. Dr. Abdallah thanked everyone and indicated that his main objective at this juncture was to listen to the various constituent groups (faculty, students, staff, alumni board).
- c. He announced that he had already appointed Professor Emeritus Leo Romero as Acting Dean for the purpose of Chairing the 1st Judicial District Nominating Committee meeting on October 11.
- d. Since a majority of the constituent groups were present (and members of the Staff Advisory Committee were invited to attend at this point in the meeting), Dr. Abdallah suggested this might be a forum for candidate presentations and input from various parties.
- e. While not previously common knowledge, it was announced that Professors Barbara Bergman and Alfred Mathewson were the two candidates being considered for the Interim Dean position.
- f. Professors Bergman and Mathewson conferred and jointly announced their belief that faculty knew them well, and that further discussion about next steps might proceed more smoothly if they did not remain in the meeting. Both professors left the room.
- g. A lengthy period of discussion among all remaining parties ensued.
- h. A motion was made and seconded that the faculty endorse both candidates as finalists for consideration by the Provost. Upon the calling of the question, the motion passed by majority vote of the faculty, with one opposed and no abstentions.
- i. Provost Abdallah indicated he would work with the University Secretary to set up a confidential system for each member of the faculty, student body and staff, to vote as

well as provide feedback or comments. His wanted to have all input via this system available for his review and consideration by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 5.

- V. At 4:24 p.m., a motion for faculty to go into executive session was made, seconded and passed by unanimous vote.
- a. All those not considered regular full-time faculty members were asked to leave the meeting (including the individual taking minutes).
 - b. Provost Abdallah and Sr. Vice Provost Dougher adjourned for a brief meeting with the Assistant Deans and Senior Administrative Staff, prior to returning for further interaction with the faculty.
 - c. No minutes were recorded during either session.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Bauman
Administrative Assistant to the Dean

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