

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW
FACULTY MEETING**

January 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Dean David Herring at 3:10 p.m.

Attendance

Faculty: Grace Allison, George Bach, Reed Benson, Sherri Burr, Camille Carey, John Feldman, Eileen Gauna, David Herring, Steven Homer, Scott Hughes, April Land, John LaVelle, Nathalie Martin, Alfred Mathewson, Max Minzner, Aliza Organick, Michelle Rigual, Alex Ritchie, Leo Romero, David Stout, Carol Suzuki, Sherri Thomas, Lu-in Wang, Peter Winograd, Jeanette Wolfley

Participating via conference call: Dave Sidhu

Students: Brian Moore (3L), Stephen Ralph (2L), Anne Minard (1L)

Sr. Staff/Staff: Krista Allen, Jeffery Dubinski-Neessen, Stephanie Grant, Heather Harrigan, Pam Lambert, Hannah Parker, Bonnie Stepleton, Mitzi Vigil, Raylene Weis

- I. **Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Assoc. Dean April Land to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2013 meeting, correcting the word “policies” to “procedures,” referencing the paragraph discussed at the November 5, 2013 meeting pertaining to Admissions Policies & Procedures. The motion was seconded by Professor Aliza Organick and when voted on, was passed unanimously.
- II. **Action Item** – Emeritus Status for Professor’s Chris Fritz and Liz Rapaport. A motion was made by Prof. Nathalie Martin, and seconded by Assoc. Dean April Land, making note of their contribution to the community and all of their years of hard work. When voted on, was enthusiastically unanimous.
- III. **Announcements**
 - Dean Herring announced that there has been a significant increase in annual giving to the Law School, along with an increase in giving from the Faculty to the Law School;
 - Professor Reed Benson has worked on a proposal in the Natural Resources & Environmental Law Program at UNM, for support of a stipend for selected law students who do summer work in this field.
 - We have received acceptance of offer’s from three Professors for upcoming visiting faculty positions – (a) Ken Murchison for Environmental Law Survey in Spring 2015; (b) Scott Taylor, who is also a former colleague, for AY2014-15 in the SILC program and working with the Tribal Law Journal; and (c) Maryam Ahranjani, Associate Director, Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project, for Fall 2014 teaching Constitutional Rights.

- Self-Study Survey – Participation is encouraged for this process, although it is lengthy, it is also necessary.
- Faculty C.V.'s – Updated C.V. information (especially publications and scholarship) has been requested. Please forward the information to the “communications” email for updating of profiles on the website.
- Professor Sherri Burr reminded everyone of the Alumni & Staff Art Event, taking place on Tuesday evening, January 21 in the Law School Forum.

IV. UNM Community Engagement Efforts – Chairperson for the committee tasked with compiling the UNM application for the Carnegie Foundation's 2015 Community Engagement Classification, Dr. Monica Kowal, was present to give an explanation about the Carnegie Foundation application and the information that is being compiled from schools and colleges campus-wide.

V. Visiting Faculty Teaching Writing Seminars – Discussion took place regarding the subject of visiting professors teaching writing seminars, not including adjunct faculty members. There needs to be clarification of “Regular Full Time Faculty” in the Faculty Handbook. A Motion was made by Prof. Scott Hughes to add the wording “include visiting faculty with similar qualifications (not to include Adjuncts)”, and seconded by Prof. Nathalie Martin, and when voted on was passed unanimously.

VI. ABA Standard 512 –Curriculum Committee proposal, by Prof. Steven Homer, regarding student reporting of violations of accreditation standards. The Committee recommended adopting the proposal as a first step in the process. When voted on by the faculty to accept the proposal as submitted, was passed unanimously.

VII. Student Attendance Policy – Assoc. Dean Eileen Gauna reported that the ABA Site Visit team will pay very close attention to this topic, and that the faculty should deal with the issue now. Discussion followed regarding the proposal that was sent prior to this meeting for review. After discussion, a vote took place to accept the policy as presented, with the following amendment to Paragraph 3:

“Accumulated absences exceeding 20% of classes shall result in the student’s withdrawal from the course with either a WP (withdrawal/passing) or WF (withdrawal/failing), at the professor’s election.”

When voted on, was passed.

VIII. Discussion of proposals for the use of new funding available for academic programs in the Law School. Dean Herring invited input regarding the faculty’s sense of priorities in allocating approximately \$90,000 in new endowment income.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.