

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW  
FACULTY MEETING**

**February 11, 2014**

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

Faculty: Grace Allison, George Bach, Marsha Baum, Reed Benson, Sherri Burr, Camille Carey, Barbara Creel, David Herring, Steven Homer, Scott Hughes, April Land, John LaVelle, Nathalie Martin, Alfred Mathewson, Max Minzner, Aliza Organick, Sergio Pareja, Michelle Rigual, Alex Ritchie, Leo Romero, David Stout, Carol Suzuki, Kevin Tu, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Lu-in Wang, Peter Winograd, Jeanette Wolfley, Christine Zuni Cruz.

Participating via conference call: Dave Sidhu

Students: Anne Minard (1L)

Staff: Raylene Weis, Jeffery Dubinski-Neessen, Stephanie Grant, William Jackson, Cyndi Johnson

- I. Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Professor Leo Romero to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Professor Max Minzner and when voted on, was passed unanimously.
- II. Announcements
  - Assoc. Dean Max Minzner will be taking over the duties of the Assoc. Dean for Academic Affairs, beginning July 1, 2014. Assoc. Dean Eileen Gauna currently holds the position and will be resigning the duties. The Dean praised Professor Gauna for her outstanding contributions as Associate Dean during the past two years.
  - Professor Nathalie Martin has agreed to become the new Assoc. Dean for Faculty Development, effective July 1, 2014, when current Assoc. Dean Max Minzner begins his duties as the Assoc. Dean for Academic Affairs.
  - Teaching Positions –
    - Sarah Steadman has accepted the offer to teach as a visiting professor in the Business & Tax Clinic in Summer 2014; in the Community Lawyering Clinic in Fall 2014; and the Family Law Course in Spring 2015.
    - Mary Pareja has accepted the offer to teach Torts as a Visiting Professor for the Fall 2014 semester.
  - The subject of the faculty meeting on February 25 will be the Mid-Term Promotion and Tenure review of Professors Dave Sidhu and Kevin Tu. Prof. Sergio Pareja is Chair of the Committee and will be sending the Committee's reports prior to the meeting.
  - Steven Homer announced that the planning meeting for the Faculty Curriculum Workshop is tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 28.

- III. Action Item – Hiring Decision for Legal Writing faculty member  
Professor David Stout, Chair of the Committee, distributed a report for each of the three candidates. Summaries of each of the candidates in the areas of background, scholarship, and feedback from colleagues and students were presented by members of the Subcommittee. Professor Marsha Baum presented on Scott England, Prof. Steven Homer presented on Lucrecia Jaramillo, and Prof. Camille Carey presented on Melynda Barnhart.

After discussion of the candidates, the faculty voted as follows:

- a. In the first round of voting (eligibility round), the faculty found all three finalists acceptable. All three candidates received votes that exceeded the 40% threshold for acceptability.
- b. In the preference round, the faculty indicated their first, second, and third choices among the three candidates.
- c. In the authorization round, each of the candidates received the necessary 60% approval and the faculty voted unanimously to authorize Dean David Herring to extend the first offer to candidate Scott England.
- d. The faculty then voted for backup offers to Lucrecia Jaramillo and Melynda Barnhart, in that order.

- IV. The Ad hoc Committee on Promotion and Tenure Policies presented proposed changes to the Law School's policies as provided in a memorandum circulated before the meeting. After discussion, the faculty voted to adopt the Committee's proposed changes.
- V. Action Item – Emeritus Status for Professor Antoinette Sedillo-Lopez. A motion was made by Prof. Leo Romero, and seconded by Sherri Burr, making note of Professor Sedillo Lopez's significant contributions to the Law School and the broader community. When voted on, passed unanimously and enthusiastically.
- VI. Action Item – Order of the Coif – After discussion regarding the proposal for New Chapter Membership for Temple University, the faculty voted unanimously in favor of granting membership.
- VII. Clerkship Committee – Prof. Carol Suzuki discussed the outreach initiative to identify strong judicial clerkship candidates, along with the changes in timing for applications to federal judges. Because of the changes in timing, students are encouraged to apply earlier than in years past. The Clerkship Committee and the Office of Career and Student Services will follow-up with the identified student candidates.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.