

Faculty Meeting
Tuesday, May 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Dean David Herring at 3:13 p.m.

Faculty: George Bach, Reed Benson, Yael Cannon, Camille Carey, Barbara Creel, James Ellis, Eileen Gauna, David Herring, Scott Hughes, April Land, John LaVelle, Jennifer Law, Nathalie Martin, Alfred Mathewson, Jennifer Moore, Michael Norwood, Aliza Organick, Sergio Pareja, Gordon Rahn, Alex Ritchie, Leo Romero, David Stout, Carol Suzuki, Sherri Thomas, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Peter Winograd, Jeanette Wolfley

Staff: Mary Dewey, Jeffery Dubinski-Neessen, Stephanie Grant, Marquita Harnett, Heather Harrington, Hannah Farrington Parker, Michelle Rigual

Students: Brooke Acosta, Stephanie Crespín, and Victor Sanchez

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- Dean Herring introduced newly-elected SBA officers.
- Professor Sherri Burr was named the 2014 New Mexico Communicator of Achievement by the NM Press Women.
- Deans Herring and Gauna reminded faculty that they need CV's and course syllabi from Summer 2013 – Summer 2014 for the ABA self-study.
- Admissions has received 110 seat deposits and would like to receive 125 -
 - There are still outstanding offers – have until mid-May to respond;
 - Diversity of class of 2017 is similar to previous groups however there is a decline in Native American students. Will work closely with PLSI over the summer;
 - \$180,000 more in scholarship money to offer students, surpassing our goal of \$90,000 in new giving;
 - As of now, median LSAT scores have slipped but median GPAs have increased.
- A request for office space for PLSI professors to use over the summer.
- W.K. Kellogg Planning Grant – Professor Cannon gave a short update on receipt of \$90,000-plus planning grant.
- Faculty raises - Professor Scott Hughes discussed how the raises for faculty were determined by the University and how they were being funded.
- Dean Herring indicated that the School of Law's budget was cut by \$60,000 for the next fiscal year as a result of funding the central University raise pool.
- Innovation Academy – growing out of the Innovate ABQ partnership between the city and the University.
 - In early stages of development;
 - Assist with the development of new businesses in ABQ and NM;

- Business and Tax Law Clinic will likely have some presence within the program.
- Restructuring of the NM Bar Exam – Bar Examiners considering a diploma privilege – representatives from the Law School faculty are involved in the discussions and will keep the entire faculty apprised of any developments.
- Dean Land reminded faculty that the Honors and Awards Committee was still taking nominations for the Honors and Awards Ceremony, scheduled for Friday, May 16. They still need the \$25.00 contributions from a number of faculty members. Also needed are faculty members to present awards at the Ceremony.
- The last faculty meeting for this semester will meet next Tuesday, May 13 at 3:00 in the King Room.

Action Item - Faculty Appointment Committee - Discussed how, in consultation with the clinic faculty and the Natural Resources Program faculty, they reached a consensus to search for a general clinical faculty member in 2014-15.

The Natural Resources faculty agreed to support a hire for a general clinician (and to not seek a natural resources clinician at this time) in exchange for the agreement of some but not all of the clinicians present to:

1. Make a serious, good faith effort to offer a Natural Resources clinic section by the Fall of 2016, if not sooner.
2. Work together with the Natural Resources faculty to plan for and build a more permanent Environmental Law Clinic section, with an eye toward replacing Professor Gauna with a core Natural Resources clinician (rather than a core doctrinal professor) when Professor Gauna retires.

The Appointments Committee proposed that the faculty endorse this agreement. The faculty voted in favor of the proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.