

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW  
FACULTY MEETING**

**September 10, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Dean David Herring at 3:08 p.m.

**Attendance**

**Faculty:** Grace Allison, George Bach, Marsha Baum, Sherri Burr, Jim Butler, Camille Carey, John Feldman, Eileen Gauna, David Herring, Steven Homer, Scott Hughes, Ruth Kovnat, April Land, John LaVelle, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Max Minzner, Michael Norwood, Aliza Organick, Daniel Ortega, Sergio Pareja, Gordon Rahn, Michelle Rigual, Alex Ritchie, Carol Suzuki, Sherri Thomas, Kevin Tu, Lu-in Wang, Peter Winograd, Jeanette Wolfley, Christine Zuni Cruz

Participating via conference call: Dave Sidhu

**Sr. Staff/Staff:** Krista Allen, Heather Harrigan, William Jackson, Cyndi Johnson, Pam Lambert, Hannah Parker, Bonnie Stepleton, Mitzi Vigil, Raylene Weis

- I. **Welcome and Announcements**

Approval of Minutes from the August 27, 2013 – a motion was made by Professor Aliza Organick and seconded by Professor Max Minzner, and passed unanimously.

  - Next faculty meeting will be held on October 8; the meeting on September 24 will be cancelled.
  - Professor Liz Rappaport will be retiring December 31, 2013.
  - Faculty Governance – the Dean shared his viewpoint and stated his full support of this process. He proceeded to give examples that defined the boundaries regarding what items would go to the Faculty for discussion and voting.
  - Strategic Planning – the next meeting will take place on September 20. Articles to read prior to the meeting will be sent out. These meetings during Fall 2013 will focus on specific issues; the Self-Study Committee and its various subcommittees will use input from these meetings in drafting the School’s self-study document and strategic plan.
- II. **Action Item – A motion was made by Professor Sherri Burr to grant Emerita status to Professor’s Barbara Blumenfeld and Denise Fort, and seconded by Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez. When voted upon by the faculty, it was unanimously passed.**
- III. **Appointments Committee Update – Professor Alex Ritchie reported on a search for a one semester Natural Resources Law Visitor for Spring 2015. He also reported on a Business and Tax Clinic search that is in process.**
- IV. **Guanajuato Program Update – Professor Antoinette Sedillo-Lopez gave an update on the Consortium meeting that she and the Dean attended in Los Angeles on September 9. Emeritus Professor Bill McPherson started this program 24 years**

ago. June 2014 will be a 25<sup>th</sup> year celebration to include cultural events and recognitions, prior students and professors.

- V. Madrid Summer Program Update – Professor Sergio Pareja was pleased that the Madrid Summer Program enjoyed a profitable and successful first year. There were 23 1L students who attended, most being from UNM (only 5 were non-UNM students). There is much enthusiasm by both the American and Spanish faculty for the 2014 program. If there is enough interest and support for next year's summer program, additional courses will be offered.

The ABA was on hand to do a site review and returned a favorable report. The 6 Spanish faculty members that were actively involved showed much enthusiasm about this program being offered.

- VI. Arts Committee – Professor Sherri Burr announced that since its inception, the Exhibits have been profitable. With the subsidy earned from sales of art work, we will be able to offer 2 additional Exhibits this year.

The current exhibit will be on display until the end of September; the next feature will be a "Hillerman Country Exhibition," featuring photographs inspired by the books of Tony Hillerman, in conjunction with his daughter, Anne, signing her new book. The exhibit will open on Friday, October 4 at 5:00 p.m. with a reception.

Upcoming exhibits in planning stages include a Spring 2014 "Judge's Exhibit". Depending on the response from judges, this may change to a "Bench and Bar" exhibit. Late Spring 2014 would be a Student /Staff exhibit.

Future proceeds of the exhibits will be funding a scholarship award. Updates will be announced once plans are confirmed.

- VII. Action Item – AALS Delegate for AY 2013-14. The Dean solicited volunteers to fill the post of an AALS Delegate for the current academic year – one delegate and one back-up. Michelle Rigual volunteered to be the delegate, Antoinette Sedillo-Lopez volunteered to remain the back-up. After a motion was made, the faculty voted unanimously to approve the appointments.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.