

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW
FACULTY MEETING**

October 8, 2013

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

Attendance

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

Participating via conference call: Dave Sidhu

Students: Brian Moore (3L), Ramon Maestas (2L alternate), Anne Minard (1L)

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

Approval of Minutes from the September 10, 2013 – a motion was made by Professor Scott Hughes and seconded by Professor Reed Benson, to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2013 meeting with one correction – to include the vote that took place for Emerita status for Professors Barbara Blumenfeld and Denise Fort, and when voted on, was passed unanimously.

I. Announcements

- Next faculty meeting will be held on November 5 with President Frank attending; the meetings on October 22 and November 19 will be cancelled.
- Assoc. Dean Eileen Gauna requested faculty email a report to her regarding how regular attendance is taken, and how attendance is enforced. Dean Gauna also announced that planning for the AY2014-15 curriculum had begun and that she would distribute faculty preference forms shortly.
- Cyndi Johnson clarified the recent updates and changes to the Faculty Distribution lists in Outlook. Lists have been updated and reorganized.

II. Faculty Hiring Update – Professor Nathalie Martin – the Business & Tax Clinic position for Fall 2014 – a strong pool of 8 candidates have been interviewed; an announcement of the 3-4 finalists should be made next week, and information regarding the on-campus interviews will be provided.

- Professor Alex Richie reported on the Natural Resources visiting professor for Spring 2015 (1 semester) – right now a preliminary search is being done to gauge interest, but at this time the Committee is not actively pursuing this position. Our intent with this position is to cover courses we need.

- III. Action Item – Professor Max Minzner – The Ad Hoc Committee on Promotion and Tenure Policies distributed materials prior to this meeting for faculty review regarding Proposed Changes to the School of Law’s Promotion and Tenure Policies.

A comparison was made of the University and the School of Law’s Promotion and Tenure Policies and reviewed for areas of potential conflict. One area of difference was the provision in the Law School’s policies that allows pre-tenured faculty to vote on tenure decisions. Another difference related to the role of evaluation committees.

After discussion and a question and answer period, the proposed amendments were voted on as a whole. When voted on, the proposal was passed.

- IV. At 3:55 pm, those in attendance who were not members of the Order of the Coif were dismissed.

Professor Peter Winograd discussed a provision of the Coif Constitution (Section 5.1.a “Eligibility of Law Students”) that was distributed to chapter members for review, following a formal submission of amendment by UCLA School of Law. A ballot was provided for each chapter to vote on the proposed amendment. The members of Coif voted to reject the proposed amendment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.