

UNM SCHOOL OF LAW FACULTY MEETING

November 5, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Dean David Herring at 3:20 p.m.

Attendance

Faculty: Grace Allison, Reed Benson, Jim Butler, Yael Cannon, Camille Carey, Eileen Gauna, David Herring, Steven Homer, Scott Hughes, April Land, John LaVelle, Max Minzner, Jennifer Moore, Aliza Organick, Daniel Ortega, Sergio Pareja, Elizabeth Rapaport Carol Suzuki, Gloria Valencia Weber, 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, Cyndi Johnson, Pam Lambert, Hannah Parker, Raylene Weis

Approval of Minutes from the October 8, 2013 – a motion was made by Professor Liz Rapaport and seconded by Professor Scott Hughes, to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2013, and when voted on, was passed unanimously.

I. Announcements

- Steven Homer is included in a Harvard University Press book titled “What the Best Law Professors Do.” He is one of twenty six law teachers included in the book.
- Strategic Planning – the last meeting will be held on Friday, November 15 to discuss New Program initiatives (i.e., LL.M., Masters). We will meet from noon to 1pm and will decide at that time if we will meet for the 3pm session.
- The Appointments Committee hosted 3 candidates for the Business and Tax Clinic position; the final on-campus interview is November 11. Thank you to all who have participated, and please “hang in there” with your availability for our last candidate.
- Next faculty meeting will be held on November 19 for the sole purpose of discussion and voting on the Business and Tax Clinic candidates.
- Karelitz Chair in Evidence and Procedure – coming out of the litigation settlement, the Chair has a principal balance of \$3.6 million.
- Clerkships – With judges extending many clerkships for an additional year, the number of clerkships becoming available have declined. In order to increase the number of clerkships being offered, we’ve started a new initiative of “relationships building” with our junior faculty and judges (meeting for coffee, lunch, etc.).
- Professor John LaVelle reminded everyone of the Native American Convocation being held November 7. Everyone has been invited; please RSVP to Mitzi Vigil.

- II. President Frank joined our meeting and opened up by presenting three main topics that were “top-most” on his agenda this Fall.
- The University has been in dialogue with state government about how to fund the university. Much debate has been exchanged regarding the model for additional funding.
 - Second, he discussed the RCM Model of budgeting – a study committee was created last year to review implementing this model at UNM.
 - UNM settled for a modified model to use, “ROM” which is more of a continuous improvement budget, based on “revenue /cost” base. It is an incentivized model for units to perform better and/or have better control of budgets.
 - January 2014 will launch the ROM model for testing with a limited group. Currently the training of personnel and warehouse set up is being done to migrate the entire campus to the ROM budget model.
 - Third, Salaries – Faculty and staff. Increasing salaries is number one on the university list, and number one on the President’s list.

After questions and discussion regarding the above topics, President Frank departed.

- III. UNRWA – Professor Jenny Moore discussed a United Nations program (materials were provided prior to the meeting) for potential externship for the law students. It is a potential 6 week program working with judges at the U.N. Dispute Tribunal for Palestinian refugees in several Middle Eastern countries.
- IV. Action Item – Admissions Update from Jeffery Dubinski-Neessen. After reviewing the Policy Statement, some grammatical revisions were presented.

The main topic for faculty discussion was applicant interviews. The current policy states that interviews are not given.

After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Assoc. Dean April Land to vote on the policy changes as provided prior to the meeting, with friendly amendments and grammatical corrections discussed at this meeting, and to remove the sentence regarding interviews in its entirety. It was seconded by Prof. Scott Hughes and when voted on, was passed (with 3 abstaining).

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