

**UNM SCHOOL OF LAW
FACULTY MEETING**

December 3, 2013

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

Attendance

Faculty: George Bach, Marsha Baum, Reed Benson, Sherri Burr, Yael Cannon, Barbara Creel, Scott England, Eileen Gauna, David Herring, Scott Hughes, Ruth Kovnat, April Land, Jennifer Laws, John LaVelle, Bill MacPherson, Nathalie Martin, Mike Norwood, Daniel Ortega, Sergio Pareja, Ted Parnall, Alex Ritchie, Leo Romero, David Stout, Carol Suzuki, Lu-in Wang, Peter Winograd, Jeanette Wolfley, Christine Zuni Cruz

Participating via conference call: Dave Sidhu

Students: Brian Moore (3L), Anne Minard (1L)

Sr. Staff/Staff: Jeffery Dubinski-Neessen, Stephanie Grant, Heather Harrigan, Cyndi Johnson, Bonnie Stepleton, Raylene Weis

Approval of Minutes – a motion was made by Professor April Land and seconded by Professor Scott Hughes, to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2013 meeting if they reflect the friendly amendment accepted at the meeting that, as to admissions procedures, no change would be made without a vote. When voted on, was passed unanimously.

- I. **Announcements**
 - Professor Zuni Cruz has been appointed to a Distinguished Visiting Faculty position at the Univ. of Saskatchewan School of Law for the 2014-15 academic year.
 - The Law School will be celebrating Prof. Jennifer Moore's book this Thursday at 4:30 p.m. The School will celebrate faculty scholarship on a regular basis. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
 - The Art Committee is hosting a Silent Auction with proceeds going to the Lovato fund. Contact Sherri Burr by December 17. To date, the Art Committee has raised over \$2500 from sales and donations, and has gone from being 100% supported by the law school, to just 50%.
- II. Professor Sergio Pareja reported on Pre-Tenure Faculty Review. The Committee was charged with coming up with a procedure, outlined in the draft memo that was provided prior to this meeting. A discussion followed regarding recommendations outlined in the draft memo. One item for next year is to devise a post-tenure review process that includes classroom visitation and observation.
- III. Professor Eileen Gauna and Dean David Herring discussed the current Attendance Policy and compliance within the Law School due to the ABA looking

critically at the issue. Discussion followed regarding the Memo distributed prior to this meeting. Faculty members are now required to take and certify class attendance as outlined in the memo. Assoc. Dean Gauna will draft and present a proposal for faculty consideration concerning the consequences of a students' failure to attend class at particular levels.

- IV. New Degree Programs Proposal – Professors Ted Parnall and Daniel Ortega, on behalf of the International Programs Committee, presented proposals for two new degree programs, copies of which were distributed for review prior to this meeting. After questions and discussion, the faculty voted to submit the preliminary proposals to the Provost for review and comment, with 1 no vote, and 2 abstaining.
- V. Order of the Coif – Members of the Coif discussed the memo of November 25, 2013 regarding New Chapter Membership for SUNY Buffalo School of Law, distributed for review prior to the meeting. A discussion of the subject matter took place, followed by a vote to support the proposal regarding Application to Establish a Chapter.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.