

**Faculty Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 24, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Dean David Herring at 3:05 p.m.

Faculty: Sherri Burr, Yael Cannon, Camille Carey, Jim Ellis, Scott England, Eileen Gauna, Marquita Harnett, David Herring, Steven Homer, John LaVelle, Jennifer Laws, Ernesto Longa, Nathalie Martin, Serge Martinez, Alfred Mathewson, Jennifer Moore, Mary Pareja, Sergio Pareja, Leo Romero, Dave Sidhu, Alexandra Siek, David Stout, Carol Suzuki, Sherri Thomas, Kevin Tu, Lu-in Wang, Peter Winograd, Jeanette Wolfley

Staff: Raylene Weis, Jeffery Dubinski-Neessen, Stephanie Grant, Moses Moya

Students: Jeremy Faulkner (1L), Anne Minard (2L)

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Prof. Jenny Moore and seconded by Prof. Leo Romero to approve the meeting minutes from the February 24, 2015, and when voted on, passed unanimously.

**Announcements**

- Admissions report – Asst. Dean Jeffery Dubinski-Neessen –To date, 702 applications have been received, which is 9.7% higher than last year. Also, Accepted Applicants day events take place on Friday, March 27. Thank you to faculty for being available to participate.
- Honors & Awards - Prof. Jenny Moore requested that recommendations be submitted by Friday, March 27 at 4pm.
- Art Gallery Opening – Prof. Sherri Burr reminded everyone that the opening of the current art show is this evening at 5pm. She invited everyone to attend.
- Visiting Faculty for 2015-16 – Joining us for Summer and Fall 2015 semester is Prof. Cheryl Fairbanks, teaching in the Southwest Indian Law Clinic. Fall 2015 semester: Prof. Leonard Cavise from DePaul University, teaching Criminal Law; and Prof. Sarah Steadman, teaching Family Law/ Elder Law.
- New Mexico Bar Exam – Dean Herring met with members of the New Mexico Bar Examiners. The Board members would like to explore alternative paths to bar admission with Law School faculty. They think this makes sense as the state moves to the Uniform Bar Exam and a different approach to grading the bar exam. Dean Herring is referring this matter to two faculty committees – Curriculum, and Assessment and Teaching.
- Simms Lecture – being held on Thursday, April 2. Guest Speaker – Jess Bravin, Supreme Court Correspondent for *The Wall Street Journal*, and author of *The Terror Courts: Rough Justice at Guantanamo Bay*.

**Action Item** – Library Director Search – the Ad hoc committee (Prof. Leo Romero, Alexandra Siek, David Stout, Moses Moya) presented their reports on candidate Michelle Rigual’s application in the areas of scholarship, teaching, student and staff evaluations, and references. Upon request for voting by private ballot to extend an offer to Michelle Rigual to become the permanent Library Director, the motion passed.

**Discussion Item** – Prof. Nathalie Martin introduced Kevin Farrell, Director of the University’s Institutional Review Board – he gave an overview of the process of submitting requests to his department for human research. He also described the support his office provides to researchers navigating the IRB process.

**Discussion Item** – LLLT (Limited License Legal Technician) – The Access to Justice Commission would like a faculty representative on the Committee for their review and discussion of this topic. The Dean asked faculty members to let him know if they would be interested in representing the law school in this discussion.

**Discussion Item** – Expectations of Scholarship for tenure review process – Dean Herring addressed the faculty about wording in the current policy that may be considered vague. The decision was made among those present to consider further discussion of this topic at a future faculty meeting.

The next scheduled faculty meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14 in Room 2405.

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