

Faculty Meeting
Tuesday, August 26, 2014

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

Faculty: Grace Allison, George Bach, Marsha Baum, Reed Benson, Sherri Burr, Camille Carey, Barbara Creel, Scott England, Eileen Gauna, David Herring, Steven Homer, Ruth Kovnat, April Land, John LaVelle, Jennifer Laws, Nathalie Martin, Serge Martinez, Alfred Mathewson, Jennifer Moore, Max Minzner, Aliza Organick, Mary Pareja, Sergio Pareja, Michelle Rigual, Alex Ritchie, Leo Romero, Dave Sidhu, Sarah Stedman, David Stout, Carol Suzuki, Sherri Thomas, Kevin Tu, Lu-in Wang, Peter Winograd, Jeanette Wolfley

Student Representatives: Anne Minard (2L)

Staff: Raylene Weis, Jeffery Dubinski-Neessen, Heather Harrington, William Jackson, Cyndi Johnson, Hannah Parker, Bonnie Stepleton, Mitzi Vigil

Approval of Minutes – After motion made, minutes were approved for the May 6 and May 13, 2014 meetings.

Announcements -

Dean herring opened the meeting sharing his observations of the School of Law's many strengths. He highlighted the strong foundation the School can build on. He also explained the situation concerning Professorships and Research Support. The traditional professorship awards will be made this fall following a faculty discussion of the criteria to be used in making such awards.

Jeffery Dubinski-Neessen reported on the fall 2014 admissions results, including a comparison to prior years.

Discussion Item – Faculty Communications – The discussion of overall communication with the faculty was opened by Dean Herring, sharing his observations and opening the floor for comments and discussion by the faculty. Suggestions were discussed for how to improve communication between the faculty and administration, and among faculty members.

Discussion Item – Faculty Governance Committee – in conjunction with the discussion of Faculty Communications, Professor Ruth Kovnat opened the discussion with a report of this newly formed ad hoc committee, sharing the purpose of the group and their role at the School.

Items discussed included changing the name for this particular ad hoc committee, having more informal small group gatherings for faculty, and a suggestion to change the venue for the faculty meetings.

Discussion Item – Location of Faculty Meetings – in conjunction with the discussion of the Faculty Governance Committee, a motion was made to move the September 2014 meetings to either room 2405 or 2406, and then to determine if the faculty would like to make the move permanent. After discussion and vote, the motion was passed.

Action Item – Order of the Coif – Registrar William Jackson – the faculty members who are members of the Order of the Coif considered the graduates in the top 10% of the Class of 2014 for membership in the Coif. The motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.