

Faculty Meeting
Tuesday, September 9, 2014

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

Faculty: Grace Allison, George Bach, Reed Benson, Sherri Burr, Yael Cannon, Camille Carey, Scott England, Eileen Gauna, David Herring, Steven Homer, Scott Hughes, Lucretia Jaramillo, April Land, John LaVelle, Jennifer Laws, Nathalie Martin, Serge Martinez, Max Minzner, Adrian Oglesby, Mary Pareja, Sergio Pareja, Gordon Rahn, Michelle Rigual, Alex Ritchie, Leo Romero, Dave Sidhu, Carol Suzuki, Sherri Thomas, Kevin Tu, Lu-in Wang, Peter Winograd, Jeanette Wolfley

Student Representatives: Anne Minard (2L)

Staff: Raylene Weis, Krista Allen, Jeffery Dubinski-Neessen, Beth Gillia, Stephanie Grant, Heather Harrigan, William Jackson, Cyndi Johnson, Hannah Parker, Bonnie Stepleton

Approval of Minutes – After motion made, minutes were approved for the August 26, 2014 meeting, with the correction of including Marsha Baum being in attendance.

Announcements –

- Max Minzner will go on parental leave in the Spring 2015. Sergio Pareja will serve as interim associate dean during that semester.
- The summer Guanajuato program will go on hiatus next summer while program leaders convene a meeting in Guanajuato in November to discuss the program
- The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals will hold arguments on Nov. 13. The arguments will be in the main courtroom, but will be broadcast to other rooms. The schedule includes the significant Indian law case, *Pueblo of Jemez v. U.S.*
- The ABA site visit will occur Sept. 28 through Oct. 1. Members of the ABA site visit team will visit classrooms and professors' offices. They may contact individuals for separate appointments.
- The Faculty and Friends Art Extravaganza will start at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16.
- Naming Ceremony –Former Dean and Professor Leo M. Romero and his more than 40 years of teaching and service in our legal community will be honored in a renaming of the Moot Courtroom on Tuesday, Sept. 10 in the Forum and Room 2404.

Report – W.K. Kellogg Grant Update (Yael Cannon, Beth Gillia)

Yael Cannon and Beth Gillia reported on projects currently being developed pursuant to the planning grant provided by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (“WKK”). The process will include planning meetings with community stakeholders, along with interdisciplinary and cross-campus organizations, in an effort to submit a proposal for a grant in Spring 2015.

Report – Internal Audit Requirements – Faculty Advisors and Student Organizations (Bonnie Stepleton)

A report is available related to the Account Audit of the SBA. The report is available at <http://www.unm.edu/~iaudit/2014%20pdfs/2014-03%20SBA.pdf>. There were 12 recommendations outlined in the report. One recommendation requires Faculty to be active with their respective student groups.

Action Item – D.C. Program (Max Minzner)

The faculty started discussion about the proposal submitted for review prior to this meeting regarding whether to renew the D.C. Experiential Program, which is at the end of its three-year pilot phase. The proposal came in the form of a motion made and seconded to extend the program and establish a permanent faculty Committee. Following discussion, the motion was passed.

Discussion Item – Clerkship Committee (Carol Suzuki, Heather Harrigan)

The status of clerkships in New Mexico was reported by Prof. Carol Suzuki. She explained several reasons for the decline in clerkship opportunities, including Judges extending the terms of clerkships, hiring laterals and clerks with previous clerkship experience, and an increase in out-of-state candidates obtaining the positions.

The on-going effort of “Lunch with a Judge” continues. The goal is to build relationships among judges and faculty members, especially our junior faculty members.

Discussion Item - Professorship Awards

The faculty discussed the criteria to be used in awarding professorships. The dean will use this input to award professorships later this fall.

Discussion Item – Continued Strategic Planning Process

Dean Herring asked the faculty to brainstorm about what they see as priority initiatives, what areas to pursue, and where we should put our efforts and energy. Several ideas were contributed, including growing the intellectual property and patent law sector; focusing on fundamentals and basic classes; a stronger focus on diversity; and more experiential learning during the three years. The discussion will continue at the faculty meeting scheduled for September 23.