

FACULTY MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 25, 2015

Faculty: Stan Adelman, Grace Allison, Sherri Burr, Yael Cannon, Leonard Cavise, Scott England, Eileen Gauna, Marquita Harnett, Scott Hughes, John LaVelle, Jennifer Laws, Ernesto Longa, Nathalie Martin, Serge Martinez, Alfred Mathewson, Jennifer Moore, Aliza Organick, Daniel Ortega, Mary Pareja, Sergio Pareja, Alex Ritchie, Leo Romero, Dave Sidhu, Alexandra Siek, David Stout, Carol Suzuki, Sherri Thomas, Kevin Tu, Clifford Villa, John Whitlow, Peter Winograd, Christine Zuni Cruz

Staff: Krista Allen, Mary Dewey, Jeff Dubinski-Neessen, Stephanie Grant, Heather Harrigan, William Jackson, Cyndi Johnson, Moses Moya

Students: Anne Minard

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 by Dean Mathewson; Dean Pareja welcomed faculty to new school year

Announcements:

The Deans reminded faculty of 2015 Distinguished Achievement Awards Dinner on Friday, October 16th and encouraged them to attend. Alumni Board members encouraged faculty members attend their functions, including alumni board meetings, to get better acquainted with members of the local legal community.

Reminder that the Albuquerque Bar Association holds monthly luncheons and encourage faculty to attend. They would like to strengthen relationship between faculty and local attorneys and develop relationships. Gloria Valencia Weber will be speaking at the September meeting.

Nancy Rogers and Leo Martinez will be on campus as members of the AALS “climate study” team on September 17 - 18 to conduct interviews with faculty members to help determine what can be done to make the law school a more positive and inclusive institution. It was uncertain if they would be meeting with staff.

The Guanajuato Summer Program was not active this past summer but will be going forward with classes planned for next summer. Directorship of the program was shifted to Texas Tech. The number of courses being offered will be decreased, it will be held in July instead of June to conflict with fewer other programs, and students will be given both the option of attending for 2 weeks or 4 weeks. Dean Mathewson will be flying to Guanajuato later in the year to meet with other consortium members to go over the new program model.

Members of the Madrid faculty will be coming to UNM and will be speaking at the faculty colloquium on Wednesday, September 2. Nathalie Martin will be serving as director during summer 2016.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Scott Hughes to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2015 meeting. It was seconded by Jennifer Moore and was passed unanimously.

The two new faculty members and two visiting professors were introduced – Cliff Villa, John Whitlow, Stan Adelman and Len Cavise.

Report from Art Committee

Sherri Burr reported on the status of the Art Committee. She displayed two prints by John Axton that were donated to the law school by NACA for either sale or the collection. The *Art in the Classroom* initiative has almost been completed. The Art Committee will be placing art work in several remaining classrooms, Career Services, Library Printer Room, and the Oliver Seth Reading Commons, on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. The Faculty, Alumni and Friends Art Show will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 from 5:00-6:30. The submission deadline for this show is Thursday, August 27 at noon.

Report on Kellogg Grant

Yael Cannon reported on the status of the Kellogg Grant. The law school received a 1-year planning grant for addressing the problem of justice for children and families in New Mexico. NM consistently ranks 49 or 50 of the states in child and family welfare. The application for the 5-year grant has been submitted and would bring 2.5 million to the law school to use for recruiting more underprivileged and minority students into the legal profession to better represent the diversity of the state's population. Departments throughout the law school and campus would be enlisted – admissions would start contacting student at the middle and high school level, main campus curriculum would include classes in pre-law, \$20,000 scholarships would be offered to qualified students who would be impeded from attending law school by financial barriers. Mentoring, the design of curriculum and policies would also be addressed. 4 post graduate fellowship positions would be created for graduates to work in government positions focusing on children and family issues. Each of these positions would be hosted by a local community affairs office.

Vote on Emeriti Status

Both Deans Mathewson and Pareja strongly stated the reasons that Barbara Bergman should be given Emerita status. A motion was made by Sherri Burr to award Barbara Bergman Emerita status, was seconded by Jennifer Moore, and when voted on, was carried unanimously.

Faculty Searches

Deans Mathewson and Pareja indicated that there were 3 specific areas of studies that needed additional faculty members. The new Environmental/Natural Resources Clinic planned to open next school year requires the addition of another Environmental/Natural Resources Law faculty member. The deans will be meeting with Carol Parker sometime in the next week to address a search this fall. With the departure of Elizabeth Rapaport, George Bach and Barbara Bergman it is essential that faculty be hired that can teach Criminal Law, Evidence and Trial Practice courses. Nathalie Martin made the motion that the law school hire 3 new faculty or visiting faculty members that would be qualified to teach in these areas of concentration. It was seconded by Aliza Organick and passed unanimously. The posting of these positions will have to be approved by the Provost office.

Order of the Coif

Attendees that were not members of the Order of the Coif were asked to leave the meeting. There was a short discussion as to who should be invited to join the Order. Sherrie Burr then made the motion to invite and accept Serge Martinez, Cliff Villa and John Whitlow into the Order of the Coif. It was seconded by Nathalie Martin and when voted on, the motion carried.

Prof. Burr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Prof. Hughes and was carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:17.