

## Faculty Meeting Minutes September 8, 2015

Faculty: Stan Adelman, Grace Allison, Kip Bobroff, Yael Cannon, Scott England, Cheryl Fairbanks, Lucrecia Jaramillo, John LaVelle, Jennifer Laws, Nathalie Martin, Alfred Mathewson, Jenny Moore, Adrian Oglesby, Aliza Organick, Daniel Ortega, Helen Padilla, Mary Pareja, Sergio Pareja, Michelle Rigual, Alex Ritchie, Leo Romero, Alexandra Siek, David Stout, Carol Suzuki, Sherri Thomas, Kevin Tu, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Cliff Villa, Peter Winograd, Christine Zuni Cruz.

Staff and Students: Krista Allen, Mary Dewey, Cyndi Johnson, Nancy Huffstutler, Gloria Gomez, Anne Minard (3L), Tess Williams (1L)

The meeting was called to order by Dean Sergio Pareja at 3:07 pm.

### 1. **Announcements:**

- Professor Kip Bobroff was introduced
- Deadline for submission of program outlines for Madrid summer program are due to Daniel Ortega by Friday, September 11.
- State Bar monthly luncheons – next meeting scheduled for October 8, and faculty participation encouraged. (Meetings take place the first Tuesday of each month).
- Faculty Colloquium – next meeting scheduled for Wed. September 9<sup>th</sup> in the New Faculty Lounge, 11:30 a.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes** – August 25, 2015. By motion made and seconded, approval of the meeting minutes from the August 25 faculty meeting were approved with friendly amendments (misspelled names), and the removal of the reference to Constitutional Law under the topic of Faculty Searches. The vote carried upon condition of the above changes.

### 3. **Report on Guanajuato Program**

Dean Alfred Mathewson updated the faculty from his recent trip to Guanajuato, Mexico regarding the Guanajuato (GTO) Summer Program. Texas Tech University has taken over the administrative responsibilities for the program, with Jorge Ramirez as its Director. The Program will operate two 2-week programs, with two classes each session. Discussion regarding an Externship program the first week of July (after both Program sessions) was also discussed. The Consortium school deans also discussed the possibility in the future of conducting a “Intro to American Law” class for Spanish-speaking students.

4. **Legal Services Corporation 2016** – Prof. Gloria Valencia-Weber gave a short background and introduction on LSC, of which she is on the Board of Directors. The Organization will be holding its 2016 annual Board Meeting in New Mexico in October 2016, which has three days of activities, including one full day at the law for a public forum with state and federal judges.

5. **Standards for Shortening the Tenure Clock** – Deans Alfred Mathewson and Sergio Pareja addressed the answers regarding how pre-tenured faculty can go up for early tenure review. They explained their findings from researching the faculty handbook, reviewing current contracts and discussions with the Provost’s office.

6. **Faculty Senate report** – Prof. Michelle Rigual, the new representative to the Committee, relayed the general discussion items that were discussed at the recent meeting, including campus-wide enrollment numbers (which are currently unavailable this early in the semester for this academic year).
7. **Ad Hoc Voting Committee** – Deans Alfred Mathewson and Sergio Pareja had been asked to bring clarity as to voting rights – who is allowed to vote on what items. As this decision is made solely by tenured faculty, an Ad Hoc Committee will be set up to research and bring a proposal to the tenured faculty for consideration. Please email the Deans if you are interested in serving on the Committee.
8. **AALS Climate Study** – The Deans updated everyone on the September 17-18 scheduled meetings. Reminder that if you would like to meet individually with one of the two AALS representatives, to call and schedule a time. The AALS representatives will be addressing the full staff at a half hour briefing during this visit, giving an overview of how they will approach the issues the staff have addressed.

After their meetings with faculty on Sept. 17-18, they will provide a report with their recommendations and propose solutions. One suggestion was made at the meeting to offer the anonymous feedback results from the ABA reaccreditation site visit from Fall 2015 for their review.

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