

Faculty Meeting Minutes October 13, 2015

Faculty: Stan Adelman, Kip Bobroff, Sherri Burr, Yael Cannon, Scott England, Cheryl Fairbanks, Marquita Harnett, Scott Hughes, Lucretia Jaramillo, John LaVelle, Jennifer Laws, Ernesto Longa, Nathalie Martin, Serge Martinez, Alfred Mathewson, Jenny Moore, Adrian Oglesby, Aliza Organick, Mary Pareja, Sergio Pareja, Gordon Rahn, Alex Ritchie, Leo Romero, Dave Sidhu, Alexandra Siek, David Stout, Carol Suzuki, Kevin Tu, Gloria Valencia-Weber, John Whitlow, Peter Winograd, Christine Zuni Cruz.

Staff and Students: Krista Allen, Jeff Dubinski-Neessen, Stephanie Grant, Heather Harrigan, William Jackson, Raylene Weis, Anne Minard (3L), Tess Williams (1L)

The meeting was called to order by Dean Sergio Pareja at 3:05 pm.

1. **Announcements:**

- Dean Mathewson that at the October 12th Southwest Indian Law Center (SILC) reception honoring Jackie Rashleger, UNM law school grad and that during her 3rd year of law school, successfully introduced the legislation to start SILC. A permanent plaque in room 3410 honoring Ms. Rashleger was made possible with generous support from the Modrall Sperling Law Firm.
- Clerkship Committee - Professor Jennifer Laws on behalf of the Committee, requested assistance in identifying and reaching out to current 1L students who may be interested in potential clerkships.
- Marshall Brennan Program – Professor Yael Cannon announced that a team of students will be attending the Marshall Brennan Program Regional Moot Court in Washington, D.C. on November 6. In preparation, she asked any faculty interested in serving as judges during the practice sessions, to please contact her.
- Faculty Colloquium – next meeting scheduled for Wed. Oct. 14th in the New Faculty Lounge, 11:30 a.m. Keith Hall from LSU will be the guest speaker.

2. **Approval of Minutes** of September 8, 2015 meeting. By motion made and seconded, approval of the meeting minutes from the September 8th faculty meeting were approved with friendly amendments (adding “October 2016” to Prof. Gloria Valencia-Weber’s announcement regarding Legal Services Corporation). The vote carried upon condition of the above changes.

3. **Faculty Hiring Committee Report** – Professor Nathalie Martin reported that for the 3 positions with active searches, the Committee has 21 scheduled interviews at the conference in Washington, DC for October 16-17, and additional interviews being scheduled via Skype for those not able to attend.

4. **SHAC Counselor Teresa Law – Students in Crisis** – Heather Harrigan introduced Teresa Law as our resident SHAC Counselor, who let the faculty know what assistance she can offer to faculty members assisting with any students in crisis, and counseling services.

5. **UNM Emergency Preparedness Procedures Report** – Deans Mathewson and Pareja reported from their recent Deans Council meeting. UNM Police Chief Kevin McCabe was the guest speaker, and that in light of recent shootings at college campuses across the country, emergency preparedness strategies and steps to take were discussed. Professor Cliff Villa, Chair of the SOL Safety Committee said that emergency evacuation plans for the more public areas of the building are being discussed, and would be presented at a future faculty meeting by the Committee.
6. **Principal Lecturer Designation – Status Report** – Deans Alfred Mathewson informed of the University policy that was adopted to upgrade Lecturers across campus. The Faculty Senate had approved the system to update Lecturers, but that each Unit was also to have a firm policy in place. A proposal from the Faculty Retention, Promotion, and Tenure Committee will be presented at the November 10th faculty meeting. Please share any ideas for inclusion with the Deans.
7. **ABA Accreditation Committee Decision** – In the ABA's final report from the 2014 Reaccreditation Site Visit, the Deans informed that the ABA had only one exception in their final report. The exception was 603(D) stating that the Library Director was not a law faculty member. In order to be in compliance, discussion needs to take place regarding our options for moving current Library Director Michelle Rigual to an appointment on the law faculty. The discussion of options and outcome must meet with the approval of the faculty. Our response is due to the ABA by May 2016.
8. **Ideas for Online Initiatives** – currently the Law School is the only Unit on campus that does not have any online classes offered. If you have ideas to be considered for possible opportunities, please contact Dean Pareja.
9. **AALS House of Representatives** – new faculty representatives are needed for AY2015-16. The annual AALS conference is being held in January 2016. Professor Dave Sidhu volunteered to be the new Representative, and Professor Carol Suzuki as the alternate representatives, by motion and vote, it was approved by all faculty.

The meeting was adjourned by motion and vote at 4:05 pm.