

## Faculty Meeting Minutes November 10, 2015

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

Staff and Students: Krista Allen, Jeff Dubinski-Neessen, Stephanie Grant, Heather Harrigan, William Jackson, Cyndi Johnson, Raylene Weis, Anne Minard (3L), Keri Rezac (2L)

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

### 1. **Announcements:**

- Asst. Dean Heather Harrigan – State Bar Incubator- open to 1L or 2L students. Soliciting assistance from faculty of interested students. Please let her or Prof. Serge Martinez know.
- Asst. Dean Jeffery Dubinski-Neessen – Second Annual Senior Lawyer’s Division – Attorney Memorial Scholarship Presentation and Reception announcement. Event takes place at The State Bar office, Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
- Prof. David Stout – Identifying Students in Distress. Addressed identifying signs that a student may be dealing with personal or scholastic issues and how to approach. SHAC Counselor Theresa Laws’ information was distributed.
- Prof. Yael Cannon and Prof. Serge Martinez – HSC /Architecture collaboration (cross-institute partnership). The Partnership identifies and assists communities in need across the state, beyond the health and stability issues. If you and/ or your group have an interest in collaborating how to bring expertise from the 3 institutions (HSC /Architecture /College of Population Health) for field work, please contact either professor.
- Lobo Reading Experience, “Enrique’s Journey” – on the issue of Immigration Reform. A two-panel discussion will be held at Zimmerman Library on Friday, Nov. 13 for discussion.
- Natural Resources /Environmental Law CLE – Thursday evening, November 12 at 5:15 p.m., for 1 hour of CLE credit. Speaker is newspaper reporter Jonathan Thompson of *High Country News* in Durango, who broke the story of the toxic spill, along with Prof. Cliff Villa.
- Legal Services Corp (LSC) – Prof. Gloria Valencia-Weber – enough money was raised to offer 1 of 3 fellowships with “rural interests”. The fellowship is open to 2<sup>nd</sup> year students with an interest in New Mexico rural areas.
- MALSA-Hispanic Bar Association Holiday Fundraiser - Event takes place on December 4, and tickets are still available. The funds raised assist in funding scholarships and mentorship programs. Prof. Cliff Villa will forward the email to all faculty and staff containing information about the event and purchasing tickets.
- Alumni Board Mixer – Faculty are encouraged to attend this Mixer hosted by Alumni Board President David Martinez. Event takes place Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

2. **Approval of Minutes** of October 13, 2015 meeting. By motion made and seconded, the meeting minutes from the October 13<sup>th</sup> faculty meeting passed unanimously upon vote.
3. **Faculty Hiring Committee report** – Prof. Nathalie Martin, Chair of the Committee reported on the status of interviews and faculty hiring meeting discussion. Thus far, four interviews have been conducted, and there are five remaining candidates. The first hiring meeting will take place on November 24 at 3:00 p.m., Room 2404, for discussion and vote on Criminal and Constitutional Law candidates. The second hiring meeting will take place on December 4 at 10:30 a.m., Room 2405, for discussion and vote on the Environmental Law candidates.
4. **Pipeline Committee report** – Asst. Dean Jeffery Dubinski-Neessen provided two hand-outs (copies attached). The first, an American Bar Association Recommendation for a Resolution urging the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) to collaborate with state's on bar passage rates of minority candidates. The second handout, a copy of the UNM Division of Equity and Inclusion Mission and Vision Statements, and Core Values. He also solicited input from faculty on how to better engage faculty and/or community groups that faculty are currently engaged in, to reach out to various minority groups around the state.
5. **Action Item: Proposed Policy Regarding Legal Writing Faculty** – Dean Sergio Pareja prefaced the discussion by way of reminder of the Ad Hoc Committee on Voting proposal that will be brought before the faculty in February 2016. The Library faculty have elected to not be involved in the upcoming vote on this topic, and in upcoming faculty hiring meetings (but will participate in the discussions), until the decision of the Ad Hoc Voting Committee is determined.

A copy of proposed changes were distributed to faculty members via email on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, with a follow-up email by Prof. Steven Homer highlighting a few items from the Legal Writing Faculty on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> (copies attached). The Proposed Amendments came to the faculty in the form of a motion made and seconded. After discussion, a motion was made by Prof. Nathalie Martin, seconded by Prof. Jenny Moore, to adopt the proposal “as is” today of the Senior Lecturer position for Prof. Steven Homer, with the intention of a Sunset Policy (decision to be made *no later than the end of AY2015-16* of the issues brought up by faculty during the discussion, including the issue of “renewability and prior service to be included with ‘years of service.’”

A motion was made by Prof. Carol Suzuki, and seconded by Dean Alfred Mathewson, to include corrections in adding a hyphen and inserting the word “offer” (page 2 – Senior Lecturer, with the sentence beginning “If the Dean...”); the vote passed with 1 abstention. The overall vote for the Amended Policy passed, with 3 abstaining.

6. **Action Item: Proposal Regarding Letter Grade for Guanajuato Students** – Assoc. Dean Christine Zuni Cruz distributed the proposal “from UNM School of Law’s *Bulletin and Handbook of Policies* (copy attached). The proposal came to the faculty in the form of a motion made, was seconded by Prof. Scott Hughes, with the following addition: to add a comma and the text “except for the Externship Program,” after the word “Institute” on the first line (Full text to be added, including the above amendment would read: “Notwithstanding the foregoing, credits earned in the Guanajuato Summer Law Institute,

except for the Externship Program, will transfer with earned grades, and those grades will be included in the student's Law School cumulative grade point average." ). The proposed amendments carried unanimously when voted upon.

7. **Order of the Coif** – an additional item added as a matter of urgency. All attendees who were not members of the Order of the Coif were dismissed from the meeting. Order of the Coif ballot for Election of Officers and other Executive Members was distributed for review. After review, a motion was made by Prof. Yael Cannon, seconded by Prof. John Whitlow, to approve the slate of proposed members, and passed unanimously when voted upon.

The meeting was adjourned by motion and vote at 5:20 pm.