Minutes for Faculty Meeting March 7, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Dean Sergio Pareja at 3:05 pm

Faculty: Maryam Ahranjani, Marsha Baum, Reed Benson, Camille Carey, Barbara Creel, Scott England, Marquita Harnett, Steven Homer, Joshua Kastenberg, April Land, Jennifer Laws, Ernesto Longa, Serge Martinez, Alfred Mathewson, Ted Occhialino, Aliza Organick, Mary Pareja, Sergio Pareja, Michelle Rigual, Alex Ritchie, Leo Romero, David Stout, Sherri Thomas, Cliff Villa, Kevin Washburn, John Whitlow, Jeanette Wolfley

Staff: Beverly Akin

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Marsha Baum, as Chair of Curriculum Committee: First, you will be receiving an email message from Kyran Worrell soon regarding updating your course descriptions online. We ask that you please do this fairly quickly, as we would like to have them updated as soon as possible so that students will have enough time to review course descriptions prior to registering for fall classes.

Second, the Bar Passage Task Force recommended a new course called Advanced Legal Analysis. The idea is that it would initially be taught from this summer to next summer. David Stout will teach the course this summer, and he will tell you a bit about it now.

David Stout: The faculty would identify students who would benefit from this class. Faculty will provide student names to the Registrar and encourage those students to take the class. There are some students coming out of the first year who can benefit from this type of class. In essence, it is a boot camp in legal analysis. The idea is to run through a series of problems, which will strengthen students' analytical skills. Our hope is that it will increase their chances for success in law school, on the bar exam, and as an attorney.

Dean Mathewson: Garrett Adcock, a second-year law student at UNM School of Law, has been nominated by Governor Susana Martinez to replace Student Regent Ryan Berryman, whose term expired.

ACTION ITEM:

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the February 7 faculty meeting, with the minor correction of removing Jennifer Laws' name from this list of people in attendance at the meeting. The motion passed with no nay votes and two abstentions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION ITEM #1:

Dean Mathewson and Dean Pareja: Motion to recommend that the Provost reinstate Professor George Bach as a tenure-track faculty member at UNM School of Law commencing in the fall semester. He would start in August as an associate professor with a three-year tenure clock. A secret ballot was requested prior to the meeting. Following questions and discussion, the faculty voted in favor of recommending that the Provost reinstate Prof. Bach as a tenure-track faculty member commencing in the fall semester.

ACTION ITEM #2:

Faculty Retention, Promotion & Tenure Committee: Motion to recommend the promotion of Prof. Scott England to Principal Lecturer. Report presented by Professor Steven Homer. A secret ballot was requested prior to the meeting. Following questions and discussion, the faculty voted in favor of recommending the promotion of Prof. England to Principal Lecturer.

ACTION ITEM #3:

Faculty Retention, Promotion & Tenure Committee: Motion to recommend the reappointment of Prof. Serge Martinez to a second three-year term and to promote him to Associate Professor. Report presented by Professor Camille Carey. A secret ballot was requested prior to the meeting. Following questions and discussion, the faculty voted in favor of recommending the reappointment of Prof. Serge Martinez to a second three-year term and promoting him to Associate Professor.

ACTION ITEM #4:

Faculty Retention, Promotion & Tenure Committee: Motion to recommend the reappointment of Prof. Mary Leto Pareja to a second three-year term and to promote her to Associate Professor. Dean Sergio Pareja recused himself for the entirety of the discussion and the vote. A secret ballot was requested prior to the meeting. Following questions and discussion, the faculty voted in favor of recommending the reappointment of Prof. Mary Pareja to a second three-year term and promoting her to Associate Professor.

ACTION ITEM #5:

Faculty Retention, Promotion & Tenure Committee: Motion to recommend the reappointment of Prof. Jeanette Wolfley to a second three-year term and to promote her to Associate Professor. A secret ballot was requested prior to the meeting. Following questions and discussion, the faculty voted in favor of recommending the reappointment of Prof. Jeanette Wolfley to a second three-year term and promoting her to Associate Professor.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.