

Faculty Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 23, 2016

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

Faculty: Grace Allison, Maryam Aranjani, Marsha Baum, Reed Benson, Kip Bobroff, Sherri Burr, Camille Carey, Barbara Creel, Scott England, Steven Homer, Scott Hughes, Lucretia Jaramillo, Joshua Kastenberg, April Land, Jennifer Laws, Ernesto Longa, Nathalie Martin, Serge Martinez, Alfred Mathewson, Jennifer Moore, Aliza Organick, Daniel Ortega, Mary Pareja, Sergio Pareja, Alex Ritchie, Leo Romero, Alexandra Siek, David Stout, Carol Suzuki, Sherri Thomas, Cliff Villa, John Whitlow, Peter Winograd, Jeanetta Wolfley, Christine Zuin Cruz

Students: Keri Rezac (2L)

Staff: Krista Allen, Beth Gillia, Heather Harrigan, Nancy Huffstutler, Cyndi Johnson, David Pallozzi, Hannah Farrington

Other: Theresa Law

Welcome back April Land and Barbara Creel; welcome new faculty, Maryam Ahranjani and Joshua Kastenberg.

1. Announcements:

- Summer grant reports are due Wednesday, August 31st; reports should include the number of weeks and what you did in those weeks - no formal process; an email is suitable.
- NM State Bench and Bar Conference; Professors Leo Romero, Alex Ritchie and Barbara Creel presented. There was very good turn-out. In the future the deans would like to see more faculty there.
- Simms Lecture will be September 7th - Professor Bruno Aguilera-Barchet, who teaches in our Madrid program, will be the speaker. He is the former Dean of the Universidad Rey Juan Carlos. The deans would like to see a good turn-out for this event.
- Welcome Back Barbeque will be held on Thursday, September 25th. Please plan on attending.
- Sherri Burr announcement: Art Inventory – if you have any art that does not belong to you personally please email me so it can be inventory, labeled, listed and can be sent to Risk Management for proper insurance of the collection, which is quite expensive.
- Sherry Thomas: The library asbestos clean-up is not quite done and has displaced people in the admin suite, along with other people in the library. Meeting room 1328 is not available because of workers. People who had meetings scheduled in 1328 were moved to other places in the Law School. On the tail end of this, the insurance people from PPD have come in to get the insurance; hopefully the remodeling can start soon.
- Reminder that Robert Flinkman's retirement party will be this Friday, August 25th from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm in the King Room, with toasting at 5:00 p.m.
- Sergio Pareja: The Registrar hiring process is moving really fast because of William Jackson retiring next Wednesday. Because we are not allowed to email out resumes per HR, copies of the four candidates' resume will be at Beverly Akin's desk for your review, which will be available tomorrow morning. Please give Sheryl Cohn or Beverly Akin feedback by the end of the day tomorrow as the search committee is meeting on Thursday to make a decision. Committee members consist of Sergio Pareja, Marsha Baum, Scott England, and Nancy Huffstutler.

Vote Granting Visiting Professor Kip Bobroff Voting Rights – Deans Mathewson and Pareja entertained the motion to extend voting right to Kip Bobroff for this year, as long as the provisional voting policy is in place. There was a motion on the floor and a second, and discussion. Motion was voted on and it carried to give Kip Bobroff provisional voting rights this year provided that the provisional voting policy is in place.

Approval of Minutes from May 10, 2016 Meeting: A motion was made to approve the minutes and was seconded. The minutes were approved with four (4) abstentions.

Vote on Emerita Status for Professor Eileen Gauna: Deans Mathewson and Pareja led the discussion. A motion was made and was then seconded; discussion was asked for; a vote was made and approved unanimously.

Selection of AALS Representative: Prof. Maryam Ahranjani volunteered to be the School of Law representative at the AALS meeting in San Francisco. Quiche Suzuki volunteered to serve as the alternate.

Admissions Report: David Pallozzi was introduced to the faculty as the new Admissions Director. Two reports were given. The first was of the applicant pool and the second was the ABA Report. David indicated that many applicants were listing more than one ethnicity. It was noted that applications were down, particularly from African Americans.

Report on Study Abroad Programs: Prof. Martin, Dean Pareja and Dean Mathewson led the discussion. The Madrid program had 20 students last summer. The American students were able to choose between International Business Transactions and International Disaster Law; it was a very good experience. Many of the students stated that this was the best experience in their educational career. If you are interested in teaching in Madrid next summer, please get your applications to Daniel Ortega, as Chair of the International Programs Committee, by Friday, September 9.

The future of the Guanajuato Program is being discussed by the deans of the consortium schools because of revenue, budget, and cost. Dean Mathewson will be traveling to Dallas on Monday, August 29th, to discuss the continuation of this program with the consortium deans. Please provide feedback prior to Dean Mathewson's departure.

Discussion Regarding Recent Student Suicides: Teresa Law, SHAC Counselor in Residence, and Heather Harrigan, Assistant Dean for Career Services, spoke about the recent losses we have had at the School of Law. Handouts were given out and questions were fielded regarding outreach. Faculty was informed that Teresa did a debriefing with students and offered counseling services. There will be a session in 2504 on Thursday for students or faculty would like to come.

Discussion of Institutional Climate Plan: Assoc. Dean Zuni Cruz and Deans Mathewson and Pareja solicited feedback on the AALS comments: there are forms at the front desk, and we can send the link out again to the online survey – Survey Monkey. Please complete the survey by September 15. Christine Zuni Cruz is now the Associate Dean of Institutional Climate and Equity. She would like to assemble a team to work on climate issues. The faculty were encouraged to nominate faculty and staff for the team.

Voting Policy: The deans are coming up with a plan for moving toward faculty approval of a permanent voting policy. The deans are contemplating whether to continue to use the Ad Hoc Voting Committee. There was some resistance to using the committee. They are also considering the use of faculty meetings for a series of votes on parts of the Voting Policy. It was suggested that the faculty have two or three

meetings on voting because there are so many items to deal with. The deans may start by meeting with faculty and get input about the path forward.

Order of the Coif: Members who are not members of the Coif were asked leave. A motion was made to accept the nominees as presented in alphabetical order regarding the above criteria. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. A vote happened and the motion passed with 1 abstention.

A motion of adjourn was made and seconded. It passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.