

Faculty Meeting¹
Tuesday, January 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m., once a quorum was reached. The following people were present for at least some portion of the meeting.

Faculty: **George Bach, Reed Benson, Sherri Burr, Camille Carey, Barbara Creel, Scott England, Marquita Harnett, Scott Hughes, Joshua Kastenberg, April Land, John LaVelle, Ernesto Longa, Nathalie Martin, Serge Martinez, Alfred Mathewson, Aliza Organick, Gabriel Pacyniak, Mary Pareja, Sergio Pareja, Michelle Rigual, Leo Romero, Carol Suzuki, Sherri Thomas, Cliff Villa, Keven Washburn, Jeanette Wolfley, Christine Zuni Cruz** (*17 needed for quorum; names that count toward quorum in bold*)

Staff: Beverly Akin

Student Representatives: None

Dean Pareja called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

ACTION ITEM:

The faculty first considered whether to request a second hire from the pool of applicants for a business and/or IP faculty position. A motion was made and seconded to make a second offer to a candidate in the pool, without identifying which candidate. The motion was followed by discussion. The motion passed with 18 yes votes, 4 no votes, and one abstention.

ACTION ITEM:

The faculty then considered the candidates who had passed the 40% acceptability round and the 60% offer round in the last faculty meeting. The faculty voted, by secret ballot. Each faculty member was asked to write down only the name of the one candidate whom s/he preferred. The one with the most votes was ranked first. The remaining candidate was ranked second.

Professor John LaVelle raised a point of order. Professor LaVelle noted that, while a public body's discussion of personnel matters can occur in closed session pursuant to an exception to New Mexico's Open Meetings Act, the Act requires that the vote itself happen in an open part of the meeting, with each member's vote recorded in the publicly-available minutes of the meeting. Dean Pareja denied the point of order. Professor LaVelle moved to appeal the decision and requested a second. Nobody seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 am

¹ This was a special executive session meeting. It was called for the sole purpose of making a faculty hiring decision. As a result, only faculty members (and the staff reporter) were invited to attend.