

**Minutes for Faculty Meeting**  
**May 7, 2019**

*Dean Sergio Pareja called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m., once a quorum was reached. The following people were present for at least some portion of the meeting:*

**Faculty:** **George Bach, Reed Benson, Paul Figueroa, Marquita Harnett, Steven Homer, April Land, Nathalie Martin, Serge Martinez, Aliza Organick, Gabe Pacyniak, Mary Pareja, Sergio Pareja, Sonia Rankin, Michelle Rigual, Leo Romero, Alexandra Siek, Laura Spitz, Sarah Steadman, David Stout, Sherri Thomas, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Peter Winograd, Jeanette Wolfley** (*17 needed for quorum; names that count toward quorum in bold*)

**Staff:** Beverly Akin, Chad Covey, Hannah Farrington, David Pallozzi

**Student:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Dean Pareja announced that Beverly will be graduating on main campus on Saturday. She received a very warm round of applause.
- Dean Pareja noted that Honors & Awards begins at 2:00 on Friday. Because Bonnie was away from the law school for many years, people should reach out to her with offers to help. Dean Pareja also noted that graduation begins at 1:00 on Saturday and that people should arrive around noon. The picture is scheduled to be taken at about 12:30.
- Dean Pareja noted he is working on committee assignments for next year and hopes to have a draft out by the end of the week. He also has started working on annual reviews. While he hopes to complete them before leaving for Madrid, he may have to finish them in July.
- Dean Pareja noted that one of our incoming new faculty members, Vinay Harpalani, is currently in town looking for a place to live. Also, one of our other new faculty members, John Kang, is likely to come to Albuquerque before his wife while she continues to work on selling their home in Florida. He is looking for a temporary place to stay near campus until his home in Florida sells. Please let Dean Pareja know if you have any suggestions.
- Associate Dean Sherri Thomas noted that over the summer she will be starting a lunch and learn session. No dates are set as of yet, but please contact her directly if you would like to give a presentation to a friendly audience on either a topic or a paper.

**ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes from April 9, 2019 faculty meeting – Dean Sergio**

**Pareja:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the draft minutes from April 9, 2019 meeting. The motion was voted on and passed with no nay votes and two abstentions.

**ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2019 faculty meeting – Dean Sergio**

**Pareja:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the draft minutes from April 2, 2019 meeting. The motion was voted on and passed with no nay votes and one abstention.

**Discussion about Civility and Welcoming New Faculty to the Law School – Professor**

**George Bach:** Professor Bach engaged the faculty in a discussion focused on improving interactions, deliberations, and decision-making at faculty meetings. The consensus in the room was that we spend too much time dealing with procedural issues and rules at the expense of substance. There was some discussion about focusing on core principles to guide our meetings rather than getting bogged down dealing with technical rules. Some people also expressed a desire for a faculty retreat toward the beginning of the next academic year so that faculty meetings are more productive. There also was some discussion about suggesting amounts of time to be spent on each topic on the agenda for each meeting.

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. by unanimous consent.*