

Law School Faculty Meeting
February 29, 1988
Dean's Conference Room, 4:00 PM

PRESENT: Dixon, DuMars, J. Ellis, W. Ellis, Flickinger, Fritz, Godfrey, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Hermann, Huang, Kelly, Kovnat, MacPherson, Martinez, Mathewson, Morse, Norwood, Occhialino, Parnall, Sanders, Savage, Scheible, Sedillo Lopez, and Utton.
Student Representatives: Craig, Gobeo, and Schauer.

Announcements

First-Year Student Representative Gobeo announced the upcoming Skit Party. Faculty donations and support would be welcomed. No firm date has been set for this event but it will be set within the next two weeks. All were encouraged to participate and attend.

Order of the Coif

It was requested by the Order of the Coif Secretary/Treasurer that local chapters consider the application for membership from Georgetown University. Upon proper motion and second, the application of Georgetown University for membership was approved.

Business

Dean Parnall gave an update on the status of the Law School and University budgeting outlook for the upcoming fiscal year. There appears that there may be more support from the University administration for improvement and this optimism was conveyed.

Report of the Faculty Appointments Committee

Professor Gonzales announced that the Committee has been approached by Research Professor Nathanson requesting regularization of his status as a School of Law faculty member in recognition of his years of service at the School of Law. The Committee recommended to the faculty that his title be changed from "Research Professor" to "Professor" and that he be extended full voting membership on the School of Law faculty. In addition, the Committee recommended that the Dean explore creating an additional tenured or tenure-track position for Professor Nathanson. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to table this issue until the next meeting of the faculty so that further consultations with Professor Nathanson may occur. The motion carried. Dean Parnall and Professor Gonzales will meet further with Professor Nathanson and report back to the faculty.

Professor Gonzales extended the Committee's unanimous and enthusiastic recommendation that the faculty extend a three year probationary (tenure-track) contract to Ms. Sherri L. Burr. Upon proper motion and second, it was voted unanimously to authorize Dean Parnall do so.

Further discussion of the current hiring process and outlook ensued. It was moved and seconded that the Committee circulate several remaining resumes in the Committee's cadre of applicants and that each faculty member should report back to the Committee his or her preference regarding the next individual to be extended an invitation to visit the School of Law for an employment interview in the event other interviews are scheduled. The motion carried.

Report of the Curriculum Committee

Professor Hall restated the Curriculum Committee's objectives, as approved by the faculty at their last meeting, and circulated a set of instructions and subcommittee assignments in order to begin working toward those objectives. It was requested that each group give draft reports to Professor Hall no later than April 1, 1988 so that work can begin on preparing a new course description booklet for the students.

In addition, Professor Hall discussed difficulties encountered with staffing the courses of Law, Advocacy, and the Clinic. After discussing teaching load figures and projections given the current faculty size, Professor Hall requested that the faculty renew their strong commitment to these courses. The faculty enthusiastically did so.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.



E.A. Jenkins-Smith, Faculty Secretary