

Faculty Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2003

Present: Suellyn Scarnecchia, Paul Nathanson, Ron Wheeler, Barbara Blumenfeld, Laura Gomez, Michelle Rigual, Barbara Bergman, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Aliza Organick, April Land, Marilyn O'Leary, Rob Schwartz, Jenny Moore, Em Hall, Chris Fritz, Norman Bay, Carol Suzuki, Peter Winograd, John LaVelle, Denise Fort, Leo Romero, Dick Gonzales, Mike Norwood, Jose Montoya

Students: Pilar Gonzales, Shelby Bradley

The meeting was called to order at 4:11 pm.

- I. Minutes of the meeting of Sept. 23, 2003 were approved unanimously.
- II. Dean's Report:
 - a. Service pins were awarded to Gloria Valencia-Weber (10 years), and Barbara Blumenfeld (5 years).
 - b. Dean Scarnecchia reported that much has been accomplished so far this year. Rob Schwartz was commended for his contributions in programming and setting up the weekly faculty luncheons.
 - c. The children's conference was very successful last week on Tuesday and Wednesday. The conference for next year is already in the planning stages.
 - d. Several committees are very active. Faculty Appointments has been preparing for the DC AALS recruitment conference later this week. Theresa Montoya and Peggy Lovato have been extremely helpful to this committee.
 - e. The Alumni Awards dinner netted \$15,000 (initial estimate), the most ever raised. This money will be used to fund a full tuition scholarship and a lecture series. Dean Scarnecchia will be visiting alums in DC in addition to attending the recruitment conference. She will be visiting alumni on November 14 in Las Cruces, and will be visiting alumni in December in Roswell. A visit is also planned for January to visit alumni in Gallup.
 - f. Judicial Selection for the Second District Court was completed today, with four names sent to the Governor.
- III. Associate Deans:
 - a. Dean Schwartz reported on the faculty lunch this Thursday and next Thursday. He also reported that the National Order of the Coif has awarded the law school a national award, and will be visited by a renowned speaker.

- b. Dean Lopez reported that the Trial Advocacy section of the State Bar has donated \$1,000 for a litigation fund for the clinic. The clinic has applied to have a Summer in the SW session, and they are looking at courses on Spanish for lawyers and legal history.

IV. Committees:

- a. Romero reported on the Law Library Director search. The committee will start reviewing applications on November 1. The ad has been revised. To date, the names of nine nominees have been received, in addition to 13 applications. The nominees have been encouraged to apply.
- b. Valencia-Weber reported on the Faculty Appointments committee's preparations for the AALS Recruitment Conference. Alfred, Nathalie, Gloria and Suellyn will be attending. To date, they have processed all of the tax applicants (54) who have applied directly. AALS applicants resulted in 17 interviews scheduled in DC. Of the LRRW applicants (direct), 67 were processed; 3 will be interviewed in DC, and 12 will be interviewed when the committee returns from the conference. The committee expects to be able to move within a week of the return from the AALS conference.

V. Strategic Plan:

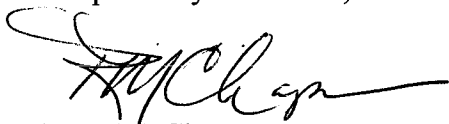
- a. Dean Scarnecchia has received a large amount of input and has tried to incorporate as much as possible into the plan.
- b. References have been added to the UNM Strategic plan. Much overlap is noted.
- c. Some changes were:
 - 1. P.1-The Introduction was set out to show the way it relates to the UNM plan. How much more needs to be added? Change second bullet to explain importance of educating non-law students.
 - 2. P.2-Changes based on suggestions, but admission section is fairly generic, because of current review of policy.
 - 3. P.2-Career Services to promote students to explore public interest jobs in many areas, including DC and NY.
 - 4. P.2-Expand on strengthening curriculum.
 - 5. P.4-Option to fill holes in teaching from existing faculty, in addition to hiring from outside.
 - 6. P.4-Added review and recommendations by May 2005.
 - 7. P.4-Bar passage rate an indicator of effectiveness of curriculum.

8. P.5-Bringing to faculty attention the implementation of outcome-based evaluations of students and courses.
9. P.5-Highlighted the plan to strengthen the intellectual life of the LS/scholarship and research. Hasn't been fleshed out.
10. Hiring priorities.
11. P.5-D-1, all speakers should not all be from outside of NM.
12. P.6-Stronger ties to undergraduate programs and post-baccalaureate (correct spelling please) students from other programs. Also explore post-law school, certification, and non-degree programs.
13. P.6-III-Clinical section is all new, written in priority. As rewritten, should be relocated to #I.
14. Natural Resources and Indian Law-promote interdisciplinary programs, and developing an LL.M. program.
15. P.7-Indian Law: need for professional JD Executive Director for program.
16. P.8, E-All feedback from the International committee. Input on need for a Latin American specialist. Need collaborative relationship with other Latin American programs on campus.
17. P.9 F-Highlight that all areas are interrelated.
18. Formally provide that the document is flexible and may change as needed. Trying to keep from revisiting issues and decisions.

d. Comments requested within a week.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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