

Faculty Meeting Minutes  
November 4, 2003

Faculty: Suellyn Scarnecchia, Marsha Baum, Scott Hughes, Barbara Blumenfeld, Mike Norwood, Norman Bay, Michael Browde, Chris Fritz, Jose Martinez, Ted Occhialino, Leo Romero, Jenny Moore, Peter Winograd, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Ron Wheeler, Lorraine Lester, John LaVelle, Paul Nathanson, Kip Bobroff, Alfred Mathewson, Carol Suzuki, April Land

Students: Pilar Gonzales, Shelby Bradley

The meeting was convened at 4:11 am

I. Dean's Report:

- a. Ted Occhialino gave a riveting Karelitz lecture on Civil Procedure.
- b. The Indian Law Convocation was a success. Three regents attended, several judges, and many other participants.
- c. The Faculty Appointments committee and Dean Scarnecchia had a very successful trip to DC for the AALS Recruitment Conference. The Alumni meeting was also very well attended. Dean Scarnecchia did individual meetings with alumni in DC. A follow-up letter will be sent to ask to help sponsor a student in DC, and possibly mentor students while they're there.
- d. AILC and IPL co-sponsored the Four Corners Conference last week, which was a very impressive collaboration between lots of organizations in the state.
- e. Amelioration is going on now, due to JAG recruitment at the Law School. Notices will be distributed that will have information on the amelioration efforts. The meeting with the Dean on the issue went very well, and the Amelioration committee expects to have at least one more panel during the semester. The Dean is offering her support of students in doing a diversity film series.
- f. Halloween carnival went very well.
- g. In evaluating the curriculum and schedule for next year, the faculty are asked to return their questionnaires by the end of the week. Whether visitors are hired for next year is based on how many faculty intend to take leave or sabbatical next year.
- h. Tax candidates should be expedited, and it is hoped to come to a vote in November.

II. Associate Deans

- a. Dean Lopez will send her report as she had a conflict with this meeting.

III. Order of the Coif

- a. The faculty voted unanimously to allow the admission of two additional schools to the Order.
- b. The faculty voted unanimously for the slate of executive committee of the Coif.

IV. Faculty Appointments Committee

- a. The trip to the AALS Recruitment conference was made by Gloria, Alfred, Nathalie and Suellen. They accomplished 20 interviews in two days. Out of total tax applicants, nine have been ranked, and four will be interviewed in November. All faculty are urged to participate in the interview process.
- b. The interview schedules have been streamlined, to facilitate the process and allow a vote before the end of the semester. There will be a faculty lunch presentation for each candidate.
- c. The committee interviewed three candidates for Legal Writing through the recruitment conference. Throughout the next three days, the committee will be completing interviews with other applicants, and will inform each candidate where they are on the finalist list; however, they won't be interviewed until January.

V. Library Director Search

- a. The committee has received 24 applications to date for a Library Director. They will be meeting to cull the list.

VI. Strategic Plan

- a. Numerical indicators have been removed.
- b. Requests for money for scholarships, fundraising, etc. will be added to page 9.
- c. Incorporated some of the suggestions received since the last meeting. Because a project is not listed, does not mean it won't happen – strategic plan is just not the place for it.
- d. Shortcomings may be
  1. Plan has not forced prioritization as strongly as needed.
  2. Plan should not have five areas of concentration.
  3. Plan needs insertion of review and assessment.
  4. Plan doesn't reflect as much consensus as would like.
- e. Benefits
  1. Has motivated faculty to work together.
  2. Has helped educate Dean Scarnecchia on the Law School and the faculty.
- f. Dean Scarnecchia needs to turn her attention now to fund raising. The need is to expand the pie: we shouldn't think how to fit everything into the current budget, think outside it, to expand the budget to fit.
- g. Once the students & staff see the plan and have their opportunity to input suggestions, the faculty will see it again.
- h. Ted Occhialino suggested an 18-month follow-up review of the plan. Dean Scarnecchia agreed to insert such a clause with time and method.

- i. Under the section of increased resources, the projects are not necessarily ranked in order, i.e., the community and economic development piece could happen as soon as UNM obtains the Kauffman Grant on entrepreneurial studies.
- j. It would be useful to look at all Law School publications in light of the strategic plan. Is the expertise available to do this?
- k. With comments from today, a version should be available next week for review by students, staff and alumni association board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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