

Faculty Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2004

Present: Scarnecchia, Torraco, O'Leary, Gonzales, Suzuki, Hughes, Browde, Occhialino, Lopez, Romero, Winograd, Norwood, Schwartz, Hall, Bay, Martin, Gomez, Moore, Land, Martinez, Valencia-Weber, Shine, Baum

Students: Bradley, Carillo-Cruz

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm.

Nathalie Martin was presented with her UNM 5-year pin.

I. Admissions Review

- A. Dean S. would like to have a committee formed to go over the input received so far on the policy and report back next Spring. Dean Scarnecchia reported that the feedback from faculty thus far reflects the conclusion reached by the Admissions committee that our current policy is legal under Grutter. In addition, she reported that there is very clear support among the faculty for continuing to consider several factors, including race or ethnicity, to admit a diverse and well-qualified class each year. The purpose of the committee is to review the many suggestions received from faculty to improve our recruitment process, etc. She will appoint this committee.
 - 1. One of the assignments will be to look at the recruitment process.
 - 2. Another would be to review the connection between admissions and post-admission academic support. The new Student Services Director will be helping develop a new academic support program.
 - 3. The committee may also be asked to look at the summer program and how it is to be applied, e.g., to the whole class, or just to those predicted to have difficulties.
- B. Dean Scarnecchia asked for volunteers for the committee to let her know that they are willing to serve.
- C. The Dean has been asked to appoint students, alumni and people from outside the school to the committee. She will be looking into this.

II Honors and Awards

- A. In executive session, the faculty discussed the nominations of the Honors and Awards committee. Some amendments were made, and the faculty approved the nominations.
- B. The faculty approved the nomination made for the Staff Award.

The meeting was adjourned at 5: 18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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