

FACULTY MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 28, 2004

Present: Suelleyn Scarnecchia, Jose Martinez, Carole Parker, Christine Zuni-Cruz, Margaret Montoya, Antoinette Sedillo-Lopez, Leo Romero, Barbara Blumenfeld, Michelle Rigual, Steve Homer, Ron Wheeler, Kip Bobroff, Charlie Daniels, Barbara Bergman, Liz Rapaport, Rob Schwartz, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Chris Fritz, Michael Browde, Em Hall, Peter Winograd, Alfred Mathewson, Jenny Moore, Carol Suzuki, Norman Bay, Nathalie Martin, Lynn Carrillo-Cruz, and Shelby Bradley

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes from Aug. 31, 2004 meeting approved.

III. Report from Dean and Associate Deans

A. Dean Scarnecchia:

1. Dean will be going to Washington D.C. beginning 9/29 for a meeting with Sen. Domenici. They will be discussing how UNMSOL can better serve NM.
2. Update on US-Mexico Law Institute
 - a. UNMSOL is separating from the Institute after having an affiliation for many years. Support has included:
 1. providing administrative support for conferences.
 2. publishing the journal.
 - b. An examination of the relationship indicated that it is no longer mutually beneficial.
 - c. Negotiations that took place in an attempt to avoid separation were not fruitful. The decision to separate was difficult, but the separation was amicable. The groundwork was laid to keep a working relationship.
 - d. The Institute will likely go to the University of Florida.
 - e. Discussion:
 1. Margaret Montoya: Discussions of the future of the US-Mexico Journal should involve SHRI (Southwest Hispanic Research Institute).
 2. Leo Romero: This move has needed to happen for some time.
3. Memorial services at UNMSOL for Lee Teitelbaum proposed. Scheduling/planning will take place among interested faculty members.

B. Kip Bobroff report:

1. Next Thursday from 10:00 am – 2:30 pm: Tribal Leaders Summit scheduled. All are invited and encouraged to attend, including a brainstorming session in the afternoon. Talk to Bobroff to participation.

2. Next Thursday at 4:00 p.m.: Indian Law convocation honoring Toby Grossman. Sam Deloria will give the keynote address. RSVP to Mitzi Vigil (Indian Law Program coordinator).
- C. Rob. Schwartz report – upcoming events:
1. Wed., 9/28, at noon: Faculty lunch – Prof Hart will give a presentation on grading.
 2. Fri., 10/8, at noon: Faculty lunch – Zillman on military law.
 3. Tues., 11/9, from noon to 3 p.m.: Law and Medicine Day – 2nd-year students released for activities.
 4. Last week in February: “Law School Sampler” – Looking for faculty members to give 1-1½ hour presentations for the school and the community at large.
- D. Antoinette Sedillo-Lopez report:
1. Report on Access to Justice Panel.
 - a. Goal: to expand legal services to low-income people.
 - b. AJP averaging over 100 referrals per month.
 - c. AJP developing courses for lawyers who participate. Sedillo-Lopez seeking input on developing such courses.
 - d. Antoinette is also seeking suggestions for names of attorneys who would be appropriate to take on as part of the referral network.
- E. Jenny Moore report:
1. Curriculum Committee has begun putting together the curriculum for the next academic year, with a good amount of feedback from faculty.
 2. Feedback on a prior faculty discussion about proposed changes to the student writing requirement has been very good. A draft of the new proposal is tentatively scheduled for consideration next spring.
- F. Carol Parker report:
1. Two new library departments are being created:
 - a. Faculty and Public Services – headed by Ron Wheeler
 - b. Technical Services – headed by Michelle Rigual
 2. Other physical changes:
 - a. New front gate
 - b. New paint
 - c. New artwork (on semipermanent loan) to be displayed, hopefully beginning this fall.
- G. Peter Winograd report:
1. Chairing the Government Relations Committee of the ABA's Section of Legal Education & Admissions to the Bar.
 2. Major project for the coming year is to increase the annual caps on federal loans for graduate/professional students and to modify the Income Contingent Repayment (ICR) Option.

3. ICR proposal would reduce the repayment period to 15 years from 25 for graduates who spend 8-10 of those years in low-income public service employment. In such cases, any remaining balance would be forgiven after 15 years.
4. Several meetings were held during this summer with legislators and their staffs; they will continue over the coming months, along with development of a national grassroots network of law student volunteers prepared to lobby when needed.

IV. Consideration of offer for a tenured faculty position for Laura Gomez

- A. Rob Schwartz moved to offer a tenured faculty position to Laura Gomez, subject to the availability of funding.
- B. Jenny Moore seconded.
- C. Discussion occurred.
- D. Call for vote.
- E. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Hiring plan for 2005-06

- A. Dean Scarnecchia:
 1. Current plan is to fill open slots for environmental and business faculty members for the 2006-07 school year..
 2. A hard-line look at the budget might indicate that we should not make any new hires, but the priority shouldn't just be the bottom line and I am confident that we will be able to support those hires.
 3. Associate deans are looking at what sort of need UNMSOL will have for visiting professors for next year.

VI. There was no new business.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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From notes provided by Shelby Bradley.