
PRESIDENT + PROVOST REPORT:
Dean López opened the meeting by welcoming the President and Provost to the first faculty meeting of the new academic year. Both Fr. Wildes and Dr. Kvet gave remarks on the future of the university.

WELCOME OF NEW FACULTY:
Dean López introduced new faculty members and fellows. After her remarks, she thanked Interim Dean Lorio again for her service during the transition.

ADMISSIONS REPORT:
Dean Allison-Davis reported the 247 incoming students were accepted for the fall semester. The breakdown of the statistics was distributed at the meeting.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS REPORT:
Marie Tufts reported to the faculty that of approximately 59 students who were enrolled in the Principles of Legal Analysis class, 5 did not see their GPA improve. While most saw modest improvements, several students excelled. Sample GPAs went from 2.345 to a 3.210, 1.588 to a 2.660. Individual counseling sessions of 42 students who participated produced the following the breakdown of their performance:

- Top 10% = 2 students (1 student first in the evening division)
- Top 20% = 1 student
- Top 25% = 1 student
- Top 33% = 1 student
- Top 50% = 2 students
- Top 75% = 9 students
- Bottom 25% down to 2.0 GPA = 22 students
- Below 2.0 GPA = 4 students

DEAN’S REPORT:
Dean López presented to the faculty her goals for the law school and how she would like to see everyone working together as a team. Several of her goals to focus on are: bar passage rate, Academic Success Program, improving incoming credentials, fundraising, strengthen existing programs, increasing and
updating our technology and to work on putting our policies and procedures down on paper. Dean López also stated that she is a big advocate for recycling and has increased the visibility of this program around the law school. There has also been a training session for staff members on safety and security, which will be presented to the faculty at a later date. Also to come at a later is a town hall meeting on diversity with the university general counsel, Gia Bolt. The dean has asked that all faculty and staff have their photo taken for the webpage, there will be a photo session held on Thursday, September 15.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Faculty Appointments Committee:
Professor Drury reported that the committee is looking for nominations for fill two tenure track positions, one to replace Professor Higginson and the second one to hire a permanent professor to replace Professor Chase. Since Professor Chase has been teaching required courses as visitor the suggestion was made by the committee to replace him with a full-time person. The committee is open to all suggestions from the faculty for either of the positions.

OLD BUSINESS:
1. Unifying rankings –a subcommittee will be created to look into this matter.

NEW BUSINESS:
1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
• Congratulations were offered by the Dean to Professors Majeeda Snead and Steve Higginson for their recent successes.
• Dedication Ceremony for Law Clinic Building will be held on October 25.
• Welcome party for Dean López will be held on September 30.

Adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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