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MEMORANDUM

TO: Full-Time Faculty, Levin College of Law

FROM: Merritt McAlister, Interim Dean

RE: Faculty Meeting Agenda, Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Our second Faculty Meeting of the 2024-2025 academic year will take place in Holland Hall Room 359 on Tuesday, September 24, 2024. The meeting will begin at noon and will end no later than 1:30 p.m.

The agenda is as follows:

1. Action Item: Approve Faculty Meeting Minutes for August 27, 2024, attached (Dean McAlister)
2. Information Item: Presentation on UF Campaign for Charities (Lindsay Hanson, Layne Prebor, and Matt D'Auria)
3. Information Item: Presentation on Records Management (Sarah Coates, UF Archivist)
4. Action Item: Designation of Law School Representative to the AALS House of Representatives (Dean McAlister)
5. Information Item: Campus Safety Update (Dean McAlister)
6. Information Item: Countries of Concern Collaboration (Dean McAlister)
7. Information Item: New Heirs Property Clinic (Prof. Wright)
8. Information Item: Student Success and Student Life Update (Dean McAlister, Dean Lopez, & Dean Shaw)
9. Information Item: Update from the Appointments Committee (Bambauer, J. and Brauner, co-chairs)

10. Information Item: Faculty Council introduction and updates on mission and work
(Johnston, member)

If you are unable to attend, please contact Peter Molk, who will discuss available options. Otherwise, I look forward to seeing you.

UF Levin College of Law Faculty Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2024 - 12:00 noon

PRESENT: Stacy Biggart, Annie Brett, Juan Caballero, Dennis Calfee, Judy Clausen, Julian Cook, Lisa De Sanctis, Donna Eng, Donna Erez-Navot, Barbara Evans, Ben Fernandez, Thomas Haley, Christopher Hampson, Kristen Hardy, David Hasen, Thomas Hawkins, Berta Hernandez-Truyol, Jiaying Jiang, Benjamin Johnson, Lea Johnston, Elizabeth-Ann Katz, Zachary Kaufman, Matthew Kim, Heather Kolinsky, Gary Lawson, Elizabeth Lear, Lyrissa Lidsky, Sabrina Lopez, Lynn LoPucki, Charlene Luke, Tracey Maclin, Pedro Malavet, Merritt McAlister, Grayson McCouch, Timothy McLendon, Silvia Menendez, Peter Molk, Thinh Nguyen, Lars Noah, Jane O'Connell, Robert Rhee, Katheryn Russell-Brown, Joan Stearns Johnsen, Stacey Steinberg, Lee-ford Tritt, Derek Wheeler, Steven Willis, Michael Wolf, Sarah Wolking, Danaya Wright, Wentong Zheng

PRESENT ON ZOOM: Rachel Arnow-Richman, John Stinneford

NOT PRESENT: Derek Bambauer, Yariv Brauner, Karen Burke, Charles Collier, Teresa Drake, Mark Fenster, William Hamilton, Mindy Herzfeld, Jonathan Marshfield, Paige Snelgro, Amy Stein

Meeting called to order at 12:02 pm.

1. Action Item: Approve Faculty Meeting Minutes for May 7, 2024. (Dean McAlister)

Interim Dean McAlister presented, and faculty considered the faculty meeting minutes for May 7, 2024.

Outcome: Minutes were approved.

2. Action Item: Approve Summer 2024 graduate. (Dean McAlister)

Interim Dean McAlister presented, and faculty considered the Summer 2024 graduate.

Outcome: Graduate approved.

3. Information Item: Welcome New and Visiting Faculty. (Dean McAlister)

Faculty members and meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Outcome: Information only

4. Action Item: Approve Revisions to Committee Assignments. (Dean McAlister)

Interim Dean McAlister presented, and faculty considered the revisions to the Committee Assignments.

Outcome: Revisions to Committee Assignments approved.

5. Information Item: Review Committee Charges. (Dean McAlister)

Interim Dean McAlister presented Committee Charges.

Outcome: Information only.

6. Action Item: Emeritus Status, Professor Neil Buchanan. (Dean McAlister)

Interim Dean McAlister led discussion related to the granting of Emeritus status and presented Professor Neil Buchanan for Emeritus Status.

Outcome: Voting took place by Qualtrics survey immediately following the meeting – motion passed.

7. Information Item: Update from the Appointments Committee. (Profs. J. Bambauer & Brauer, co-chairs)

Professor Bambauer discussed candidates for job talks and asked faculty members to put forth any further prospective candidates.

Outcome: Information only

8. Information Item: Presentation on finance/reimbursement process. (Dean Luke)

Senior Associate Dean Luke announced a Brown Bag discussion on September 13 from 12:30-1:30 pm to discuss and gather information that will be helpful in improving financial processes at the college.

Outcome: Information only

9. Information Item: Update on MSL Program. (Dean Luke)

Senior Associate Dean Luke provided an update on the development of the MSL Program. Currently seven classes have been approved, and more are scheduled for the approval process. A new program proposal packet must be submitted for approval by the Faculty Senate, Board of Trustees, and Board of Governors. The current goal is to have on-line classes approved for Fall 2025, and in-person and online classes approved for Spring or Fall 2026. Professor Stinneford discussed the development of courses for non-lawyers and the need to recruit faculty and adjunct faculty.

Outcome: Information only

10. Information Item: Update on Academic Success and Pedagogy. (Dean Lopez)

Associate Dean Lopez reviewed bar prep opportunities made available to students over the summer and discussed the programs available and scheduled for the fall. She also shared results of the post-bar survey. Dean Lopez provided a pedagogy update and encouraged faculty to stay abreast of opportunities through the newsletter.

Outcome: Information only

Meeting adjourned at 1:22 pm