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MEMORANDUM

TO: Full-Time Faculty, Levin College of Law

FROM: Merritt McAlister, Interim Dean

RE: Faculty Meeting Agenda,

Our fourth Faculty Meeting of the 2025-2026 academic year will take place in the Faculty Lounge on Tuesday, October 14, 2025. The meeting will begin at 12:00 noon and will end no later than 1:00 pm.

The agenda is as follows:

1. Action Item: Approve faculty meeting minutes for September 16, 2025 attached (Dean McAlister)
2. Information Item: Bar Passage Rates (Dean Lopez)
3. Information Item: Viva Engage roll-out (Dean McAlister, IT staff, and Suzy Heinbockel)
4. Information Item: Poucher Lecture information (Florida Law Review Executive Board)
5. Information Item: Curriculum Committee update (Prof. Fenster)
6. Information Item: Academic Standards Committee update on Book Award, Professionalism, and AI policies (Prof. Wolking)
7. Information Item: Judicial Committee update (Prof. Kolinsky)

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
September 16, 2025 - 12:00 noon

PRESENT: Stacy Biggart, Yariv Brauner, Annie Brett, Juan Caballero, Nicholas Christopolis, Lisa De Sanctis, Donna Eng, Donna Erez-Navot, Alex Erwin, Barbara Evans, Cory Evans, Mark Fenster, Ben Fernandez, Thomas Haley, William Hamilton, Christopher Hampson, Berta Hernandez-Truyol, Jiaying Jiang, Lea Johnston, Elizabeth-Ann Katz, Zachary Kaufman, Matthew Kim, Heather Kolinsky, Gary Lawson, Lyrisa Lidsky, Sabrina Lopez, Lynn LoPucki, Charlene Luke, Jonathan Marshfield, Merritt McAlister, Timothy McLendon, Peter Molk, Thinh Nguyen, Lars Noah, Jane O'Connell, Amy Stein, Stacey Steinberg, John Stinneford, Lee-ford Tritt, Derek Wheeler, Steven Willis, Michael Wolf, Sarah Wolking, Andy Yuan, Wentong Zheng

PRESENT ON ZOOM: Julian Cook, Joan Stearns Johnsen

NOT PRESENT: Rachel Arnow-Richman, Derek Bambauer, Karen Burke, Dennis Calfee, Judy Clausen, Charles Collier, Kristen Hardy, David Hasen, Thomas Hawkins, Mindy Herzfeld, Benjamin Johnson, Elizabeth Lear, Tracey Maclin, Grayson McCouch, Silvia Menendez, Robert Rhee, Paige Snelgro, Danaya Wright

Meeting called to order at 12:01 pm

1. Action Item: Approve faculty meeting minutes for August 26, 2025, attached (Dean McAlister)

Dean McAlister presented, and faculty considered minutes for August 26, 2025.

Outcome: Minutes approved

2. Action Item: Action Item: Emeritus Status for Liz Lear (Dean McAlister)

Dean McAlister presented Professor Liz Lear as a candidate for Emeritus Status. Faculty considered the nomination

Outcome: Emeritus status was granted.

3. Action Item: Elect primary and alternate representative to the AALS House of Representatives. (Dean McAlister)

Dean McAlister took nominations from the floor, and faculty discussed candidates.

Outcome: Jane O'Connell was elected as primary and Sabrina Lopez as secondary representatives.

4. Information Item: Campaign for Charities (Matthew D'Auria, Lindsay Hanson, Layne Prebor)

Layne Prebor, Matthew D'Auria, and Lindsay Hanson presented information about the Annual UF Campaign for Charities and provided information for making donations.

Outcome: Information only

5. Information Item: Update from T*T Appointments Committee (Prof. Marshfield)

Jonathan Marshfield provided information on the committee's work to identify and narrow search pools for potential faculty hires.

Outcome: Information only

6. Information Item: Update re: VAP/Fellow Hiring (Dean McAlister)

Dean McAlister presented results of the faculty survey circulated after last month's meeting. Faculty discussed interpretation of the survey results and the ability to alter and override policy with a faculty vote.

Outcome: A survey with an up or down vote on maintaining the current policy will be circulated after the meeting.

7. Information Item: New University Syllabus Policy (Dean McAlister)

Dean McAlister presented the new state-wide syllabus standards and noted the November 28 deadline for spring semester.

Outcome: Information only

8. Information Item: Raises (Dean McAlister)

Dean McAlister announced the university raise pool rate for the upcoming year and shared her methodology for calculating raises.

Outcome: Information only

Meeting adjourned at 12:44 pm.