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MEMORANDUM

TO: Full-Time Faculty, Levin College of Law

FROM: Merritt McAlister, Interim Dean

RE: Faculty Meeting Agenda

Our seventh Faculty Meeting of the 2025-2026 academic year will take place in the Faculty Lounge on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 12:00 noon.

The agenda is as follows:

1. Action Item: Approve faculty meeting minutes for January 27, 2026, attached (Dean McAlister)
2. Information Item: Curriculum Committee update on curriculum maps (Fenster, chair)
3. Information Item: ABA Standards on Learning Outcomes and Assessments (Dean Lopez)
4. Information Item: Faculty Council P & T Policy proposal (Lidsky)

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
January 27, 2026 - 12:00 noon

PRESENT: Derek Bambauer, Stacy Biggart, Yariv Brauner, Annie Brett, Nicholas Christopolis, Judy Clausen, Julian Cook, Lisa De Sanctis, Donna Eng, Donna Erez-Navot, Alex Erwin, Barbara Evans, Cory Evans, Mark Fenster, Ben Fernandez, Thomas Haley, William Hamilton, Christopher Hampson, David Hasen, Thomas Hawkins, Berta Hernandez-Truyol, Benjamin Johnson, Lea Johnston, Elizabeth-Ann Katz, Zachary Kaufman, Heather Kolinsky, Gary Lawson, Lyrisa Lidsky, Sabrina Lopez, Lynn LoPucki, Jonathan Marshfield, Merritt McAlister, Timothy McLendon, Silvia Menendez, Peter Molk, Thinh Nguyen, Lars Noah, Jane O'Connell, Robert Rhee, Paige Snelgro, Joan Stearns Johnsen, Stacey Steinberg, John Stinneford, Lee-ford Tritt, Derek Wheeler, Steven Willis, Michael Wolf, Sarah Wolking, Danaya Wright, Andy Yuan, Wentong Zheng

PRESENT ON ZOOM: Rachel Arnow-Richman, Jiaying Jiang, Amy Stein

NOT PRESENT: Karen Burke, Juan Caballero, Charles Collier, Kristen Hardy, Mindy Herzfeld, Matthew Kim, Charlene Luke, Tracey Maclin, Grayson McCouch

Meeting called to order at 12:01 pm

1. Action Item: Approve faculty meeting minutes for December 5, 2025, attached (Dean McAlister)

Dean McAlister presented minutes for December 5, 2025.

Outcome: Minutes approved

2. Information Item: Judicial Clerkship Committee update (Kolinsky, chair)

Professor Kolinsky reported that spring bundling is closed and that Oscar has opened for 2L students. She noted that several students have been placed in federal and state clerkships thus far.

Outcome: Information only

3. Information Item: Tenure-track Appointments Committee update (Marshfield, chair)

Professor Marshfield reported that Jonathan Green has accepted a faculty appointment and the committee is optimistic that Lipshutz and Haymond will also accept. The committee is continuing to move forward with candidates in the pool for junior faculty positions. Dean McAlister and the committee will also review faculty profiles to create a strategy for attracting tenure level impact hires.

Outcome: Information only

4. Information Item: Admissions Committee update (Steinberg, chair)

Professor Steinburg announced two Admitted Student Day events, one focused on faculty and the other focused on alumni. She encouraged faculty members to attend. She reported that two-thirds of the upcoming class has been admitted. Layne Prebor, Assistant Director, Graduate Admissions and International Programs reported on LLM admissions noting they have received 149 applications thus far.

Outcome: Information only

5. Information Item: Academic Standards Committee update (Wolking, chair)

Professor Wolking reported on the results of the AI survey and discussed the committee's intention of creating a best practice guide rather than a comprehensive policy. An AI brown back will be held on April 27 at noon.

Outcome: Information only

6. Information Item: CITT Title II training update (O'Connell)

Associate Dean O'Connell announced the CITT Training on Feb 3 at noon. The training will provide information on how to ensure all class materials are accessible. The deadline for assuring accessibility is April 24, 2026.

Outcome: Information only

7. Information Item: International Contracts Conference update (Arnow-Richman)

Professor Arnow-Richman announced the International Contracts Conference to be held at UF Law on Feb. 20 & 21 with an opening reception the evening of Feb. 19. Forty-five papers and projects will be presented, representing 6 countries. She is seeking moderators for the 16 panel discussions. She invited everyone to come and invite any interested students.

Outcome: Information only

8. Information Item: Institutional Neutrality Policy (Dean McAlister)

Dean McAlister discussed the policy adopted by the university which limits administrative leadership from speaking on behalf of the university in an official capacity. She encouraged faculty to speak to her individually for guidance on questions regarding specific scenarios.

Outcome: Information only

9. Information Item: Litigation Update (Dean McAlister)

Dean McAlister provided an update on the status of pending litigation, noting that the 11th circuit issued an administrative stay in effect until the decision on appeal is issued. The status quo has not changed since April. Currently the student is not registered for classes and is not allowed on campus. Classes are being recorded to preserve as many options as possible.

Dean McAlister also addressed the recent decision from the Florida Supreme Court recognizing alternative accreditation bodies beyond the ABA

Outcome: Information only

Meeting adjourned at 12:41 pm.

Current UF Law Promotion & Tenure Standard

Eligibility for promotion to Associate Professor requires that an Assistant Professor publish, or have accepted for publication, two single-author articles in a law review (primary or secondary) at an ABA-accredited law school or in a comparable academic journal.

Eligibility for promotion to Full Professor with tenure or for the grant of tenure at the rank of Associate Professor requires that a faculty member publish, or have accepted for publication, two additional such articles.

Proposed new UF Law Promotion & Tenure Standard

Eligibility for promotion to Associate Professor requires that an Assistant Professor publish, or have accepted for publication, two single-author articles or the intellectual equivalent, including coauthored articles, in a law review (primary or secondary) at an ABA-accredited law school or in a comparable academic journal. Eligibility for promotion to Full Professor with tenure or for the grant of tenure at the rank of Associate Professor requires that a faculty member publish, or have accepted for publication, two additional such articles.

Promotion candidates shall include a note with their application for promotion verifying their significant contribution to each article submitted. For every coauthored article submitted, the candidate shall specify their precise contribution, and the methodology used to determine the order of authors.

Current UF Law Post-Tenure Review Standard for “Exceeds Expectations”

Five or more high-quality, solo-authored articles, or the intellectual equivalent including coauthored articles, books, or other research products.

Note – The relevant language regarding co-authorship is identical for “exceeds expectations,” “meets expectations,” “does not meet expectations,” and “unsatisfactory.” The only difference is the number of articles for each category.