

UNM School of Law
Faculty Meeting
July 14, 1971
12:00 noon
Convened in Conference Room

MINUTES

Present: Dean Hart; Assistant Dean Geer; Professors Desiderio, Ellis, Parnall, Walden, Walker, Weihofen, and Barnett; Mr. MacPherson.

Absent: Professors Fink, Kanowitz, Muir, and Utton.

The meeting was presided over by Dean Hart and attention was given to the following matters:

1. The following resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the faculty of the University of New Mexico School of Law and entered in the faculty minutes, at this meeting of July 14, 1971:

In Tribute to Thomas Weldon Christopher,
Dean of the School of Law, 1965 -- 1971.

On your arrival in 1965, this school was still a fledgling institution, inadequate in library and physical plant and staffed by only a handful of teachers. At your departure in 1971, it boasts a beautiful new building second to none in the country, a rapidly expanding library, and a full-time faculty large enough to give it what is perhaps the best student-faculty ratio in the nation. Its outreach has been greatly augmented by the addition of an Institute of Public Law and Services, a Center of Indian Law, a Clinical Law Program, and two law reviews--ongoing projects that dwarf anything other schools of its size possess. The credit for all this is largely yours. You are the principal architect of this school's present greatness.

But we your faculty colleagues owe you a debt of gratitude hardly to be measured by such tangible achievements. There are others that we deem equally, if not more, significant: You provided administrative support at a level we had never experienced elsewhere. You saw to it that we always got what we needed, and often more than we ever asked! You made us feel sure we could speak our minds without fear or favor, both inside and outside the walls of academe. You let us set the policies of the school, while relieving us of unwelcome administrative chores. You never threw your weight around, but always treated us as equals. You succeeded in maintaining good relations with the Bar, despite our personal penchants for iconoclasm and controversy. You helped us build and maintain a spirit of friendly cooperation and forbearance among

ourselves, even when we were most at loggerheads. And last but not least, you were always full of quiet encouragement and benevolent support, of each of us personally and of all of us as a group. If you ever lost your temper, we never knew it!

For all these things, for your wise guidance, and for personal courtesies and kindnesses too numerous to mention, we stand forever in your debt. Of few men can it be genuinely said that they were both "boss" and friend, but we can say it of you. So to you, Tom Christopher, our chief, our mentor, and our friend, a great dean and a greater man, we wish good luck and God speed! We shall miss you.

2. The following students were removed from probation:

Robert C. Brown	James A. Mungle
Benjamin A. Chavez	Joseph E. Svoboda
Robert T. Hartley	

3. The following students were continued on probation:

David L. Hoglund	Osley B. Saunooke
John W. Justus	

4. The following students were suspended from the law school:

Jimmy C. Shorty	Charles M. Tansey
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5. Fred Sehnert, a first-year student, was continued on probation.

The meeting was adjourned sine die.

Respectfully submitted,



Hunter L. Geer
Assistant Dean