

UNM School of Law  
Faculty Meeting  
February 7, 1972  
4:00 p.m.  
Convened in Conference Room

MINUTES

Present: Dean Hart; Professors Bingaman, Daniels, Fink, Goldberg,  
MacPherson, Muir, Parnall, Utton, and R. Walker.

1. The meeting was presided over by Dean Hart and attention was given to the following matters:
2. The minutes of the meeting of January 31, 1972, were approved.
3. The faculty discussed the appointment of new faculty members. It was announced that Peter Maxfield would be joining the faculty as a Visiting Associate Professor in the fall of 1972.
4. The faculty approved the Scholarship Policy, attached and made a part of these minutes.

The meeting was adjourned sine die.

Respectfully submitted,



Frederick M. Hart  
Dean

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Attachment

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PROPOSED POLICY ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The present ad hoc committee on financial assistance recommends that there should be created a permanent joint faculty-student committee on financial assistance composed of four members of the faculty selected by the dean and three students selected by the president of the Student Bar Association. The present ad hoc committee also recommends the adoption of the following policy on financial assistance:

1. In general, these provisions affect the assisting of second and third year students. Unless the first year class is specifically mentioned, these provisions do not alter the present policies on assisting first year students, except, that no commitment may be made to a first year student for assistance during his (her) second or third years in violation of the provisions herein.

2. Available funds will be used to assist students in the form of either direct assistance or employment. "Direct assistance" has been divided into three categories: scholarships, qualification allotments, and necessity allotments. It is unnecessary to apply for scholarships.

a. "Scholarships" are assistance based upon academic performance. Each semester, a scholarship of in-state tuition should be awarded to the three persons with the highest GPA's in each class (including first year if the persons are not already on scholarship) based upon the performance for the prior semester's work. Ties should be broken on the basis of cumulative GPA with the higher cumulative being favored. If ties still exist, then all persons tied for third place are entitled to the scholarship.

b. "Qualification Allotments" are assistance which is necessary to qualify a student for significant additional funds from an outside organization such as OEO. Each semester, any student requiring such an allotment should be granted one.

c. "Necessity Allotments" are assistance based upon a special showing of need. These can be awarded by the administrator of the financial assistance program on a discretionary basis except that a vote of the faculty-student committee will be necessary to allot more than \$100 per semester to any one student, or a total amount exceeding five per cent of the total allocated to all of the above and employment combined. First year students may apply for these funds.

d. A student may reject scholarship funds and still have his or her record reflect that the award was made.

e. NO GUARANTEE EXISTS THAT FUNDS WILL ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE TO FULLY SUPPORT PROVISIONS 2.a. - 2.c. If funds are not sufficient, then 2.c. should be dropped entirely, 2.b. should be maintained at a 100% level if possible, and persons entitled to funds under 2.a. should receive a proportional amount based upon the actual quantity of funds available.

3. Employment Policy. Employment for students at the law school is found in three areas: law internships based upon position; law internships based upon need; other jobs not under the control of the committee on financial assistance.

a. The following positions with the corresponding salaries should constitute the law internships based upon position:

Each semester, in-state tuition plus \$100 should be awarded to the President of the SBA, the Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor of the combined law reviews and the Editor-in-Chief of each of the separate law reviews; in-state tuition should be awarded to the two processing editors of the law reviews; \$100 should be awarded to the SBA's two vice-presidents, secretary, and treasurer.

b. The following is the policy on awarding law internships based upon need. It should also be the policy on awarding all student jobs throughout the law school controlled by any source to the extent that this is feasible:

Second and third year students will be preferred for employment. Each year, except in exceptional circumstances, a complete list of all law school jobs and their descriptions (duties, qualifications, salary, etc.) should be posted. New jobs should be posted when established. Students should apply for the positions for which they believe themselves qualified and also fill out a statement of financial need as provided below. Financial need is to be a primary factor in the hiring determination.

4. Financial need is determined on the basis of a "need quotient" with the person with the lower quotient having more need. The quotient is determined as follows:

- a. Determine all expected family income for the year (June 1 to June 1). Include other financial aid from the law school or other sources but do not include loans. Students living at home need not count parents' income, but should count the reasonable value of living at home such as no rent, food, etc.
  - b. Add 50% of cash on hand and 50% of the value of negotiable securities owned.
  - c. If the student is married, and if the spouse anticipates earning less than \$1,500, add the difference between \$1,500 and the spouse's anticipated earnings; provided that this section does not apply if: 1. the family has pre-school children or, 2. the spouse is disabled.
  - d. Subtract \$600 for spouse and each dependent.
  - e. If the student is single and the sole support of a dependent(s), subtract an additional \$1,000.
  - f. Subtract 10% of the long-term indebtedness acquired for educational purposes up to the previous semester.
  - g. Subtract all payments which will be actually made during the year for: health insurance, rehabilitation expenses, and for the repayment of loans incurred for educational expenses. (Educational expenses is to be liberally construed except that it shall not include payments for the purchase of real estate, securities, or for an automobile if the student already owns an unencumbered auto. If not, an amount may be allowed for the purchase of an auto not to exceed \$900.)
  - h. Subtract \$3.00 for each mile the student's residence while attending law school is located from the law school building.
5. The implementation of all of the above policies is subject to such restrictions as may be imposed upon the law school by the grantors of funds.

SUGGESTED REVISIONS BY THE STUDENT COMMITTEE

1. In paragraph (2) after "direct assistance or employment."

Under present University policy, it is expected that the greater portion of funds will be for employment.

2. Paragraph (2 a.) after "awarded to the persons with the"

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3. At the end of paragraph (2d) add:

Rejected scholarship funds should be applied to 2c.

4. At the end of paragraph (2e) add:

If excess funds exist, they should be applied to 2c.

5. Paragraph 3a after "two processing editors of the law reviews" add:

the three members of the moot court team during the semester of competition.