

UNM School of Law
Faculty Meeting
April 24, 1972
4:00 p.m.
Convened in Conference Room

MINUTES

Present: Dean Hart; Assistant Dean Geer; Professors Bingaman, Daniels, Fink, Goldberg, Kanowitz, MacPherson, Muir, Parnall, Utton, and R. Walker, and Weihofen; Mr. Deloria.

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

1. The minutes of the meeting of April 10, 1972, were approved.
2. The petition of Walter Echohawk to take the Evidence examination next fall was granted.
3. The curriculum for 1972-73 was discussed. Professor Muir, Chairman of the Curriculum Committee, reported that only twelve students attended the open hearing on the curriculum held last week. The curriculum was approved by the faculty with few changes.

The following items were specifically voted upon by the faculty:

- a. The Dean was asked to invite Mr. Charles Du Mars to once again offer his course entitled "Current Problems in Litigation." There was some discussion about the possibility of asking Mr. Du Mars whether he would like to slant the course more toward environmental law.
- b. The proposal by Mr. William Dixon for a course was approved and the Dean was asked to invite him to teach the course next year.
- c. There was general agreement that a course entitled "Conversational Spanish for Attorneys" ought to be offered at the law school. Mr. MacPherson and the Dean would inquire of those who might be competent to teach the course about its content and should later recommend to the faculty the number of credits that should be allowed course.
- d. The clinical course, "Basic Skills for Attorneys," was also generally approved by the faculty in principle but it was decided to delay action on the implementation of this course until there is an opportunity to consider possible changes in Introduction to Advocacy and also to discuss tying it in more with the second semester of Programmed Studies.

- e. The clinical half semester was approved by the faculty with the provisions that Professor MacPherson would draft criteria for selecting the students who will participate. No more than fifteen students can participate either semester and a student may participate in only one semester.
- f. There was considerable discussion about the course entitled "Legal Profession," and the faculty voted to accept the Committee recommendation that the course no longer be required and be offered in alternate years.
- g. It was determined to accept the Committee's recommendation that sex roles in the law be offered rather than the alternative of statutory construction.

In addition to the above specific votes, the faculty voted generally to adopt the committee report and to publicize the proposed curriculum as the curriculum for next year. The program is, however, subject changes that may be necessitated before next semester begins.

- 4. The faculty also determined the order in which students should be given preference in seminars in the event that a seminar is over-subscribed. The faculty adopted a rule that seniors who have not taken a seminar should have first priority. Second priority shall be given to seniors who have taken one seminar. All other students shall be given a third priority and treated alike. In the event that there are more students in the same priority than seats available in the seminar, selection shall be made by lot.
- 5. The faculty also adopted the general principle that students will be selected by lot whenever a course program or project is over-subscribed. In some instances, however, criteria may be developed by the professor to distinguish among those who apply for the class, seminar, or program.

The meeting was adjourned sine die.

Respectfully submitted,



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