

September 6, 1972

To: Law Faculty
From: Frederick M. Hart
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2. As far as I can figure, there are no problems with the AALS or ABA accreditation requirements.
3. There are various ways in which classes missed during dead week can be made up: scheduling additional classes or adding five minutes to each hour were discussed last year.
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2. Evaluation of teaching
3. Non-predictive factors in admissions
4. Curriculum objectives

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UNM School of Law
Faculty Meeting
September 11, 1972
3:30 p.m., Conference Room

MINUTES

Present: Dean Hart; Associate Dean Desiderio; Assistant Dean Geer;
Professors Bingaman, Daniels, Deloria, Ellis, Goldberg,
MacPherson, Maxfield, Muir, Parnall, Romero, Teitelbaum,
Walden, R. Walker, and W. Walker

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

1. Minutes of the meeting of August 28, 1972, were approved.
2. The following decisions were made concerning dead week:
 - a. It is to be continued.
 - b. The Dean will be empowered to determine the number of days in dead week and to make exceptions to the current dead week period.
 - c. The exact time for dead week will be set by the Dean, lasting from three to seven calendar days, and the period will be published in the law school bulletin.
 - d. The schedule for dead week during the spring semester of 1973 will be determined as soon as possible, but in any event by the end of the present semester.
3. Suggestions were made for topics to be discussed at the Lawrence Ranch meeting: Admissions; faculty evaluations (from material distributed by Professor Bingaman); future curriculum; explanation by Professors Deloria and O'Dowd of current programs under their direction; clinical education.
4. After discussion of the Ethics course as taught by Professor MacPherson, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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5. Minority Recruitment of Students

6.) Grading ???

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