

UNM School of Law  
Faculty Meeting  
March 1, 1976  
Conference Room; 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Blackwell, Desiderio, Ellis, Flickinger, Goldberg, Minzner, Hart, Kovnat, MacPherson, Muir, Norwood, Occhialino, Ragsdale, Reynoso, Simson, Teitelbaum, Walden, Walker, Weihofen; Student Representatives Hollander, Laurence

Dean Hart called this special meeting to order. He announced that a new permanent position was available, so Richard Gonzales and Robert Schwartz will be offered positions on a permanent basis.

Henry Weihofen thanked the faculty for its support of his nomination for an honorary degree but felt he was not worthy and had therefore declined it.

A motion on the floor for adoption of draft response to MALSA request #1 was adopted (copy attached).

A motion was made and seconded to adopt a proposal on MALSA request #2. After certain editorial amendments, the motion was adopted (copy attached).

MALSA request #5 was then placed on the floor. After some discussion it was the consensus that a general statement rejecting the specific proposal with an explanation would be drawn by Dean Hart and Cruz Reynoso for the next faculty meeting.

Carol Dentz, an American Indian without a college degree and without having attended college, has applied for admission. She has been auditing classes here like all students and took examinations and received straight C's. An AALS rule would permit her admission. A decision was postponed until next faculty meeting and after report of the Admissions Committee.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Garrett Flickinger  
Secretary pro tem

Next meeting:  
March 8, 1976

The faculty of law recognizes that a disparity exists between the racial or ethnic composition of the general population in the State of New Mexico and the racial or ethnic composition of the student population in the law school. This disparity continues to be a cause for concern for the faculty and reminds us that we must be vigilant to assure that American Indians, Blacks, Chicanos, or other racial or ethnic groups are not unfairly excluded from the law school. It is part of the admissions policy of the law school to strive for greater representation in the student body of such racial or ethnic group members. The law school faculty recognizes that factors other than undergraduate grade point average and LSAT score are important in the implementation of a sound admissions policy. It has been, and continues to be, the admissions policy at the law school to consider carefully all relevant factors in an applicant's file, including membership in racial or ethnic groups. Further, the faculty recognizes the necessity of active recruitment in order to increase the pool of applicants from such racial or ethnic groups.

While the faculty of the law school will continue to work toward a greater representation of such racial and ethnic groups in the law school community, within the limitations imposed by the size of the pool of qualified candidates, the faculty rejects racial or ethnic quotas.

The faculty recognizes that information relevant to the admissions decision on any candidate can come from diverse sources, including recommendations from law students, faculty, staff, and others. The faculty understands that such information is presently considered in making admissions decisions, and it instructs its Admissions Committee to continue this practice.

Because the weight to be accorded a recommendation depends upon the value of the information furnished, the faculty does not instruct the committee on the weight to be given any specific recommendations.

*Temporary Probation*

Semester I, 1975-76

First Year

	<u>Faculty Action</u>	<u>Down</u>
Benjamin Gonzales	1.25	9
Joseph Cabarrus	1.3	7
Gilbert Baca	1.33	8
Elizabeth Jeffries	1.33	8
Mauricio Rodriguez	1.4	6
Enrique Blea	1.58	5
Albert Murdoch	1.58	5
Mary Lynn Billings	1.6	2
Myra Lynch	1.6	4
Pedro Palacios	1.6	4
Francis Skenandore	1.6	4
> Catherine Aguilar	1.67	4
Michelle Gordon	1.67	4
Ronald Koch	1.67	4
David Alderete	1.7	3
Nancy Jackson	1.7	3
Margaret Romero	1.7	3
> Barbara Brown	1.83	2
Arthur Bustos	1.83	2
Linda Dietz	1.83	2
James Merrill	1.83	2
Corliss Thalley	1.83	2
Donald Vigil	1.83	2