

UNM School of Law
Faculty Meeting
March 22, 1976
Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Blackwell, Daniels, Desiderio, Goldberg, Hart, Jones, Kohnat, MacPherson, Martinez, Minzner, Muir, Norwood, Parnall, Ragsdale, Reynoso, Romero, Simson, Teitelbaum, Utton, Walden; Student Representatives Hollander, Laurence

Meeting called to order by Dean; minutes of the meeting of March 8 were approved.

For those who had not attended the meeting of the subcommittee to review tenure for Helene Simson, Dean Hart announced that the committee's recommendation for tenure had been approved unanimously.

The attached Guidelines as prepared by the Honors and Awards Committee were distributed. Faculty approved a motion to table any decision while awaiting comments from students.

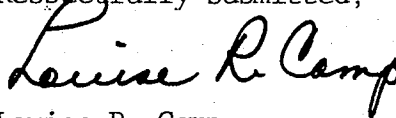
The following motion carried unanimously: Adoption of proposal (attached) regarding titles of adjunct professional personnel.

Also carried were motions to offer a visitorship to Charles DuMars for the 1976-77 school year and, in the event that another position were available, to offer a visitorship to Michael Sorgen for the same period. An additional motion also carried: Request the Dean to offer a permanent position to Ted Occhialino for the 1977-78 school year.

Dean announced a \$100,000 grant from CLEPR for the Clinical Program, the money to be used for such things as audio-visual aids and monitors in faculty stations. He also expressed the hope that the school will become involved in such computer programs as EDUCOM as teaching aids.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45.

Respectfully submitted,



Louise R. Camp
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Next meeting: May 29, at 4:00.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

DATE: March 15, 1976

TO: Dean Frederick M. Hart
FROM: Leo M. Romero
SUBJECT: Honors and Awards Committee

The Committee on Honors and Awards met to consider the standards and guidelines for the various prizes and awards that are given by the law school each year. The attached guidelines are proposed by the Committee for adoption by the faculty.

The proposed guidelines clarify the eligibility of transfer students for each award. Transfer students are denied eligibility for all awards that involve class standing based on cumulative grade point averages. They are eligible for all other awards. For degrees with honors and Coif, the Committee recommends an additional requirement for transfer students; they must have achieved a certain class standing in the law school from which they transferred.

The only other major change relates to the guidelines for Honor Roll and Dean's List. The Committee recommends that the grade point average for Honor Roll be raised to 3.0 and for Dean's List to 3.5.

The Committee considered your comments to the attached Proposed Guidelines and agreed that we should not designate the courses in the guidelines for those honors and awards that are based upon performance in courses related to a particular area or areas. The Committee was of the view that designation of particular courses would unduly restrict the faculty's discretion in selecting the recipients of those awards. Moreover, flexibility is desirable since our curriculum undergoes yearly modification.

LMR/jem

PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR
HONORS AND AWARDS

I. SERVICE AWARDS

A. Dean's Award

- Eligibility: Any law student in good standing
- Guidelines: Service to the law school.
- Selection: By the Dean
- Award: Certificate
- Number of Awards: Varies (Nine students received this award at the 1975 Awards Banquet.)

B. Margaret Keiper Dailey Awards

- Eligibility: Any law student in good standing
- Guidelines: Awareness of social problems, concern for people in trouble, and dedication to the professional responsibility to provide equal justice for all.
- Selection: By the Faculty on the recommendation of the Honors and Awards Committee based on nominations by the clinical faculty
- Award: Money Prize
- Number of Awards: Varies (Seven students received this award at the 1975 Awards Banquet.)

II. SCHOLASTIC AWARDS

A. American Jurisprudence Prize Awards

- Eligibility: Any law student in good standing
- Guidelines: Highest grade earned in selected courses
- Selection: Automatic
- Award: Book Prize
- Number of Awards: Varies (Twenty-three courses are listed by Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Co. Twenty-five students received a book prize for top grades earned in eighteen courses in 1974-75.)

B. Joseph W. Meek Prize

- Eligibility: Any law student in good standing

- Guidelines: Highest grade point average in tax and commercial law courses
 - Selection: Automatic
 - Award: Money Prize
 - Number of Awards: One
- C. Corpus Juris Secundum Hornbook Award
- Eligibility: Law students in good standing except transfer students
 - Guidelines: Highest Cumulative grade point average in each class
 - Selection: Automatic
 - Award: Book Prize
 - Number of Awards: Three
- D. Allen Smith Company Awards
- Eligibility: Law students in good standing except transfer students
 - Guidelines: Three highest cumulative grade point averages in the third-year class
 - Selection: Automatic
 - Award: Gift Certificate
 - Number of Awards: Three
- E. New Mexico Bar Foundation and Allen Smith Co. Joint Award
- Eligibility: Any law student in good standing
 - Guidelines: Outstanding third-year student
 - Selection: By the faculty
 - Award: Set of New Mexico Statutes
 - Number of Awards: One
- F. Prentice-Hall Awards
- Eligibility: Any law student in good standing
 - Guidelines: Outstanding achievement in tax courses
 - Selection: By the tax professors
 - Award: Federal Tax Guide
 - Number of Awards: Three
- G. Federal Bar Association Prize
- Eligibility: Any law student in good standing

- Guidelines: Highest grade point average in courses relating to federal practice
- Selection: By the faculty
- Award: Money Prize
- Number of Awards: One (Not awarded since 1973)

III. SPECIAL AWARDS

A. Bureau of National Affairs Awards

- Eligibility: Law students in good standing except transfer students
- Guidelines: Most scholastic progress made by a member of the third-year class from the first semester through the fifth semester
- Selection: Automatic
- Award: Subscription to Law Week
- Number of Awards: One

B. Corpus Juris Secundum Awards

- Eligibility: Any law student in good standing
- Guidelines: Significant contribution to legal scholarship by a member of each class
- Selection: By the faculty on recommendations of the Honors and Awards Committee
- Award: Book Prize (from CJS)
- Number of Awards: Three

C. Faculty Awards

- Eligibility: Any law student in good standing
- Guidelines: Scholarship and contribution to the atmosphere at the law school
- Selection: By the faculty on recommendation of the Honors and Awards Committee
- Award: Certificate
- Number of Awards: Varies (Two students received this award at the 1975 Awards Banquet.)

IV. DEGREES WITH HONORS

A. Summa Cum Laude

- Eligibility: Any graduating law student who has completed four semesters at the University of New Mexico School of Law

-Guidelines: Cumulative average of 3.8 or higher, and in addition for transfer students, a class rank in the top 10% in the law school from which the student transferred

B. Magna Cum Laude

-Eligibility: Any graduating law student who has completed four semesters at the University of New Mexico School of Law

-Guidelines: Cumulative average of 3.6 or higher, and in addition for transfer students, a class rank in the top 10% in the law school from which the student transferred

V. C. Cum Laude
ACADEMIC HONORS

3.4 + same for transf. Students

A. Coif

-Eligibility: Any graduating law student who has completed four semesters at the University of New Mexico School of Law

-Guidelines: Top ten percent of the graduation class, and for transfer students (1) a class rank in the top 10% in the law school from which the student transferred for automatic consideration or (2) a class rank in the top 15% in the law school from which the student transferred for discretionary consideration

B. Dean's List

-Eligibility: Any law student in good standing

-Guidelines: Grade point average of 3.5 or higher in any semester

C. Honor Roll

-Eligibility: Any law student in good standing

-Guidelines: Grade point average of 3.0 or higher in any semester

Persons employed by the law school in programs involving primarily research or service, e.g. the Institute of Public Law and Services and the American Indian Law Center, may be offered letters of appointment designating them as Associate in Law, Research Instructor in Law, Assistant Research Professor in Law, Associate Research Professor in Law and Research Professor in Law. These titles will not carry with them any presumption of tenure and the position will be governed by the personnel policies of the University rather than by the faculty handbook.

Normally, the first three titles, Associate, Instructor and Assistant Professor will be awarded according to the time that has elapsed since the person's first degree in law, the J.D. or LL.B., was awarded, and according to the following schedule:

1-3 years: Associate in Law

3-5 years: Research Instructor in Law

Over 5 years: Research Assistant Professor in Law

The titles of Associate Research Professor and Research Professor will be given only when at least 7 years have elapsed since the person's first degree in law, and only when the person has demonstrated exceptional competence.

Awarding of these titles will not entitle the recipient to attend or vote at law faculty meetings.