

UNM School of Law
Faculty Meeting
April 3, 1978
Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.

Present: Desiderio, DuMars, J. Ellis, W. Ellis, Flickinger, Goldberg, Gonzales, Hermann, Kovnat, MacPherson, Martinez, Minzner, Montez, Muir, Occhialino, Parnall, Romero, Schwartz, Senescu, Stelzner, Teitelbaum, Templeman, Utton, Winograd; Student Representatives Fenoglio, LeClaire, Perelson.

Professor Utton called the meeting to order. Minutes of the meeting of March 27, 1978, were approved.

The sole agenda item was the Proposed Summer Clinical Program for 1978, discussion and voting for which had been tabled at the previous meeting.

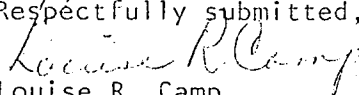
Copies of a student petition (attached) were distributed and discussed. The following motions to amend the proposal failed:

- 1) With respect to the in-house programs of Centrolegal and D.A., students should be required to have taken Evidence and Criminal Procedure;
- 2) The selection of students into Centrolegal and D.A. programs should be on the basis of a lottery after preference is given to students who have already completed Criminal Procedure and Evidence, then to the students who have completed one or the other of these courses, and finally to students who have taken neither of these courses;
- 3) The completion of one of the in-house programs, plus Orientation and Seminar, fulfills the total clinical requirement for graduation;
- 4) The first-year rule ^{should} be eliminated but preference be given to second and third year students.

Professor Desiderio moved that the Clinical Seminar not be mandatory for in-house clinical, the decision resting upon the particular faculty member. This amendment was incorporated into the Proposed Summer Clinical Program for 1978, and the vote for the Program, as attached, carried.

Professor Stelzner moved that the Curriculum Committee begin studying the subject of prerequisites and that notice be given to the student body before the end of this semester that prerequisites to the clinical program are being considered (Evidence, Criminal Procedure, Trial Practice, etc.), but that it be made clear that the faculty has rejected prerequisites for the Summer Program for 1978. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise R. Camp
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PROPOSED SUMMER PROGRAM - 1978

Intern Programs - 10 weeks, 16 hours per week, 3 hrs. credit
Open to first year students.

EEOC will be an intern program with a class meeting (?)

Ethics - 8 weeks, 3 hours per week, 2 hrs. credit
Open to First year students. Classes will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 12:10 to 1:00 p.m. There is a mandatory enrollment for anyone who enrolls in the in-house Clinical program for the summer session unless they have previously completed the Ethics requirement. (need course description)

Clinical Orientation - Mandatory for all students in in-house programs.

Full time - 40 hours per week, 2 weeks long, basic skills preparation and orientation.

^{0.5} hour credit which may not be taken as a separate course.

Clinical Programs - Centro
Law Office
D.A. Program

8 weeks, 12 hours per week. Students may enroll for 3 or 6 credit hours. Students enrolling for six credit hours are required to work 24 hours per week. Part of the credit will be earned during the two-week orientation part of this program.

Each clinical will have a separate two hour class meeting that will tie, in part, to the Clinical Seminar.

(need course description) ~~Must be in Clinical Seminar~~

Clinical Seminar - 1 hour credit, 8 weeks, 2 hours per week

This seminar will ^{not} be mandatory for in-house clinical, ~~++~~ but ~~cannot be taken separately.~~ will be required on the decision of the faculty member.

Available Options:

Intern - 3 hours
Intern + Ethics - 5 hours

In-house, two-week Orientation, CLinical Seminar, Ethics

(3) 1 1 2 = 7 hours

3 1 1 X = 6 hours

6 1 1 2 = 10 hours

6 1 1 X = 8 hours

Hours worked per week:

Intern	16 hours
Intern & Ethics	19 hours
Clinical Program (3)	19 hours
Clinical Program (6)	31 hours
Clinical Program (3) without Ethics	16 hours
Clinical Program (6) without Ethics	28 hours

Time Table:

Distribute course description 3/31
Student feedback 4/5

Room 103Q 3:00 P.M.

Registration 4/14

9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Forum, Peggy Lovato

Summer Program 5/30 to 8/4

Summer Vacation 7/3, 7/4

TO: the FACULTY

FROM: the STUDENTS

RE: Clinical Program -- Prerequisite Courses

We, the undersigned, strongly object to the imposition of additional course requirements as prerequisites to participation in the Clinical Law Program for the following reasons:

1. Imposition of these prerequisites would work a grave injustice on members of the current second year class.
 - a. This class was informed by formal written announcement during the spring of their first year that they were precluded (by administrative decision) from participating in the clinical program during the summer between their first and second year of law school.
 - b. These same students are now close to completion of their second year. Many of these students have rightfully anticipated participating in the clinical program this summer.
 - c. Imposition of the suggested prerequisites would mean that second year students would, of necessity, be forced to wait until the fall semester of their third year to complete the prerequisite coursework.
 - d. This would mean, in effect, that the current second year class would be forced to wait until the spring semester of their third year (!) to complete their six hour clinical requirement.
 - e. THIS RESULT IS UNJUST.
2. All students have a right to know at the outset of their law school career what will be required for fulfillment of their law school degree. However frivolous, students often operate under the notion that they are human beings. As such, they feel that at least some of the "due process notions" might, on occasion, be construed in their favor. The students recognize that seriatim decision-making does, at times, add a positive vitality to the institution of legal education; however, when it serves to have an unjust and highly adverse effect on at least 2/3 of the student body, such decision-making is subject to challenge and fails.

We ask that the Faculty consider the inequities of imposing these prerequisite courses for participation in the clinical law program and that the current policy regarding course requirements for the clinical program be allowed to remain in effect for the current student body.

SIGNED, AS FOLLOWS: