

School of Law Faculty Meeting
March 18, 1985
Conference Room, 4:00PM

Present: Barnes, Bejnar, Bowler, Browde, Desiderio, DuMars, Ellis, W., Fink, Flickinger, Goldberg, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Hermann, Hernandez, Johnson, LaFree, MacPherson, Martinez, Mathewson, Muir, Norwood, Occhialino, Ragsdale, Romero, Scales, Stelzner, Taylor, Teitelbaum, Utton. Student Class Reps: Gomez, Mann; Student Curriculum Committee Members: Bratton, Gomez.

Minutes of the February 11 meeting were accepted as written.

Professor Goldberg presented a report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Presidential Professorship. The faculty unanimously accepted the committee recommendation that the professorship 'normally be used to attract a visiting professor, unless under the circumstances there is good reason not to do so. In such case, the professorship should be awarded to a tenured faculty member for a period of one year'. Upon proper motion and second the faculty unanimously voted to award the 1985-86 Presidential Professorship to Professor Fred Hart.

Dean Desiderio announced that he would be stepping down as Dean of the School of Law effective June 30, 1985 to fill a position in the university administration. He will continue as a member of the law faculty.

Dean Desiderio advised the faculty that both Cheryl Block and Antionette Sedillo-Lopez have accepted our offer of permanent faculty positions. Ms. Sedillo-Lopez will not be able to start until January 1986. Jim Klein, University of Toledo law school, has accepted our offer of a visiting professor position for academic year 1985-86.

The following announcements or reminders were made by various faculty members:

Faculty from the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara will be here March 19-21 to present lectures on various topics of Mexican law. MALSA has organized the visit and will be coordinating activities.

Prof. Kovnat reminded the faculty that Dr. Peter Bouhuijs from the medical faculty of the University of Limburg, The Netherlands, will be visiting in the faculty lounge at 3PM, Wednesday, March 20. He has been involved with problem-based curriculum in both medical and legal education programs.

Prof. Teitelbaum will be making a presentation on "Probability and Burden of Proof" at a colloquium in the Faculty Lounge at 4PM, Monday, March 25.

The Honorable Javier Jimenez-Ugarte, Cousul General of Spain in Houston, will lecture on "Friar Vitoria as a Founder of International Law on the 500th Anniversary of His Birth" in the law school at 7PM, Wednesday, April 3. The lecture is jointly sponsored by the law school and Latin American Institute.

Professor Kovnat, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, presented the committee report on the proposed first year curriculum for academic year 1985-86. (Copies of the report were distributed to the faculty by memos of February 28 and March 18). A revision to the first year curriculum recommended by the committee involved moving Criminal Law to the first semester, and Legislative and Administrative Processes to the second semester. After lengthy discussion the Committee report was rejected by virtue of a tie vote over its adoption. This means that the first year curriculum for academic year 1985-86 will remain the same as the curriculum was for 1984-85. By separate motion the faculty voted to make successful completion of 'legal bibliography' a prerequisite for entering clinical law programs. This change is to become effective with the class that enters in August 1985. By separate motion the faculty voted to designate 'Contracts' as the first year course to be divided into more than two sections for Semester I, 1985-86.

Consideration of Curriculum Committee recommendations concerning the status of Constitutional Law was deferred until the next faculty meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.


E.K. Fuge, Faculty Secretary