

School of Law Faculty Meeting  
September 15, 1986  
Conference Room, 4PM

Present: Bejnar, Browde, Dabney, Desiderio, DuMars, Ellis, W., Endreson, Fink, Flickinger, Goldberg, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Hernandez, Kelly, Minnis, Nathanson, Norwood, Parnall, Paterson, Romero, Sanders, Scheible, Sedillo-Lopez, Utton, Winograd. Student Reps: Dunning (3), Maes (2).

Minutes of the July 7, 1986 faculty meeting were approved as written.

Dean Parnall commended Professors Scales, Hernandez, Utton, Teitelbaum and J. Ellis for articles they have either had published or accepted for publication since the previous faculty meeting on July 7.

Dean Parnall reported on the following law school-alumni activities and events since the last faculty meeting:

- (1) Alumni Association Bi-laws and Board of Directors membership have been updated. A copy of the recently appointed Board of Directors was provided to each faculty member.
- (2) An updated Alumni Directory has been published and distributed. An addendum will be published shortly.
- (3) A program of Fortieth Anniversary fund raising activities is being undertaken with a goal of raising \$150,000 this year.
- (4) Two alumni newsletters are planned for this year.
- (5) Emeritus Professor Weihofen is preparing a history of the law school.

Dean Parnall informed the faculty that the AALS/ABA accreditation team has reviewed our responses to its report and that actual reaccreditation should occur in November.

#### Continuing Legal Education

Professor Occhialino, Chair of a Faculty Committee on Continuing Legal Education, reported to the faculty on the status of law school/state bar involvement in recent changes to CLE requirements mandated by the N.M. Supreme Court. The development of a comprehensive CLE program to implement these changes is being jointly undertaken by representatives of the Supreme Court, the State Bar, and the School of Law. The law school has received blanket accreditation for a proposed 1986 program which includes five courses presently in our Spring Semester curriculum to be jointly presented for law students and CLE participants.

The basic aim is to develop a partnership whereby the law school would instruct, and the State Bar would administer an expanded CLE program. Such a program could produce both financial incentives for individual faculty members who participate as well as a general revenue resource to support faculty Summer research.

#### Admissions

Associate Dean Winograd reported on the status of our 1986-87 admissions. He indicated that both the LSAT and UGPA of this year's entering class are fairly

consistent with that experienced over the past four or five years. In line with national figures, the applicant pool has been slowly shrinking since 1983. This year, females comprise 59% (62/105) of the entering UNM class. Of special note is the significantly reduced number of New Mexican Native American applicants and acceptances. Discussion followed on what might be done to both broaden our applicant pool in general, and to offset the impact of loss of federal funding for Native American Summer pre-law programs.

#### Law Graduates and Honors

The faculty, upon proper motion and second, formally certified Brett Carter and Marcia Lubar as having completed all requirements for award of the degree of Juris Doctor as Summer 1986 graduates.

The faculty, upon proper motion and second, formally awarded the following honors to members of the May Class of 1986 for cumulative academic achievement through the end of the Spring Semester 1986:

SUMMA CUM LAUDE: Steven J. Oppenheimer, Patricia M. Taylor

MAGNA CUM LAUDE: Dixie L. Johnson, Margot E. Ballon, Ruth O. Pregenzer

CUM LAUDE: Dale B. Eppler, Christopher B. Behling, Angela M. Martinez, Martin K. Holland, Timothy J. Covell, Gretchen Kessinger, Jana S. Perry, Kelley L. Skehen

(Upon proper motion and second, the faculty voted to permit the 'rounding-up' to the next higher number of the second digit to the right of the decimal point in cases where the 3d digit is five or greater, in the calculation of such honors.)

#### Order of the COIF

The faculty, having dissolved into a meeting of the UNM School of Law Chapter of the Order of the COIF, voted to extend membership to faculty member Antoinette Sedillo-Lopez, and to the following students who are to be honored as the top ten percent of UNM School of Law graduates for the period 1 June 1985 through 30 May 1986:

Margot Ballon, Christopher Behling, Timothy Covell, Dale Eppler, Martin Holland, Dixie Johnson, Gretchen Kessinger, Angela Martinez, Steven Oppenheimer, Ruth Pregenzer, Patricia Taylor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

  
E. K. Fuge, Faculty Secretary