

School of Law Faculty Meeting  
February 2, 1987  
Conference Room, 4 PM

PRESENT: Browde, Dabney, Desiderio, Deloria, Ellis, J., Farer, Fink, Flickinger, Goldberg, Gomez, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Hermann, Hernandez, Kelly, Kovnat, MacPherson, Minnis, Nathanson, Norwood, Occhialino, Romero, Sanders, Scales, Utton, Winograd. Student Reps: Dunning, Whitley.

Minutes of the 12 January 1987 meeting were approved as written.

#### Student Matters

1st Year Student Rep. Val Whitley reminded the faculty of the upcoming auction to raise funds for the Skit Party. He also registered a formal complaint with the faculty on behalf of first year class on the tardiness of grades for Fall Semester first year courses.

Third Year Student Rep. Samantha Dunning strongly supported Mr. Whitley's criticism about late grades, and said that this and other faculty attitudes amount to treating students as "second class citizens". When asked to be more specific she said that the students were not being adequately informed about extra-curricular law school activities or about visiting faculty interview schedules.

#### Dean Announcements:

- The University Vice President for Research would like the faculty to deal with his office in developing ideas for research proposals. Professor Jim Ellis will be the law school point of contact.
- Faculty volunteers are needed to formally represent the law school at the UNM commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 17.
- Operation of the law school snack bar will be turned over to UNM Food Services (La Posada). Mary Helen and Linda will be retained in their jobs at least through the end of the semester.
- In the area of financial matters, the Governor is talking in terms of funding UNM at 98% of the higher education funding formula. UNM administration hopes to obtain a full 100% funding level. The effect of the current financial situation on faculty hiring is that only 50% of unfilled permanent faculty openings will likely be filled, and then only "when the budget picture is firmer".

Faculty Recruitment and Appointments Professor Gonzales, Chair of the Faculty Appointments Committee, discussed the status of recruitment and interviews for faculty vacancies. He reminded faculty members of the remaining interview schedule and solicited their cooperation and participation. It was suggested that forms for evaluating each interviewee be distributed to faculty members for completion and return in time for final consideration of prospective visitors at the next faculty meeting scheduled for the 23rd of February.

Third Year Student Representative Dunning requested that a schedule prospective interviewees be provided far enough in advance to give students an opportunity to participate in interviews. Dean Parnall and Professor Gonzales said that students will be informed through the SBA.

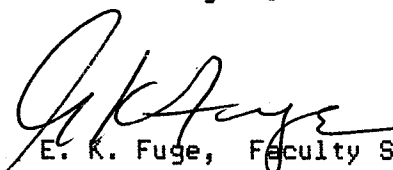
Professor MacPherson reported on the status of the Law Library Director search. He distributed a list of the current applicants. Interviews will begin on or about February 19 and continue through the ensuing month, with a final search committee recommendation due by March 24. Several faculty members voiced their concern over the affect that the process of selecting of a new library director coupled with impending budget austerity measures might have on library performance. Professor MacPherson indicated that an open discussion of these issues will be scheduled for a future faculty meeting when a full report on selection of a new director and library acquisitions policy is available, probably sometime in mid-April.

Admissions Matters. Professor Romero requested faculty consideration and a policy decision on whether waivers should be granted to the existing requirement that applicants possess an undergraduate degree in order to attend UNM School of Law. Upon proper motion and second, the faculty voted unanimously to deny any waiver of the requirement for an undergraduate degree in the absence of a strong Admissions Committee recommendation for such a waiver.

As the next item of business the faculty resumed discussion of Professor Occhialino's written motions on admissions policies submitted at the December 15 meeting, which had been tabled for later consideration. Discussion centered on motion #3 concerning funding to continue an effective summer pre-law program for Native Americans who apply for, or are admitted to, UNM law school. Professor Occhialino proposed reallocation of existing scholarship resources to provide need-based scholarships to support Native American participation in our Summer pre-law program. Sam Deloria, Director of the American Indian Law Center, said that there was still a chance that their program might once again obtain federal funding, but that potential funding sources might be favorably influenced by an indication of local commitment and support. Professor Hart offered, for the Summer of 1987, to match on a \$2-to-\$1 basis (to a limit of \$10,000), from resources available to him, any monies that the law school is able to commit to such a program from its resources. The "sense of the faculty" was to accept this kind offer for the Summer of 1987 in the event matching funds from law school sources are available. Professor Occhialino then asked to table items #1 and #2 of his memo.

Order of the COIF. Professor Flickinger asked that the faculty members of the Order of the Coif approve an application from the University of Miami (Fla.) to establish a chapter of the Order at their law school. Upon proper motion and second the faculty unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

  
E. K. Fuge, Faculty Secretary