

Law School Faculty Meeting
March 28, 1988
Dean's Conference Room, 4:00 PM

PRESENT: Dixon, DuMars, Flickinger, Fritz, Godfrey, Gonzales, Hall, Hermann, Huang, Kelly, Kohnat, Mathewson, Morse, Nathanson, Norwood, Occhialino, Parnall, Ragsdale, Sanders, Scheible, Schwartz, Sedillo Lopez, Utton, and Winograd.
Student Representative: Craig.

Dean's Announcements

Dean Parnall announced upcoming events and invited all to attend:

March 28 - April 1, 1988: The School of Law is hosting professors and students from the University of Guanajuato. A reception for the visitors will be held at the Dean's home on Wednesday, March 30, 1988.

April 7 - 9, 1988: The Federal Bar Association will be holding its annual meeting in Albuquerque.

April 7 - 9, 1988: The Church and State Symposium will be held at the school of Law.

April 11, 1988: Accepted Law School Applicants Day

April 11, 1988: The New Mexico Court of Appeals will be meeting in the Moot Court Room to hear two cases. The proceedings will also be telecast in Room 2406 for those unable to find seats in the Moot Court Room.

April 12, 1988: Mediating Public and Land Use Disputes Workshop

April 21, 1988: Alumni Banquet

April 22 - 23, 1988: Recent Developments in New Mexico Law Conference

The Dean distributed copies of the amended joint resolution recently passed by the New Mexico Legislature which proposes a state constitutional amendment for judicial reform. This resolution will appear on the November 1988 ballot. The resolution would create an appellate judges nominating commission which would include the Dean of the School of Law in its membership.

Business

Good news was announced by Dean Parnall regarding budgets for Fiscal Year 88-89. Budget increases have been received for faculty and staff salaries, materials and services, and travel. The Dean applauded President May, Vice Presidents Garcia and McKinney, and the Board of Regents for their support.

The Dean reported that a limited amount of funding would be available for summer research stipends. Proposals were requested in order to make plans for the coming summer. Faculty were asked to have their proposals to Dean Parnall no later than April 15, 1988. Proposals should include:

- 1) a brief description of the summer research project;
- 2) a schedule for completion or publication;
- 3) other planned compensated activity, if any; and
- 4) results of any prior summer research grants, if any.

Associate Dean Winograd briefly discussed changes in federal regulations affecting student work-study. If a student is not enrolled for at least three credit hours during the summer, his or her summer work-study earnings will be subtracted from the student's academic year financial aid budget. It is not yet known how these changes might affect the availability of summer research assistants.

Dean Parnall announced that negotiations are in progress with Sherri Burr. She will be visiting on Thursday, March 31, 1988 to see more of Albuquerque.

Report of the Honors and Awards Committee

Associate Dean Winograd distributed three recommendations to the faculty from the Honors and Awards Committee (see attached). After discussion of the history and background of each proposal, Dean Parnall proposed that the second proposal be discussed first. It was noted that it is the Committee's intent to include any earned letter grade in the definition of "graded course hours". This means that a grade of 'D' or 'F' earned in a course graded CR/D/F would be included in the calculation of total graded credit hours. After proper motion and second the proposal was adopted as amended below:

"Students will not be eligible for election to the Order of the Coif or for any other academic honors based upon rank or cumulative grade point average unless they complete a minimum of 60 graded (A/B/D/C/F) course hours at UNM School of Law, including no fewer than 20 graded first-year course hours at UNM School of Law.

In the discretion of the faculty, a student who is ineligible for recognition under the above policy may receive special recognition for outstanding academic performance at UNM School of Law."

This policy becomes effective with students entering in Fall 1988.

The faculty then moved on to the first proposal dealing with student participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities. After a short discussion of this proposal, the Dean agreed to appoint a committee to study policies regarding the issues presented by the Honors and Awards Committee.

Finally the third proposal regarding class ranking was discussed. The motion to approve the proposal to rank only the top third of each class, both by semester and cumulatively, failed after proper motion and second.

Other Announcements

Associate Dean Winograd reminded those present that final exams are only a month away and faculty should get their exams to Janet Cox for preparation as soon as possible.