

Law School Faculty Meeting
April 18, 1988
Dean's Conference Room, 4:00 PM

PRESENT: Bergman, Dixon, J. Ellis, W. Ellis, Flickinger, Fritz, Hall,
Hermann, Huang, Kovnat, MacPherson, Mathewson, Nathanson,
Occhialino, Parnall, Sanders, and Schwartz.
Student Representative: Craig.

Dean's Announcements:

There will be two luncheon presentations on Wednesday, April 20, 1988. Professor Sanders will be speaking in the faculty lounge on 'Conflicts of Interest with the State Attorney General'. Also, Visiting Professor Huang will be giving a presentation to students on 'The Development of International Law'. A sandwich bar will be provided and all are invited to attend.

Dean Parnall thanked Professors Hermann and Savage for their successfully completed Family Law Mediation program.

The Law School Alumni Banquet is Thursday, April 21, 1988. Chief Justice Tony Scarborough will be speaking on judicial reform. Dean Parnall invited all to attend.

The first year class held its Skit Party on Friday night, April 15, 1988. Though faculty attendance was unfortunately low, the Dean thanked all those who did attend.

The minutes of the meeting of April 11, 1988 were approved as corrected.

Report of the Curriculum Committee:

Professor Hall distributed the Committee's Report and discussed the following recommendations for curricular changes:

- 1) Increasing Historical Introduction to Law to two credit hours from one in order to teach the course for an entire semester.
- 2) Increasing Introduction to Constitutional Law to four credit hours from three in order to improve coverage and include more historical content.
- 3) Initiating a previously-approved experiment for second and third year students in a new problem-oriented course to be taught by Professor Kovnat for six credit hours.
- 4) Broadening the approach to Advocacy by including components of alternate dispute resolution, mediation, and negotiation. Professor Hermann will direct the course with a largely new teaching staff.

The Committee further recommended that next year's Committee take up the issues of 1) assessing the success of the Law School's writing requirement, 2) faculty release time policies, and 3) assessing the effectiveness of the Law and Advocacy courses. After discussion, Dean Parnall agreed to appoint ad hoc

subcommittees to look at each of these issues. Finally, Professor Hall reported that the Committee is in the process of rewriting the Course Description Booklet to reflect relationships between second and third year course offerings.

After discussion, the faculty approved the report of the Curriculum Committee.

Other Business:

Concern was voiced over possible overenrollment by law students in Continuing Legal Education courses. Ms. Jenkins-Smith was asked to determine for the faculty the number of students taking more than one CLE course per semester during the last academic year.

Professor Nathanson discussed the ongoing noon television spot on Channel 13 and reminded the faculty to contact him if they wish to participate or suggest ideas for topics of future shows.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.



E.A. Jenkins-Smith, Faculty Secretary