

Law School Faculty Meeting  
August 29, 1988  
Dean's Conference Room, 4:00 PM

PRESENT: Bergman, Browde, Burr, DeLoria, Ellis, J., Ellis, W., Flickinger, Fritz, Hall, Hart, Hermann, Kelly, Kovnat, Martinez, Mathewson, Morse, Norwood, Occhialino, Parnall, Romero, Sanders, Scheible, Schwartz, Sedillo Lopez, Taylor, and Winograd.  
Student Representative: Craig.  
Others Present: Cohen, Hotsinpiller, Lovato, and Price.

Dean's Report:

Dean Parnall welcomed the faculty for the new academic year and introduced new faculty member Sherri Burr, new Law Library faculty members Eileen Cohen and Jami Hotsinpiller, and Roberta Price, the new director of the writing program. Welcomed back from leave were Professors Browde, Romero, and Taylor. Members of the faculty on leave this semester are Professors Desiderio, Farer, Gonzales, and Scales.

Activities that have occurred since the last meeting of the faculty were discussed. Included were the Judicial Conclave held in June, the summer Indian Pre-Law Program, the Instituto Preparativo, and several Continuing Legal Education events. Dean Parnall thanked all involved for making the past summer quite successful.

The American Bar Association has taken the School of Law off the watch list but still shows two major weaknesses needing attention: 1) the supplies and expenses budget is too low, and 2) faculty compensation is too low. The Dean has discussed these issues with President May and has his support to work on these areas in a flexible manner within existing Law School resource levels. Dean Parnall reviewed the School of Law's financial outlook for academic year 1988-89. This is the first year that any surpluses or deficits will be carried forward in University accounts from the prior fiscal year. The Dean asked that the faculty be sensitive to this during the upcoming year. It was reported that last year's fund raising efforts produced acceptable levels of contributions, but not as much money was raised as during the prior year. This year's fund raising goal is \$150,000. Discussion ensued on ways in which to improve the Law School's fiscal situation.

The Dean reminded the faculty to report any new publications or notable activities to Susan Mitchell, Special Assistant to the Dean. Faculty members who had publications released over the summer were congratulated.

Undergraduate student, Joseph Romero, has been hired to provide additional work/study help for faculty. Mr. Romero reports to Janet Cox and faculty members needing assistance should check with her to schedule Mr. Romero's time.

The School of Law has been asked to provide input for the UNM 2000 Report. This is the University's major planning effort and focuses on developing centers of excellence throughout the University. Copies of this report are to be distributed soon. Dean Parnall requested that members of the faculty review this report in order to prepare for a meeting to discuss the School of Law's views about the Report. The Dean will use information generated from this meeting to report Law School input to main campus for consideration in the final version of the Report.

Dean Parnall discussed upcoming events and invited all to participate.

- The State Bar Convention will be held from September 28, 1988 through October 2, 1988 at the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Ruidoso.
- The Hispanic Bar Association annual meeting will be held in Albuquerque at the Pyramid Holiday Inn from September 15, 1988 through September 18, 1988. Supreme Court Justice Kennedy will be speaking at lunch on Friday, September 16th.

The Law School will pay the registration fee and hotel costs for both of the above conferences, however arrangements must be made with Peggy Lovato, Assistant to the Dean, by Tuesday, August 30, 1988.

- The Career Fair will be held on Saturday, September 17, 1988. The Fair is scheduled for the Forum and is the first time this placement activity has been attempted at the School of Law.
- University Homecoming Activities include a reception on October 7, 1988 and a brunch on October 8, 1988.
- Frank Ducheneaux, former Counsel to the Indian Affairs Subcommittee of the House of Representatives Interior Committee, will be visiting the School of Law on Wednesday, August 31, 1988 at 3:00.

Faculty meetings are scheduled to be held every third Monday during the 1988-89 academic year. The Dean asked that Law School Committees utilize this schedule to meet more frequently on off-Monday afternoons. Committees were requested to make periodic reports to the faculty about their activities.

A bill, which could curtail non-resident admissions to the School of Law, may be introduced in the State Legislature's upcoming session. This situation and the current mix of residents (88%) to non-residents (12%) in the newly admitted class of students was discussed.

#### Report of the Subcommittee on Promotion, Tenure, and Reappointment:

Professor Romero, Chair, introduced the members of the Subcommittee. Members of the faculty to be reviewed by the Committee this fall include: Professors Mathewson and Taylor for tenure and promotion; and Professors Kelly, Sanders, and Sedillo Lopez for reappointment to a second three-year term and promotion. The Committee procedures and criteria were discussed and members of the faculty were asked to assist with the review process.

#### Report of the Committee on Student Suspension, Retention, and Readmission:

Professor Scheible introduced the members of the Committee and reported on Committee actions for academic year 1987-88.

	<u>Fall 87</u>	<u>Spring 88</u>	<u>Summer 88</u>
Students Placed on Probation	9	3	3
Students Continued on Probation	5	4	
Students Removed from Probation	2	10	
Students Suspended	4	1	1

Academic Year	# Mtgs	# Cases	Petitions for Readmission			Petitions for Suspension Relief					
			Total	N/A	Yes	No	Total	N/A	Yes	No	Other
1987-8	10	21	10	1 (10%)	4 (40%)	5 (50%)	11	2 (18%)	6 (55%)	3 (27%)	-
1986-7	15	19	5	-	3 (60%)	2 (40%)	14	1 (7%)	2 (14%)	8 (57%)	3 (21%)

**Number of Individuals Involved**

Academic Year	# Individ.	# Hearings/Individual						
		1	2	3	4	...	7	
1987-8	15	11 (73%)	2 (13%)	2 (13%)				
1986-7	12	8 (67%)	2 (17%)	1 (8%)	1 (8%)			
Total for both years (takes overlap between years into account)								
	22	14 (64%)	3 (14%)	3 (14%)	1 (4%)			1 (4%)

(N/A means no action taken)

Report on Profile of Entering Class:

Professor Flickinger reported that 659 applications were received for the 1988 entering class. This is an increase of 11 over last year. 366 New Mexico resident applications were received (compared to 320 last year) and 293 non-resident applications were received (compared to 328 last year). 207 applicants were accepted and 112 applicants enrolled. The class includes 58 women and 54 men. There are 13 non-residents. Two of four black admitted applicants, 29 of 50 Hispanic admitted applicants, and 3 of 13 Native American admitted applicants enrolled. The average undergraduate G.P.A. was approximately 3.15 and the average LSAT score was 35.

Report and Discussion of Examination Procedures:

Liz Jenkins-Smith discussed current School of Law procedures and policies regarding examination preparation, administration, retention, and access. Faculty were specifically requested to address issues of examination retention and access. It was noted that the ABA requires retention of examination booklets for a period of one year. The School of Law is retaining exam materials for three years and is running into space constraints in the Law Library basement. After discussion, the faculty agreed to require retention of examinations and materials for a period of one year only. Faculty members will be notified prior to the destruction of any old exam materials so that they will be able to retain any desired materials.

Ms. Jenkins-Smith reviewed current Law School procedures regarding student access to old examinations and answers. The faculty approved the procedures as they are currently administered, but requested that students be explicitly informed that when reviewing objective exam answers, they may not have any writing materials in the vicinity. It was further moved and seconded that each professor have the option to require that his/her objective exam answers may only be reviewed in his/her presence. The motion carried. The current form giving the Law Library authorization to include an instructor's examinations in the Library collection will be amended to include this new option.

#### Faculty Senate Report:

Professor Flickinger discussed the UNM 2000 Report with regard to the School of Law. The report indicates increases in the number of professional and graduate students at the University, but does not specifically mention the School of Law. Discussion ensued on this issue and on the general increased emphasis on graduate education. Professor Flickinger announced that the Faculty Senate is sponsoring a University 'Town Meeting' in the Student Union Building on September 22, 1988 in which the Regents' UNM 2000 Committee will be available to answer questions.

1988 is the Centennial of the University and all faculty were urged to attend the Convocation on Thursday, October 20, 1988 from 4:00-6:00 pm. Shirley Chisholm will be the speaker.

The State Legislature is moving toward outcome assessment of the University and its graduates. Faculty members were encouraged to consider what measures might be appropriate for the School of Law students and faculty.

Fractionated grading will be in place by June 1989, if not by December 1988. There will be no grades of A+, F+, or F- possible. Letter grades will be fractionated by thirds. After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Dean appoint an ad hoc committee, which would include student members, to study all questions related to this new grading system and its implementation at the School of Law. The motion carried.

#### Other Business:

Professor Kovnat announced that the Curriculum Committee has been divided into two panels and will be asking members of the faculty to assist in reviewing the Writing Requirement and the Law (511) course.

#### Law Honors:

The faculty, upon proper motion and second, formally awarded the following honors to members of the past year's graduating class for cumulative academic achievement through the end of Spring Semester 1988:

MAGNA CUM LAUDE: Joan Gerhart, Debra Hill, Pamela Bacon, Paul Mannick, and Dale Ruge.

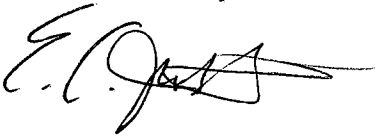
CUM LAUDE: Tonya Noonan, Joy Read, Thomas Logan, and Henry Wigglesworth.

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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 the following students who are to be honored as the top ten percent of 95 UNM School of Law graduates for the period of June 1, 1987 through May 31, 1988:

Joan Gerhart, Debra Hill, Pamela Bacon, Paul Mannick, Dale Rugge,  
Tonya Noonan, Joy Read, Thomas Logan, Henry Wigglesworth, and James  
Cooney.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.



E.A. Jenkins-Smith,  
Faculty Secretary