

Law School Faculty Meeting  
October 10, 1988  
Room 2403, 4:00 PM

PRESENT: Bergman, Browde, Burr, DeLoria, DuMars, Ellis, W., Flickinger, Fritz, Hall, Hermann, Kelly, Kovnat, MacPherson, Morse, Norwood, Occhialino, Parnall, Romero, Sanders, Scheible, Schwartz, Sedillo Lopez, Taylor, Utton, and Winograd.  
Student Representatives: Knight, L., Rasheed, O., and Scholl, S.  
Others Present: Cohen, Lester, and Price.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the September 19, 1988 meeting were approved.

Announcements:

Professor Schwartz reminded the faculty that the Faculty Appointments Committee will meet immediately following the Faculty Meeting.

Dean Parnall formally welcomed the newly elected student representatives. The first year class will be represented by Laurie Knight, the second year class by Sam Rasheed, and the third year class by Steven Scholl.

Associate Dean Peter Winograd has been nominated to the presidency of the Law School Admissions Council. The faculty joined the Dean in congratulating Peter Winograd for this well-deserved national honor.

The Dean lauded members of the faculty for recent professional activities. Professor Chris Fritz has just published an article on California legal history. Professors Ruth Kovnat and Robert Schwartz participated on panels and Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez reported to the Task Force on Women in the Legal Profession at the recent State Bar Convention. In addition, Professor Ted Occhialino was honored for outstanding contributions to the Bar (for the second year in a row) while at the convention. Finally, Professor Chuck DuMars gave a recent Continuing Legal Education program on "Crossing Borders with Law".

The University Homecoming Reception was held in Bratton Hall last Friday evening and was quite successful. Unfortunately, the Law Alumni Breakfast held on Saturday morning was not as well attended. However, the Dean thanked all who participated for their support.

Members of the State Supreme Court have asked that the Law School faculty seriously examine the proposed State Constitutional Amendment on judicial reform in order to be able to provide comment on it. The amendment would make changes to Articles 6 and 20 of the New Mexico Constitution. Discussion ensued on the possible involvement of the Law School and Dean in judicial selection if this amendment passes in the upcoming general election.

Dean Parnall reminded the faculty to keep the 12:20 to 2:00 period on Mondays free from makeup classes. Both faculty and student groups use this time to schedule outside speakers and meetings.

Associate Dean Winograd discussed the upcoming First-Year Practice Exams. These are intended to provide feedback to students and thus are expected to be read, commented on, and returned to the students by the faculty members involved.

The State Bar Task Force on Women in the Legal Profession is expanding its membership according to Associate Dean Winograd. Any law faculty member interested in joining the group is welcome.

#### Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Fractionated Grading:

Professor Ruth Kovnat introduced the members of this committee and distributed copies of the Committee's tentative proposals to the faculty and students. The proposals were intended for discussion purposes only, pending further student input into this issue. First, it was proposed that fractionated grading be applied only to entering or reentering first-year students in the Fall Semester 1988 and thereafter. Second, the Committee recommended that the current graduation requirement of a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 be retained.

A lengthy discussion of this matter ensued and included the issues of equity and adequate notice for students, Law School prerogatives versus University policies, academic freedom, definitions of grades assigned, and alternative modes of implementation at the Law School. The students will be holding a meeting on this issue at 12:20 pm on Wednesday, October 12, 1988 in Room 2401 and Dean Parnall urged members of the faculty to attend. In addition, Professor Scott Taylor was appointed to the Committee. The Committee will next meet on Thursday, October 13th to finalize a proposal to the faculty.

#### Report on Examinations and Old Exam Files:

Professor Ted Occhialino summarized the three motions presented at the faculty meeting of September 19, 1988 regarding the issue of inequitable availability of old exam questions and answers to law students. After discussion, the three motions were read. After proper motion and second, motions one and three (see attached) were passed unanimously.

#### Petitions for Extensions of Incomplete Grades:

A petition was presented on behalf of Professor Alfred Mathewson to extend the Incomplete deadline to December 17, 1988 for the following students: Samuel Bregman, Roxanna Prelo, Gregory Salinas, John Schoepner, and Victor Valdez. These students were enrolled in Government Regulation of Banking during the Spring Semester 1988 and are using this course to fulfill their Law School Writing Requirement. After proper and second, the petition was approved.

Professor Suedeem Kelly requested an extension of the Incomplete deadline to December 17, 1988 for Patrick Trujillo and T. Glenn Ellington, who are also working on their Writing Requirements. Both of these students were enrolled in Individual Research with Professor Kelly during Spring Semester 1988. After proper motion and second, the request was approved.

Concern was voiced regarding the increased number of Incomplete extension requests being made by students. The impact of the Writing Requirement on this situation was discussed. The topic will be discussed further at a future faculty meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm and dissolved into a meeting of the Faculty Appointments Committee.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E.A. Jenkins-Smith', written in a cursive style.

E.A. Jenkins-Smith  
Faculty Secretary

Regarding Examinations and Exam Files at the School of Law

- I. No faculty member shall reuse any examination question (whether essay, multiple choice or short answer) which has been used previously by the faculty member in any examination at this or another law school.
  
- III. 1). The Dean shall compile all previously-used, publicly released examination questions known by the Dean to have been given at this Law School into a file, which file shall be available to all law students in a manner to be determined by the Dean;
- 2). The Dean shall keep the file up-to-date;
- 3). It shall be an Honor Code violation for a student to have possession of or access to any previously-used examination question not contained in the file compiled by the Dean pursuant to Sections 1) and 2).