

March 20, 1989

Faculty Meeting Minutes
School of Law
Dean's Conference Room, 4:00 PM

PRESENT: Bergman, Browde, Burr, Desiderio, DuMars, Ellis, J., Flickinger, Fritz, Hall, Kelly, Kovnat, Morse, Parnall, Romero, Sanders, Schwartz, and Winograd.
Student Representatives: Knight and Rasheed.
Others Present: Cohen, Estes, Hotsinpillar, and Lester.

Business:

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the February 13, 1989 faculty meeting were approved.

Heidi Estes of the American Indian Law Center announced that the summer Indian Law Program has been refunded for this year and the contract awarded to the AILC. The contract is for \$160,000 and will fund the studies of up to 30 students from June 2 - July 28, 1989. Ted Occhialino will be the academic director and the AILC is in the process of making arrangements for additional faculty.

Dean Parnall noted that the State Legislature has now adjourned.

- Legislation was passed that added 3.5% to the University's total compensation package, but only 3.1% will be available for salary increases. In addition, the Legislature continued to allow the University the ability to use monies generated from tuition increases. It also appears that UNM will be getting 70-80 percent back of last fiscal year's 1 1/2% budget cut, though the impact of this on the School of Law is questionable due to financial actions already taken.

- House Bill 833 proposing to close the School of Law failed. Dean Parnall was called to Santa Fe to provide testimony on this proposal and reported that the Committee members were very supportive of the Law School. The general hope was expressed that this attempt will be of historical interest only.

- Anita Morse reported that a bill was passed on Friday which protects the privacy of library circulation and transaction records. The Law Library was involved in lobbying the Legislature for the passage of this bill.

The Albuquerque Tribune recently published a poll on corruption which included a statement that a majority of persons polled considered an official's attempt to use influence to have a relative or friend admitted to Law School to be a corrupt act.

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After proper motion and second, December 1988 law graduate Susan Ruebush was unanimously voted graduation honors of Magna Cum Laude for her final cumulative grade point average of 3.603.

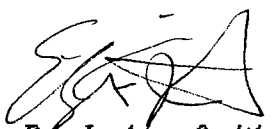
Report of the Financial Aid Committee:

Associate Dean Winograd made the Committee's report to the faculty relating to the proposal from the January 16, 1989 faculty meeting that a tuition waiver be instituted for the student serving on the Admissions Committee. Dean Winograd first discussed the financial status of the Bondurant Scholarship account and noted that for the first time in recent years, it is expected to end the fiscal year with a deficit. This is relevant in that any monies committed to no-need financial aid affect the amount of dollars available for financial aid awarded on the basis of need. He also reported that currently no-need tuition awards are made to members of the National Moot Court team (for one semester), seven students each from the Law Review and Natural Resources Journal (full year), the President of the Student Bar Association (full year), and the members of the executive board of the Student Bar Association (\$100 each per semester). The Committee stated that it would prefer to give financial assistance on the basis of need rather than affiliation with a particular group. Therefore it recommended that financial awards be made based only on need but that students in the above groups be allowed to request an adjustment in the calculation of their financial need. It was proposed that for such requests, the students' anticipated employment dollars (which would offset need) be reduced to zero if the student anticipates being unable to work due to participation in one of the above activities. This would result in increased need. Such a policy, if approved, should not take effect until after student input has been solicited and thus would not be expected to be implemented until the 1990-91 academic year. After proper motion and second, the faculty voted that the Committee go back and consider implementing such a policy.

Finally the Committee expressed its great concern to the faculty that the ABA's 20 hour/week employment restriction for students was not being followed. Considerable discussion ensued at this point. Topics raised included the pressures on students to conform to this restriction, whether law firms are aware of this policy, and the Honor Code. It was the sense of the faculty that a statement be drafted for distribution before the 1989-90 academic year, addressed to both students and employers, calling attention to the 20 hour per week limitation and urging compliance by all involved.

Dean Parnall reminded the faculty that there will be an extended faculty meeting next Monday (March 27, 1989) to discuss the take-home exam issue and the Curriculum Committee's proposal for 1989-90.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.


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