

**October 9, 1989**

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

PRESENT: Bergman, Browde, Burr, Ellis, W., Gonzales, Grubb, Hermann, Kelly, Mathewson, Nathanson, Norwood, Occhialino, Parnall, Romero, Sanders, Scales, Scheible, Sedillo Lopez, Taylor, Utton, West, and Winograd.  
Student Representatives: Cantwell, Rasheed, and Singdahlsen.  
Others Present: Cohen, Estes, and Hotsinpiiler.

Dean Parnall formally welcomed the newly elected student representatives. The first-year class will be represented by Jerry Cantwell, the second-year class by Bill Singdahlsen, and the third-year class by Sam Rasheed.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the September 11, 1989 faculty meeting were approved.

**Dean's Report:**

Dean Parnall reported that he had spoken with Ethel Ortenburger, who has been very ill. She is now feeling better and expects to return to work partial days beginning this Wednesday.

Physical changes are occurring in the Clinical and Administrative areas and will continue over the course of the semester. In addition, renovation work is expected in the Forum and several classrooms. Dean Parnall reported that plans for a new computer area are underway. Other Law School space changes will be forthcoming over the next several years. The State Bar offices are scheduled to move to the Journal Center due to their needs for a bigger building and more parking. The Law School will retain their space upon its vacancy, however this situation is not anticipated for approximately three years.

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Donor's Day went well and Dean Parnall thanked all who attended and made it a success. It is hoped that this event, honoring those who have contributed to the Law School, will be repeated every three years.

Visiting Professor, Andrew Grubb, has coauthored a new book (with Ian Kennedy), which is the only book on Medical Law in the United Kingdom.

The President of the American Bar Association, Mr. L. Stanley Chauvin, will be visiting the Law School on Tuesday, October 31, 1989, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. The Dean is planning a luncheon for him in the Forum and asked that the faculty submit other suggestions for class meetings, etc. to him soon.

### **Report on Recruitment:**

Professor Barbara Bergman reported for Committee Chairman Rob Schwartz that the AALS materials have been reviewed and all is going well for the recruiting meeting to be held in November. Since there are no known openings as of now, the faculty were asked to let the Committee know if and when any plans for leave are arranged. Currently substantive areas of focus include clinical, employment, and labor law. Let Professor Schwartz know if there are other areas for which the Committee should consider applications.

### **Retreat Report:**

Associate Dean Leo Romero reminded the faculty that the Retreat is scheduled for this weekend at the Sagebrush Inn in Taos. The draft agenda was distributed and discussed. Outlines for each session will be distributed along with background information by Thursday of this week. The faculty were also reminded that reservations must be finalized by Tuesday.

### **Report on Use of Old Exams:**

Third-year class representative, Sam Rasheed, distributed and discussed the report

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of the Ad Hoc Committee appointed by Dean Parnall at the September 11, 1989 faculty meeting. General discussion ensued regarding the following issues: the difficulty of drafting multiple choice questions and establishing their statistical validity for measuring knowledge, the reuse of multiple choice questions after a certain amount of time has elapsed, allowing reuse of only a portion of multiple choice questions each time, and Honor Code concerns. A motion was made to change the existing policy to allow the reuse of multiple choice questions on exams. After proper second, the question was called. The motion carried. The approved policy change was restated as follows:

"Objective multiple choice questions may be reused at the discretion of the instructor."

A motion was made that all exam questions which may not be reused should be disclosed and bound in the Law Library after the examination is administered. After being duly seconded, the motion was approved.

Dean Parnall appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Professors Dick Gonzales and Maureen Sanders to draft language addressing Section III (3) of the current examination policy, which addresses Honor Code violations. They were also requested to propose any other technical amendments to the policy and draft policy notice provision language to be attached as a cover sheet on all Law School examinations.

### **Extension of Incomplete Deadlines:**

The increasing number of student petitions to the faculty to extend Incomplete deadlines was discussed. Dean Parnall requested that members of the faculty attempt to decrease resort to this practice if possible. After discussion, the consensus was that in the future the faculty will be more exacting in granting such extensions and will require that a case be made for an extension, as well as an explanation for the request.

The following student petitions were granted:

Doris Eng: to 12/31/89 to complete a paper in Law and

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Medical Ethics for Professor Rob Schwartz.

Carolyn Marcus: to 12/20/89 to complete a paper in Law and Medical Ethics for Professor Rob Schwartz.

Terri Rogers: to 12/15/89 to complete a paper in Law and Medical Ethics for Professor Rob Schwartz.

Lisa Richard: to 10/23/89 to complete a paper in Law and Medical Ethics for Professor Rob Schwartz.

David Benavides: to 1/15/90 to complete a paper in New Mexico Land and Water Law History for Professor Em Hall.

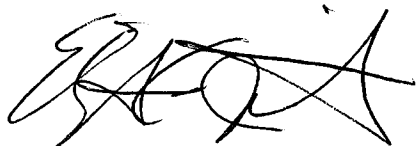
Tim DeYoung: to 1/15/90 to complete a paper in New Mexico Land and Water Law History for Professor Em Hall.

Steve Farris: to 1/15/90 to complete a paper in New Mexico Land and Water Law History for Professor Em Hall.

Jeff Jenkins: to 12/16/89 to complete an Individual Research paper for Professor Barbara Bergman.

Linda Moosey: to 1/15/90 to complete an Individual Research paper for Professor Sheryl Scheible.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.



E.A. Jenkins-Smith  
Faculty Secretary

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**FACULTY RETREAT**  
**Sagebrush Inn - Taos, New Mexico**  
**October 13-15, 1989**

**Friday, October 13**

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.      Arrival; informal cocktails in  
Dean's Suite

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.      Dinner - Prime Rib

**Saturday, October 14**

6:30 - 8:30 a.m.      Breakfast (until 10:30 a.m. for non-  
participants)

8:30 - 8:45 a.m.      Introduction - Ted Parnall

8:45 - 10:15 a.m.      **What are the Missions of the Law  
School?**

1. The Traditional Missions  
    - Leo Romero
2. Continuing Legal Education  
    - Bob Desiderio  
    - Ted Occhialino
3. Latin American Programs  
    - Bill MacPherson  
    - Chuck DuMars

10:15 - 10:30 a.m.      Break

10:30 - 12:00 noon      4. Preparing Lawyers for Practice  
    in the 90s  
    - Michele Hermann  
    - Mike Norwood

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.      Lunch

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.      5. Public Service Through the  
    Institute of Public Law

2:30 - 5:30 p.m.      Free

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.      Cocktail Party

7:00 p.m.              Dinner

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**REPORT TO THE FACULTY  
AD HOC EXAM COMMITTEE**

The committee, consisting of Ted O., Desi, and Sam Rasheed, discussed the possibility of revising the policy enacted last academic year whereby the reusing of exam questions was disallowed. The requested change was that multiple choice questions would be reusable, while essay questions were to remain limited to one testing.

The committee's recommendation is that the faculty maintain the status quo and only use questions once, regardless of whether they are essay or multiple choice.

Although the committee is aware that there may be some extra time demands placed on faculty members, the reasons for maintaining the status quo are:

- 1) access of students to old exams is better equalized;
- 2) drafting of new multiple choice questions does not necessarily excessively overburden a faculty member's time schedule; and most importantly,
- 3) the current system has not been in place for a time period long enough to justify or warrant a re-evaluation at such a relatively early stage.

To: First Year Law Students  
From: Jerry Cantwell *Jerry*  
Subj: Report From Faculty Committee Representative

FACULTY MEETING REPORT; October 9, 1989

I. Introductions: Dean Parnall introduced the student representatives; In addition to myself; Second Year, Bill Singdahlsen; and Third Year, Sam Rasheed

II. Dean's Report:

A. Physical changes are occurring in the clinical, administrative, and educational areas of the Law School. This will include renovations to the Forum as well as several classrooms. Expansion of computer facilities for both student and faculty use are planned. Five new Macintosh computers for student use should be available soon.

B. The State Bar Office will be moving from its location adjacent to the Law School to Journal Center in about three years. The Law School will retain this space upon its vacancy.

C. The President of the American Bar Association, Mr. L. Stanley Chauvin, will be visiting the Law School on Tuesday, October 31, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM in the Forum. Planning for the visit is in process. Sandwiches will be provided and all students are invited.

III. Report on Recruitment: The Faculty Recruitment Committee under the chairmanship of Rob Schwartz has started its activities for this year. There are no known faculty openings at this time.

IV. Faculty Retreat: The faculty plans to spend the weekend of October 13-15 in retreat continuing long range planning for the Law School.

V. Report on Use of Old Exams:

A. Coming into this meeting the policy on re-use of exam questions was, as of last year's change, that no exam question of any type could be re-used. A committee consisting of Ted Occhialino, Robert Desiderio, and Sam Rasheed had previously been appointed to consider revising the policy to allow selected re-use. The committee's recommendation was that no changes be made. After much discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to allow the re-use of multiple choice questions on exams. The approved policy change was restated as follows: "*Objective multiple choice questions may be re-used at the discretion of the instructor.*"

B. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that all exam questions which may not be re-used, should be disclosed and bound in the Law Library after the examination is administered.

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C. Dean Parnall appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Professors Dick Gonzales and Maureen Sanders to draft language addressing Section III (3) of the current examination policy, which addresses Honor Code violations, for recommendation to the Student Bar Association. They were also requested to propose any other technical amendments to the policy and to draft policy notice provision language to be attached as a cover sheet on all Law School examinations.

V. Extension of Incomplete Deadlines: The increasing number of student petitions to the faculty to extend incomplete deadlines was discussed. Dean Parnall requested that members of the faculty attempt to decrease these requests if possible. After discussion, the consensus was that in the future the faculty will be more exacting in granting such extensions and will require that a case be made for an extension, as well as an explanation for the request. Several requests for extensions were granted.

VI. Next Meeting: Scheduled for Monday, October 30 at 4:00 PM.

STUDENT REQUESTS: A couple of our fellow students have raised the following issues for me to discuss with the Dean or in the faculty meeting which I will be doing:

A. Fall Break: Several universities have a fall break of 3-5 days in addition to spring break. The purpose would be to provide for a "re-couping" time. The requester understands that school would either have to start earlier or go longer into the break between semesters. Obviously this would not apply to this year.

B. Special Educational Events: One student expressed concern about the timing of the required *Seminar On Professional Responsibility*, feeling it caused one more stress at a time when we are all trying to reflect on the mid-terms and get caught up on our daily assignments.

C. Comments Requested: If you have comments on either of these points or anything else, I'd like to hear from you. It would be most effective if you would take time to do a note outlining your comments then discuss them with me.

THANKS: Thanks for electing me to the position of Faculty Student Representative. I'll do my best to represent you well and want to hear from you as issues arise. Thanks again.