

April 23, 1990

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

PRESENT: Bergman, Browde, Burr, Cook, Desiderio, DuMars, Ellis, W., Flickinger, Fritz, Gill, Godfrey, Gonzales, Kovnat, Mathewson, Nathanson, Norwood, Parnall, Romero, Sanders, Scales, Scheible, Utton, West, and Winograd.
Student Representatives: Cantwell, Rasheed, and Singdahlsen.
Others Present: Brown, J.R., Hotsinpiller, Mahoney, Mandel, Mauer, Price, Slease, and Taylor, E.

Upon proper motion and second the minutes of the April 16, 1990 faculty meeting were approved.

Dean Parnall introduced law students, J. Richard Brown, Brendan Mahoney, Barbara Mandel, Julie Mauer, William Slease, and Elizabeth Taylor, to the faculty. The Dean asked that they attend this meeting to express the concerns of students involved in the law journals and competitive teams regarding the proposed policy on co-curricular financial aid.

The faculty were reminded by Dean Parnall that the new copy machine on the second floor should be used judiciously. Large copying jobs should still be taken to the Copy Center for preparation.

Associate Dean Leo Romero announced that a block of tickets has been made available for the faculty for the Wednesday night Dukes game. See him for tickets.

Continued Discussion of the Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Co-Curricular Activities:

Dean Parnall gave an overview of the discussion and decisions made at the April 16, 1990 faculty meeting. After discussing a suggestion that the faculty review

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the underlying concept of need versus non-need scholarship grants, a motion was made and seconded to rescind the decision made at the April 16th meeting regarding need-based grants for co-curricular competitions (Section 4A of the proposal). The motion carried. A motion was then made to ask Dean Parnall to raise private funds to increase the grant aid for all other competitive teams, recognized by the Curriculum Committee for academic credit, to the level of one-half of one semester's tuition, for one year only. This motion was seconded. An amending motion was then made to decrease the grant aid of the National Moot Court team to the level of one-half of one semester's tuition. This motion was seconded and the issues of equality versus notice were discussed. The question was called and the amending motion failed to carry. After further discussion, the motion still on the table passed. An additional motion was made, and seconded, that all need-based scholarship grants for co-curricular competitive teams only (excluding those for the student publications) will expire at the end of the 1990-91 academic year. The motion carried.

At this time, a motion was made to suspend Section 4C, regarding the options available for student participants in co-curricular activities in the calculation of their financial need. After proper second, the motion passed.

After further discussion, Dean Parnall agreed to appoint a committee, which would include student representation, to collect information on the general financial aid situation and report to the faculty early in the Fall Semester.

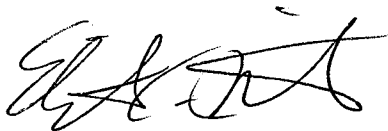
Other Business:

Professor Sherri Burr presented a petition on behalf of second-year law student, J. Richard Brown, asking that he be allowed to have a brief, which he prepared for the Jessup International Moot Court Competition, certified as fulfilling his Writing Requirement. After discussion of the circumstances surrounding his petition, a

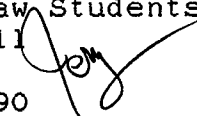
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motion was made and seconded to allow such certification. The motion passed.
The faculty meeting scheduled for Monday, April 30, 1990 was cancelled.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

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

E.A. Jenkins-Smith
Faculty Secretary

To: First Year Law Students
From: Jerry Cantwell 
Date: April 25, 1990

Subj: FACULTY MEETING REPORT: Meetings of April 16 & April 23, 1990

I. Dean's Report: Dean Parnall reported on the Law School's 90/91 budget allocation. He will be meeting with UNM Vice President Risser to discuss possibilities for further instructional support since the current allocation is significantly less than requested (although on a par with the rest of the University). The Law Library did receive \$140,000 for capital improvements and Judicial Selection received a \$50,000 appropriation for fiscal year 90/91 from the legislature.

II. Report of the Honors and Awards Committee: With student representatives out of the room the faculty approved the Committee's recommendations with modifications. The Third Year Honors and Awards Banquet is scheduled for Friday, May 11, 1990.

III. Report of the Curriculum Committee: Professor Kovnat discussed the proposed curriculum for 90/91. The faculty approved the following changes:

A. Contracts has been increased to 4 credit hours.

B. Criminal Law (3 hours) will be offered in the fall semester and Torts (4 hours) will be offered in the spring semester.

C. The commitment to a focus on research and writing will be continued by: (1) first year courses Legal Research, Reasoning, & Writing and Advocacy; and (2) ten upper-level seminars or planning courses, in addition to Advanced Legal Research, and Advanced Legal Writing.

D. The Law School will continue its commitment to its Indian law program by offering Indian Law, Indian Issues in both Federal Jurisdiction and the Conflict of Laws, and Pueblo Law. Further discussion ensued regarding continuing courses with low class enrollments, particularly with regard to courses taught by adjunct law instructors. Dean Parnall will prepare a report to the faculty on these issues.

IV. Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Co-Curricular Activities: The committee separated the Law School Co-Curricular Activities into two groups, publications and competitions. The Natural Resources Journal and the New Mexico Law Review belong to the first group. The appellate moot court teams and the mock trial team belong to the second. The faculty, acting on recommendations from the committee reported by Associate Dean Romero, modified and approved the recommendations as follow:

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A. Student Credit for Participation:

1. Student members of the staffs of the Natural Resources Journal and the New Mexico Law Review shall receive one hour (first semester staff members enrolled in a seminar related to their casenotes receive two hours for that semester) of academic credit per semester.

2. Student members of any teams representing the Law School in competitions shall receive no more than two hours of academic credit, but only if the competition is included in the curriculum approved by the Faculty.

B. Faculty Teaching Credit:

1. A faculty member supervising one of the Law School's publications should receive teaching credit for one course in each semester.

2. A faculty member supervising one of the teams representing the Law School in a competition approved by the Curriculum Committee and Faculty should receive credit for one course.

C. Grades: Students participating in all co-curricular activities shall receive either credit or no credit. No grades shall be assigned for participation.

D. Scholarship Grants:

1. Scholarship grants for publications remain unchanged for the school year 1990/91.

2. Scholarship grants for National Moot Court competition remain unchanged for the school year 1990/91. Grants for other Curriculum Committee approved competitions (including International Moot Court, Bio-Ethics Moot Court, and Mock Trial Teams) will be funded for the school year 1990/91 at about a 50% level. (Details will be forthcoming.) It is important to note that all scholarship grants for competitions will end at the end of school year 1990/91 unless the faculty acts affirmatively to maintain them in some way.

F. Faculty/Student Committee: The Dean will be appointing a committee consisting of faculty and students to study the issue of need-based versus non need-based grants in general and scholarship grants for publications and competitions in particular.

V. QUESTIONS: If you have any questions about what was a somewhat complex couple of meetings let me know and I'll try to answer them.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS: We have had about 35 people volunteer to be Mentors next fall. Those of you who volunteered will be hearing from us the middle of the summer. If anyone else wants to volunteer please let me or Lorraine Bray know. Thanks.