

August 27, 1990

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

PRESENT: Bergman, Browde, Burr, Desiderio, Ellis, W., Flickinger, Fritz, Gibbs, Hall, Kelly, Kovnat, MacPherson, Martinez, Mathewson, Morse, Norwood, Occhialino, Parnall, Romero, Sanders, Schwartz, Segura, West, and Winograd.
Student Representatives: Cantwell and Singdahlsen.
Others Present: Price.

Dean's Report

Dean Parnall welcomed the faculty for the new academic year and introduced visiting faculty members Susan Gibbs and Juan Rene Segura (from the University of Guanajuato in Mexico). Professors Anita Morse, Jim Ellis, Em Hall and Bill MacPherson were welcomed back from leave. Members of the faculty that are on leave this academic year are Professors Dick Gonzales, Sheryl Scheible, and Scott Taylor.

The Dean has met several times over the course of the summer with UNM's new president, Richard Peck. He reported that he is encouraged that a positive and successful relationship with the School of Law will continue.

It was reported that the School of Law was the host for several successful summer programs.

- The NM Judicial Conclave was held here on June 7-8 for meetings and continuing judicial education. Professors Bergman, Desiderio, and Schwartz were involved in the presentations addressed to the gathered judiciary.

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- Professor Alfred Mathewson directed the Rocky Mountain Regional CLEO Summer Program as well as UNM's Instituto Program during June and July. Excellent participation was reported.
- The American Indian Pre-Law Program, directed by Professor Ted Occhialino, went very well. Enrollment was reported as being higher than in recent years.
- The successful completion of the first Guanajuato Summer Law Institute was noted and Dean Parnall indicated that a full report would be made later in the meeting.

The Dean thanked all involved for their participation in making these summer programs so successful.

Upcoming plans for the 1990-91 Academic Year were discussed by Dean Parnall.

- The Clinical area will continue physical renovations as part of the grant received recently from the U.S. Department of Education.
- The School of Law's 1990 Homecoming is planned for Friday, September 21, 1990 at the Eaves Movie Ranch. Members of the faculty (and one guest each) will receive complimentary passes for this event.
- The faculty of the School of Law will need to redo the academic calendar effective with the 1991-92 academic year. This need results from changes made by the ABA in how instructional time is calculated. The ABA is moving from measures based on weeks to those based on days. This means we may be short using the current academic calendar arrangement. The Dean requested that faculty suggestions be forwarded to him for future consideration.

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- Dean Parnall announced that a newly renovated classroom, Room 184, in the Court of Appeals space is now in use.
- 1990-91 will be a year of focus on academic renewal, according to the Dean. It is hoped that issues regarding research and academic programs will be stressed during the course of this year.

Report of the Admissions Committee:

Professor Maureen Sanders reported that the entering class consists of 110 students, including two readmitted students. This is from a pool of approximately 900 applicants. The median LSAT for those enrolling was 36 and the range was 20 to 46. The median LSAT for those admitted was 39. The median undergraduate grade point average was approximately 3.18 and 51 undergraduate institutions were represented.

Men	46
Women	64
Non Residents	16
Residents	94
Asians	4
Black	3
Hispanic	33
Native American	11
White	57
No Response	2

Report on the 1990 Guanajuato Summer Institute:

Professor Bill MacPherson reported that the first Guanajuato summer program was successful overall, although there were a few administrative difficulties, primarily with housing arrangements. Ten students, four from other universities, participated in the program which combined substantive legal

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education with culture and language courses. Strengths of the program were reported as the involvement of and enthusiastic response from the Mexican judges involved. In addition, Professor Christian Fritz's portion of the course on case law versus the civil method was highlighted as being particularly useful for the students.

Report on the Clinical Education Grant from the U.S. Department of Education:

Professor Mike Norwood gave an overview of the \$99,218 grant received from the U.S. Department of Education for the purpose of enhancing clinical education. The funds received will be used to increase the number of student work stations to 36 so that each clinical student will have an "office." In addition, four clinical fellows have been selected for each semester. These attorneys, from private practice, will assist in the instruction of clinical courses and are intended to build bridges with the private bar in the City of Albuquerque. These fellows will provide input on some clinical case files and with regard to the overall management system used in the Clinic. Fall Semester fellows are Ruth Pregenzer, Michael Gross, Phil Davis, and Steve Aguilar. Finally, two new courses have been created, "Introduction to Clinical Skills" and "Advanced Clinic" to provide a more in-depth experience for clinical students.

Other Business:

Associate Dean Winograd reported that the top student in the second-year class, Kurt Lash, has transferred to Yale University Law School to complete his legal education. Mr. Lash received a favorable financial assistance package to facilitate this move.

A move is underway in the ABA to create a U.S.-Mexico Trade Law Institute, according to Dean Parnall and Associate Dean Romero, who recently returned from the ABA Meetings in Chicago. Dean Parnall has informed the ABA that UNM would be interested in having such a center located here.

Professor Bill MacPherson announced that the University of Guadalajara Law

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School has extended an invitation to law professors who are interested in visiting there. For those who visit for at least one month, Guadalajara will provide living expenses, so that the faculty member would just be responsible for airfare and other travel costs. Dean Parnall reminded the faculty that similar opportunities are also possible in both Chile and China.

The 1990 Medical/Legal Day has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, 1990, announced Professor Rob Schwartz. All first-year law classes will be cancelled on that day. A schedule of events will be distributed in the next week or so. Any faculty member interested in being a group discussion leader for this, should contact Professor Schwartz. In addition, Dean Parnall announced the Center for Health Law and Ethics received a grant from the National Health Lawyers Association honoring it as one of the outstanding new centers in Health Law. A reception in honor of the Center will be held at the close of Medical/Legal Day.

Upon proper motion and second the minutes of the April 23, 1990 faculty meeting were approved.

Liz Jenkins-Smith reminded the faculty that summer grades are due and should be turned in to her as soon as possible.

Faculty lunches will be held every other Wednesday this year. On the alternating Mondays at 4:00 PM, there will be "tea" served in the faculty lounge. A schedule will be distributed shortly.

The Dean requested that members of the faculty respond to the memo from the Library Committee requesting input on how to spend the \$140,000 received from the NM State Legislature for capital improvements in the Law Library. Discussion ensued regarding the air conditioning system and the building's electrical system problems.

Based on a proposal from Professor Robert Desiderio, first-year practice exams were set for Monday, October 8, 1990. All first-year classes will be cancelled on that date.

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Professor Sherri Burr was appointed as the representative from the School of Law to the UNM Faculty Senate by acclamation.

The faculty were reminded by Dean Parnall that the new copy machine on the second floor should be used judiciously, since it is currently being overused. Copying jobs with more than 15 copies per original should still be taken to the Copy Center for preparation.

Faculty opportunities have been announced at the U.S. Department of Justice for fellowships and various law school deanships are available.

Certification of Graduation Honors:

The faculty, upon proper motion and second, formally awarded the following honors to members of the graduating class of May 1990:

MAGNA CUM LAUDE: Carl Bettinger, Christopher Graver, Elizabeth Taylor, and Joni Wallace.

CUM LAUDE: Lorri Barnett, Judy Barrett, Christina Boradiansky, Alberto Leon, Barbara Mandel, Margaret (Peg) Rogers, Robert Warburton, and Nancy Wood.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.



E.A. Jenkins-Smith
Faculty Secretary

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ORDER OF THE COIF

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 110 UNM School of Law graduates for the period of June 1, 1989 through May 31, 1990:

Lorri Barnett, Judy Barrett, Carl Bettinger, Christina Boradiansky, Christopher Graver, Suann Hendren, Barbara Mandel, Elizabeth Taylor, Joni Wallace, Robert Warburton, and Nancy Wood.

To: Second Year Law Students
From: Jerry Cantwell *Jerry*

Date: September 6, 1990

Subj: FACULTY MEETING REPORT: Meeting of August 27, 1990

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