

October 1, 1990

Faculty Meeting Minutes
School of Law
Faculty Lounge, 4:00 PM

PRESENT: Bergman, Browde, Burr, Desiderio, Ellis, J., Ellis, W., Flickinger, Fritz, Gibbs, Hall, Hart, Hermann, Kelly, Kovnat, MacPherson, Mathewson, Morse, Norwood, Occhialino, Parnall, Segura, Utton, West, and Winograd.
Student Representatives: Cantwell and Singdahlsen.

Business

Dean Parnall explained that the faculty meeting was being held in the Faculty Lounge due to the student placement interviewing process, which has been ongoing in the Dean's Conference Room.

Upon proper motion and second the minutes of the August 27, 1990 faculty meeting were approved.

Dean Parnall made the following announcements:

- Red Mass will be celebrated at the Newman Center at 4:30 pm on Saturday, October 13, 1990. Judge Harris Hartz and Law Library Director Anita Morse will participate in reading the Scriptures.
- The New Mexico Court of Appeals will be hearing oral arguments in the Moot Court Room on Thursday, October 18, 1990. Members of the faculty were urged to announce this in their classes so that interested students may attend.
- The Dean informed the faculty that the two new duplicating machines have been receiving more than double the level of

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usage of the former machines. Faculty were reminded that copying jobs with more than 15 copies per original should be taken to the Copy Center for preparation, particularly since the Copy Center has ordered new duplicating equipment.

- Faculty positions are open at St. Thomas University Law School in Miami, Florida, and the deanship is available at Albany Law School.

- Dean Parnall was pleased to announce that 91% of UNM graduates taking the New Mexico bar examination for the first time passed the recent July administration. This compares to an overall first-time passage rate of 89%. In addition, 25% of UNM graduates repeating the exam passed, compared to an overall repeat passage rate of 24%.

Petitions for Extension of Incompletes:

Professor Ruth Kovnat presented petitions for third-year students Laurie Knight and Maria O'Brien to extend their Spring Semester 1990 Incomplete deadlines to the beginning of Spring Semester 1991. After proper motion and second, the petitions were granted.

Professor Mary Beth West presented a petition from third-year student W. Karen Cantrell to extend her Spring Semester 1990 Incomplete deadline to the end of April, 1991. After proper motion and second, her petition was granted.

Petition for Degree:

Dean Parnall distributed and discussed an ad hoc faculty committee report reviewing the request from Robert A. Miners to complete his law studies by fulfilling the present School of Law Advanced Writing Requirement. The faculty discussed the specifics of Mr. Miners' situation, including the length of time he has been out of school and his previous academic record. A motion was made to adopt the recommendation of the committee to allow Mr. Miners to enroll in

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three hours of law school credit for the specific purpose of giving him an opportunity to produce a paper that meets the thesis requirement. After proper second and further discussion, the question was called. The motion carried.

Petition for Recycling Papers:

Professor Chris Fritz distributed a memo from the Recycling Committee of Environmental Law Society and discussed their proposal for a law school-wide recycling program. After discussing recycling issues, a motion was made to support the proposal in principle. After proper motion and second the motion passed.

New Calendar Requirements:

Associate Dean Peter Winograd distributed a draft of possible approaches for complying with the ABA academic calendar requirements. The options were reviewed and the additional option of holding Saturday classes with legislated days scheduled was discussed. Because the new calendar must be in effect by August 15, 1991, the Dean requested that faculty suggestions be forwarded to him soon since some decision must be reached by the end of Fall Semester. A revised draft which includes the Saturday option will be prepared and student input will be solicited.

Other Business:

Third-year student representative, Bill Singdahlsen, speaking on behalf of the President of the Student Bar Association, requested that faculty members confronted with a possible student Honor Code violation, not discuss this with other members of the faculty, but report the incident only to the SBA President.

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The meeting was adjourned in a meeting of the Committee on Promotion and Tenure at 4:55 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E.A. Jenkins-Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

E.A. Jenkins-Smith
Faculty Secretary