## November 12, 1990

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

PRESENT: Bergman, Browde, Burr, Ellis, W., Flickinger, Fritz, Gibbs, Hall, Hermann, Jenkins-Smith, Kelly, Kovnat, MacPherson, Martinez, Morse, Occhialino, Romero, Sanders, Schwartz, Sedillo Lopez, Utton, West, and Winograd. Student Representatives: Cantwell and Goble.

The meeting was called to order by Associate Dean Leo Romero.

Upon proper motion and second, the minutes of the October 22, 1990 faculty meeting were approved.

The faculty were reminded that faculty course evaluations are available from Liz Jenkins-Smith's office and need to be distributed to the students by the end of the semester (November 21, 1990). In addition, final exams need to be forwarded, in a timely fashion, to Janet Cox for preparation.

#### **Announcements:**

- Various visiting faculty positions and deanships are currently open around the country. The folder with announcements and other information is available from Onnie Wootton.
- The faculty joined Professor Occhialino in wishing Professor Sanders and the National Moot Court team luck in the regional competition later this week.

## Annual Report of the UNM School of Law Library:

Law Library Director, Anita Morse, distributed and reviewed the 1988-90 annual report for the Law Library. Discussion included the choice of peer institutions for comparison, budget trends, the need for collection maintenance and development, and capital improvements. The faculty were requested to address comments on the

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report to Professor Morse to enable further discussion of the Law Library at the next faculty meeting, November 26, 1990.

## Report of the Library Committee:

Professor Suedeen Kelly, Chair of the Library Committee, reported on the status of the \$140,000 capital improvement monies made available to the Law Library from the last state legislative session. After meeting with representatives from the New Mexico State Bar, Friends of the Law Library, the New Mexico Court of Appeals, the law faculty, and the Law Library, the Committee unanimously agreed to make the following recommendations to the Dean:

- \$40,000 for acoustical improvements
- \$35,000 for carpeting replacement to meet minimum safety standards
- \$15,000 to install handicapped access (particularly staircase access)
- \$16,000 for Lektriever/microform equipment
- \$ 4,000 to repair and replace furniture
- \$30,000 for additional student computer equipment and other library automation needs (This recommendation has the condition that any changes in staff lines necessary to obtain computer expertise be provided for by other monies.)

Law Library Director Morse indicated that Dean Parnall has approved these recommendations and that the Law Library is moving ahead with these improvements. The faculty discussed the Committee Report and focused on issues of handicapped access and collection concerns.

# **New Calendar Requirements:**

Associate Dean Winograd distributed information regarding various options for meeting the ABA's requirement for the length of the academic year. Liz Jenkins-Smith informed the faculty that the University will be officially closed on the third Monday of January, effective in the Spring Semester 1991, to celebrate Martin Luther King Day. The academic calendar issue will be scheduled for action at the next faculty meeting, November 26, 1990.

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### Other Business:

Second-year student representative, Jerry Cantwell, requested information on the process for selecting Dean Parnall's replacement and the student involvement in this process. Professor Utton indicated that the selection process has not yet been finalized with the University Administration and expressed the hope that the School will have a decision within the next week.

The meeting was adjourned into a meeting of the Committee on Promotion and Tenure at 4:40 pm.

E.A. Jenkins-Smith Faculty Secretary