

November 26, 1990

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

PRESENT: Bergman, Browde, Desiderio, Ellis, J., Ellis, W., Flickinger, Gibbs, Hall, Hart, Hermann, Jenkins-Smith, Lester, Mathewson, Norwood, Occhialino, Price, Romero, Sanders, Schwartz, Utton, and West.
Student Representatives: Cantwell and Goble.

The meeting was called to order by Associate Dean Romero.

Upon proper motion and second, the minutes of the November 12, 1990 faculty meeting were approved.

Report on the Law School Academic Calendar:

The discussion of this issue was postponed to a future meeting due to Associate Dean Winograd's absence.

Report on Law Library Funding:

The discussion of this issue was postponed to a future meeting due to Law Library Director Anita Morse's absence.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Scholarships:

Associate Dean Romero distributed and discussed the proposed policy on Law School Scholarship Grants. The Ad Hoc Committee requested that the faculty review the proposals (attached) for discussion and action at a future meeting.

Report on the Selection Process for the Deanship:

Professor Al Utton reported on the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee with Acting Provost Paul Risser. The outcome is that a national search to select the next dean

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will commence and an acting dean will be appointed for the interim period. The search committee will be composed of a non-Law School Chair (to be appointed by Provost Risser, based on law faculty suggestions), four members of the law faculty, one law student, one law alumnus, and one non-law faculty member (to be appointed by Provost Risser, based on the recommendation of the UNM Faculty Senate Operations Committee). Extensive discussion ensued regarding the anticipated timetable, committee composition, and the appointment of an acting dean. Associate Dean Romero announced that a meeting of the Committee on Promotion and Tenure would convene at the close of the faculty meeting to discuss this further.

Other Business:

Professor Ted Occhialino asked for a report from the Faculty Hiring Committee. Professor Rob Schwartz, Committee Chair, reported on the status of recruitment for potential visitor positions in the 1991-92 academic year. A file of interested candidates' resumes will be made available for faculty review at Onnie Wootton's desk.

The meeting was adjourned into a meeting of the Committee on Promotion and Tenure at 4:20 pm.



E.A. Jenkins-Smith
Faculty Secretary

To: Law School Faculty
From: Ad Hoc Committee on Scholarships
Subject: Proposed Policy on Scholarship Grants
Date: November 21, 1990

PROPOSED POLICY

1. SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

The Law School shall award scholarship grants only on the basis of need.

2. CALCULATION OF NEED FOR FINANCIAL AID

Students participating in co-curricular activities such as the Natural Resources Journal, the New Mexico Law Review, and the Moot Court and Mock Trial teams, and students serving as President of the Student Bar Association who believe their earnings will be substantially reduced because of these law school activities may apply to the Financial Aid Committee to be treated as if they would not earn any income during the semester of participation.

3. ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A. Natural Resources Journal and New Mexico Law Review

(1) Student staff members of the two publications shall receive two hours of academic credit per semester. These two hours include any seminar requirements of the publications.

(2) Student members of the editorial boards of the two publications shall receive three hours of academic credit per semester.

B. Moot Court and Mock Trial Competitions

Student members of any teams representing the Law School in competitions shall receive two or three hours of academic credit but only if the competition is included in the curriculum approved by the Faculty. Only team members who organize and supervise the intramural competitions for the selection of the next year's team, and who also provide tutorial assistance to the students competing for selection, shall receive the third hour of academic credit.

COMMENTARY

1. Scholarship Grants

This proposal bans the award of non-need based scholarship grants for student editors of the Natural Resources Journal and the New Mexico Law Review, student members of the moot court and the mock trial teams, and SBA officers. The proposal reflects the view that students should not receive law school grant money solely for participating in an educational activity for which credit is given or for serving as an SBA officer. Such students, however, may qualify for financial aid based on financial need.

The Ad Hoc Committee felt that the limited amount of money available for scholarship grants should be reserved for need-based grants. Currently, approximately 22% of the scholarship budget is going to non-need based scholarship grants. By eliminating non-need based grants, almost \$35,000 will be added to the pool of money available for grants on the basis of need. In addition, the Committee did not see any principled basis for distinguishing among students participating in the competitions, those serving on the two publications, and those serving the SBA.

2. Calculation of Need

The proposal establishes, for the determination of need, a presumption that students who serve on the publications, serve the SBA, and compete on an approved team will not work for pay during the semester of participation. This proposal recognizes that students should not be penalized economically for participating in the enumerated activities. Some students who would like to participate may need financial assistance. Since need is normally computed according to a formula which assumes that all students will work during the semester, the proposal permits students in such activities to apply to the Financial aid Committee to be treated as if they would not work during the semester of participation. Students with need will qualify for financial aid, and the determination of need will reflect the fact that students who participate in the listed activities will lose employment income.

3. Academic Credit

The proposal recommends increased credit for work on the two publications and for participation on the competition teams. The Ad Hoc Committee views this proposal as an award of credit commensurate with the academic work required for participation in these co-curricular activities and not as a substitute for scholarship grants. The Committee heard from both faculty supervisors and students who participated in these activities about the educational value and the work required. The Committee concluded that the writing required of staff members on the two

publications merits two hours of credit each semester, and the editing and writing required of the student editors merits three hours of credit each semester. For the competitions, the Committee recommends that two hours of credit be awarded for participation in the competition and an additional hour of credit for organizing and supervising the intramural competition, but only if the latter activity involves educational aspects such as providing tutorials for competitors or grading briefs. Simply organizing a competition for selection of a successor team will not warrant the award of academic credit. The three hours may be awarded in the semester of participation even though the organizing and supervising of the intramural competition will not occur until the following semester.

To: Second Year Law Students
From: Jerry Cantwell

Date: December 17, 1990

Subj: FACULTY MEETING REPORT:

I. Three very short faculty meetings were held on October 22, November 12, and November 26, 1990. Items covered at those meetings include:

I. Dean's Report: (Presented by Dean Parnall and Associate Dean Romero):

A. Professor Sherri Burr has obtained a \$55,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to develop a program for the teaching of public international law at the School of Law.

B. Dean Parnall's plans to step down for a position with the World Bank and Harvard Law School in Laos were discussed. Dean Parnall will be leaving officially in early January, 1991.

II. Selection Process for New Dean: Professor Utton reported on a meeting with Acting Provost Paul Risser in UNM Administration. A national search will commence soon and an acting dean will be appointed for the interim period. The search committee will be composed of a non-Law School Chair (to be appointed by Provost Risser, based on law faculty suggestions), four members of the law faculty, one law student, one law alumnus, and one non-law faculty member.

III. Report of Ad Hoc Committee on Scholarships: Associate Dean Romero distributed and discussed the proposed policy on Law Scholarship Grants. The recommendations will be reviewed and acted on at a future faculty meeting. Major points of the recommendations are:

A. Scholarship Grants shall be awarded only on the basis of need.

B. Students participating in co-curricular activities such as the Natural Resources Journal, the New Mexico Law Review, and the Moot Court and Mock Trial teams, and students serving as President of SBA who believe their earnings will be substantially reduced because of these law school activities may apply to the Financial Aid Committee to be treated as if they would not earn any income during the semester of participation.

C. Academic Credit for participation in co-curricular activities: Natural Resources Journal and New Mexico Law Review - student staff members shall receive two hours of academic credit per semester and editorial board members shall receive three hours. Moot Court and Mock Trial Competitions - Members of teams representing the Law School shall receive two or three hours of credit, but only if the competition is included in the curriculum approved by the Faculty. Only team members who organize and supervise the intramural competitions for the selection of the next year's team, and who also provide tutorial assistance to the students competing for selection, shall receive the third hour of academic credit.

IV. Report of Library Committee: Professor Suedeem Kelly, Chair of the 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 made the following recommendations to the Dean which have been approved:

- * \$40,000 for acoustical improvements
- * \$35,000 for carpeting replacement related to safety
- * \$15,000 to install handicapped access (staircase)
- * \$16,000 for Lektriever/microform equipment
- * \$ 4,000 to repair and replace furniture
- * \$30,000 for additional student computer equipment and other automation needs (based on available staff support).

V. New Calendar Requirements: The academic calendar issue originally scheduled for action in November will now take place at the December 17, 1990 meeting.

VI. Holiday: Liz Jenkins-Smith informed the faculty that the University will be officially closed on the third Monday of January, beginning in 1991, for Martin Luther King Day.