

February 25, 1991

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

PRESENT: Bergman, Browde, Burr, Desiderio, Ellis, J., Ellis, W., Flickinger, Gill, Hall, Hermann, Jenkins-Smith, Kelly, Martinez, Morse, Price, Romero, Sanders, Sedillo Lopez, and Utton.
Student Representatives: Cantwell, Goble, and Singdahlsen.

The meeting was called to order by Interim Dean Utton.

Reports:

●Associate Dean Romero reported that Denise Forte, one of the three finalists for the Academic Directorship of the Masters of Water Resources Administration Program, will be interviewed at the School of Law on Thursday. Professor Ruth Kovnat has already distributed copies of her resume. Members of the faculty were urged to participate in the interviews as well as attend her presentation on Wednesday at 11:00 AM in the Public Administration Conference Room. In addition, any candidate selected for this position will need an academic home in a UNM department. In Ms. Forte's case, this means a tenure-track position at the School of Law. Discussion ensued regarding this issue and similar arrangements made in the past at the School of Law. A formal faculty meeting to discuss this further is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 1991 at 12:00 (noon) in the Faculty Lounge.

●Associate Dean Romero announced that J. Jo Carrillo (Class of 1986) has accepted a faculty position at the University of California-Hastings College of Law. Professor Maureen Sanders announced that 1985 graduate, Eileen Gauna, has also had several offers for law faculty positions.

●The UNM Provost's Office has indicated that it is proceeding seriously with the budget reallocation process, according to Associate Dean Romero. College deans have received a memo with the process' timetable and criteria for determining valuable educational programs. These criteria include a)centrality to the mission

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of the University; b) quality of the faculty, students, programs, facilities, and equipment; c) present and projected student demand (e.g., number of applicants); d) demand for graduates; e) program cost/revenue relationships; f) student-generated credit hours; and g) externally-funded research. Extensive discussion about these criteria and their implications for the School of Law occurred. Faculty suggestions were requested to be directed to Interim Dean Utton or Associate Dean Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the February 11, 1991 meeting were approved.

Report of the Curriculum Committee on Credits for Co-Curricular Activities:

Associate Dean Romero presented the recommendations of the Committee for Professor Kovnat regarding capping the total number of credit hours for which students can earn the grade of 'Credit'. The Committee recommended that the only limit on courses taken for the grade of 'Credit' should be the following: students will be allowed to participate in only one appellate moot court activity and one law review for academic credit. This proposal was discussed and the issues of student incentives, student demand, and the value of the educational experience were raised. The question was called and the motion resulting from the Committee's recommendation was defeated. Therefore Proposal Three (presented at the February 11, 1991 meeting) was put back on the table. After further discussion, it was moved and seconded to adopt Proposal Three as written. The motion carried.

Proposal Three: 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.

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- (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

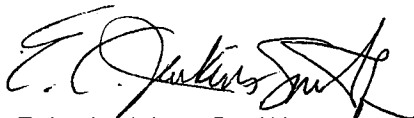
Student members of any teams representing the Law School in competitions shall receive two or three hours of academic credit but only if the competition is included in the curriculum approved by the Faculty. Only team members who organize and supervise the intramural competitions for the selection of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

Other Business:

Professor Sherri Burr announced that there is a panel discussion on international trade law this evening. Panelists include Professor Raul De Gouvea of the Anderson Schools of Management and Don Abelson of the Office of the U. S. Trade Representative. In addition, Judge Schwebel of the International Court of Justice will be at the School of Law next week. On Monday, March 4, 1991, there will be a faculty lunch with Judge Schwebel at 12:20 in the Faculty Lounge and a reception preceding his presentation, scheduled for 7:15 PM in Room 2401. Judge Schwebel will meet with law students on Tuesday, March 5, 1991 as well as present a second lecture, also scheduled for 7:15 PM in Room 2401. All were encouraged to attend these events.

Third-year student representative, Bill Singdahlsen, reminded the faculty that contributions would be appreciated for the First-Year Auction.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.



E.A. Jenkins-Smith
Faculty Secretary