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TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: AL UTTON
DATE: MARCH 25, 1991

FACULTY MEETING
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Dean's Conference Room
4:00 P.M.

1. Approval of minutes of meeting of 2/25/91
2. Dean's Report
3. Re-allocation memorandum
4. Calendar
5. Dean's Honor Roll
6. Financial Aid Committee Report
7. Other Reports

TODAY !!!

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

PRESENT: Bergman, Burr, Cook, Desiderio, Ellis, J., Ellis, W., Flickinger, Fritz, Gill, Hall, Jenkins-Smith, Kelly, Kovnat, Mathewson, Occhialino, Romero, Utton, West, and Winograd.
Student Representatives: Cantwell, Goble, and Singdahlsen.

The meeting was called to order by Interim Dean Utton.

Dean's Report:

- Professors DuMars and MacPherson are meeting with the Minister Counselor from the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City during his visit here.
- The faculty joined Dean Utton in expressing sadness at the recent deaths of Max Coll's daughter and granddaughter. Professor Sedillo Lopez attended the funeral.
- The School of Law is hosting 40 visitors from the University of Guanajuato School of Law this week. There will be various activities throughout the week involving the visiting students and professors.

Reallocation Report:

Associate Dean Romero reviewed the status of the university budget reallocation process and distributed copies of his recent memo to Interim Provost Risser regarding the School of Law's response to the process' criteria. Professor Burr reported on a presentation on reallocation made by Vice President McKinney at the recent UNM Faculty Senate meeting where he used the School of Law's budget as an example of a school which receives resources in excess of funds generated by the funding formula. Extensive discussion about reallocation and possible implications for the School of Law ensued. Interim Dean Utton reported that he will be meeting with Vice President McKinney regarding this report. Faculty suggestions and input

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on the reallocation process and the School of Law's response were requested to be directed to Interim Dean Utton or Associate Dean Romero.

Interim Dean Utton declared a quorum and after proper motion and second, the minutes of the February 25, 1991 meeting were approved unanimously.

Law School Academic Calendar:

Interim Dean Utton reviewed the status of the 1991-92 academic calendar and reported that Interim Provost Risser and President Peck had denied the School of Law's request that Spring Semester be allowed to continue for three days after Commencement. After discussion, the consensus of the faculty was to continue with the second option included in the motion passed at the January 28, 1991 faculty meeting. Thus the Law School's Spring Semester will begin on the Wednesday (adding three days) before the start of the University's Spring Semester. The approved changes to the School of Law's academic calendar are recapped below:

Fall Semester

1st-Year Students

The three days of orientation will count as class days.

Upperclass Students

Three class days will be added after Thanksgiving.

Spring Semester

The semester will begin three days before the University's Spring Semester (which will reduce the School of Law's Intersession by three days).

Honor Roll and Dean's List:

Associate Dean Winograd reported that a student petition requested the inclusion of non-Law courses taken by joint-degree students in the computation of grade point averages and minimum credit hours used for making Dean's List and Honor Roll determinations. He reviewed the current student eligibility requirements and

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proposed changes for joint-degree students as follows:

Students enrolled in a formal joint-degree program shall be eligible for the School of Law's Dean's List and Honor Roll if they are enrolled in at least twelve graded credit hours from either school. Of those twelve, at least nine credit hours must be at the School of Law and six of the nine credit hours must be graded.

It was moved and seconded to adopt this proposal. After a discussion about which grades could be used in the calculation of grade point averages, an amendment was offered that only School of Law grades be included in the grade point calculation. This amendment was accepted and the amended motion carried unanimously.

Report on Masters of Water Resources Administration Tenure-Track Question:

Professor Kovnat reviewed the status of the search process for the Director of the Masters of Water Resources Administration program. Two candidates, Denise Forte and Michelle Minnis, have been recently interviewed by the law faculty since the School of Law would be the likely academic home if either were chosen as Director. Professor Kovnat reported that her sense from talking with faculty members is that both candidates would likely be tenurable by the Law School in a six-year period. She also reported that departments would be asked to give formal approval before any final actions on tenure-track arrangements for the Director-designate would be made. After discussion, it was the consensus of the faculty to allow and charge Professor Kovnat to make this report to the Search Committee on behalf of the School of Law.

Report of the Financial Aid Committee:

Visiting Professor West reviewed the issues submitted to the Committee by the faculty at the February 11, 1991 faculty meeting and reported the following recommendations:

- 1) Financial assistance to CLEO students. The Committee recommends no changes for current CLEO students. However, effective with this

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Summer, new CLEO students will be informed that because financial aid is solely need-based, CLEO students will no longer automatically receive tuition grants. They may apply for need-based Law School aid under the regular financial aid program.

- 2) Financial assistance to Native American students. Because the tuition waivers awarded do not involve School of Law funds, the Committee recommends no change.
- 3) Use of parental information in determining financial need. The Committee recommends no action this year because a) the Law School is currently experiencing fiscal pressures in financial aid and b) there is currently no data on the impact of eliminating this requirement. The Committee proposes that information be collected regarding possible effects of eliminating the requirement during the course of making financial decisions for the next academic year. The Committee could then use this information when making a recommendation to the faculty.
- 4) Use of loans as the sole source of financial assistance. The Committee recommends a) undertaking a fund-raising project this summer targeting graduates who have been assisted in the past, and b) adding "moral commitment" language to future grant recipient correspondence in order to encourage voluntary repayment.

In addition, the University's reinvestment policy and School of Law's financial aid accounts were discussed as well as the School of Law's request for a phase-in period to ease the implementation of this policy. Associate Dean Winograd reported on current actions being pursued to make such arrangements. Further discussion included student input into proposed policy changes and relevant actions of the New Mexico Legislature. Interim Dean Utton asked that the faculty review the recommendations of the Committee for action at the next faculty meeting. An attempt will be made to obtain student input before then.

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Other Business:

Associate Dean Winograd announced that 1985 graduate, Eileen Gauna, has accepted a law faculty position at Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles.

Interim Dean Utton reported that Professor Scott Taylor has declined to serve as UNM Faculty Senator. Professor Occhialino agreed to call Professor Sheryl Scheible, who is visiting this year at the University of North Carolina, to ask if she would accept this position.

Associate Dean Winograd reminded the faculty that the Honors and Awards Committee will be making its recommendations for third-year awards at the April 8, 1991 faculty meeting.

Professor Flickinger reported on two bills enacted in the recent New Mexico legislative session which affect retirement benefits for higher education employees. Senate Bill 83 provides for a ten percent increase in retirement benefits. In addition, a bill was passed allowing for participation in alternative retirement plans, such as TIAA-CREF, for those hired after July 1991.

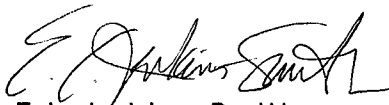
Interim Dean Utton reported that interviews with the deaconal candidates are being scheduled for April.

The budget forecast for the 1991-92 academic year was discussed at a recent Deans Council meeting. The New Mexico State Legislature voted to provide salary increases for all state employees except those in higher education. Thus the University anticipates modest salary increases to be funded by university resources, such as overhead, supplemented by funds from tuition increases. At this time a ten percent Law School tuition increase is being contemplated.

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Second-year student representative, Jerry Cantwell, announced that Ditch Day has been scheduled for Monday, April 1, 1991. There will be a breakfast from 8:00-10:00 AM at the M & M Cafe on Zuni and Lead SE. The picnic is scheduled from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM at Bullhead Park on San Pedro SE. All were invited to participate.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.



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Faculty Secretary