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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: AL UTTON
DATE: APRIL 17, 1991

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A FACULTY MEETING ON MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1991.

AN EXTENDED MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED APRIL 29, 1991, AT 2:00 P.M.

APRIL 29, 1991
DEAN'S CONFERENCE ROOM
2:00 P.M.

1. Approval of minutes of meeting of April 15, 1991.
2. Dean's Report
3. Dean Candidate Discussion

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Faculty Meeting Minutes
School of Law
Dean's Conference Room, 2:00 PM

PRESENT: Bergman, Browde, Burr, Cook, Desiderio, Ellis, J., Ellis, W., Flickinger, Fritz, Gill, Hall, Hermann, Jenkins-Smith, Kovnat, MacPherson, Martinez, Mathewson, Morse, Norwood, Occhialino, Price, Sanders, Scales, Utton, and West.
Student Representatives: Singdahlsen.

The meeting was called to order by Interim Dean Utton.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the meeting of April 15, 1991 meeting were approved.

Dean's Report:

- Professor Kovnat reported that Denise Fort has accepted the position of Director of the Masters of Water Resources Administration. She will be teaching Environmental Law for the School of Law during Spring Semester 1992. This will allow Professor Kovnat to teach a seminar on the Clean Air Act. Dean Utton reported that the Law School now has a written understanding regarding Ms. Fort's tenure-track and budget-line arrangements.
- Interim Dean Utton reported on the search process for the University Provost. Five candidates, including Interim Provost Paul Risser, are being interviewed over the next several weeks.

Report of the Financial Aid Committee:

Professor Browde reviewed and discussed the Committee's recommendations, which were distributed at the March 25, 1991 faculty meeting (see attached). After discussion, it was the consensus of the faculty to act on each proposal individually.

- The proposal to base the award of CLEO grants solely on the basis of financial need (effective with students entering this academic year) passed, with Professor Mathewson abstaining.
- Two proposals addressing the use of loans in financial aid passed unanimously:
 - a) that soft "moral commitment" language be added to all future grant recipient correspondence to encourage voluntary repayment. The moral commitment to repay will not apply to students while they participate in a (future) UNM School of Law loan forgiveness program.
 - b) that a fund-raising project targeting graduates who have been assisted by grants in the past be initiated this Summer, in conjunction with other fund-raising activities by the Dean.

No action was deemed necessary regarding Native American student tuition grants because the funds involved are not School of Law funds. In addition, the Committee will be

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collecting more information this Summer on the impact of the use of parental information in the calculation of financial need. This data is required for a more informed review of the current policy.

Lottery Procedures:

Liz Jenkins-Smith reviewed the current lottery practices for determining enrollment in limited-enrollment courses. With the recent implementation of the Advanced Writing Requirement, questions of preference in the lottery process have arisen. Additional questions of the timing of the lotteries for spring semesters were raised, particularly with regard to required courses with limits on enrollment. After discussion of the lottery system, the following motion was made:

- that no preference be given for any student or group of students,
- that lotteries for the entire academic year be conducted the weekend before Fall Semester begins, and
- that the discussion regarding the length of time students should be allowed to add and drop lotteried courses be deferred to a later meeting of the faculty.

After discussion, the motion carried.

Dean Candidate Discussion:

Professor Hart reported on the status of the search process for Dean of the School of Law. Four candidates have been interviewed and one candidate, Professor Beale, has withdrawn from consideration. The Search Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 30, 1991 to make a recommendation for Interim Provost Risser and requested the input of the faculty of the School of Law. Extensive discussion ensued regarding each of the candidates and their qualifications for the deanship. It was moved and seconded to recommend Associate Dean Leo Romero for the deanship of the School of Law to the Search Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Interim Dean Utton will arrange a meeting between the faculty and Associate Dean Romero to discuss interests and concerns to be discussed with the University Administration.

The faculty joined Interim Dean Utton in complimenting the Search Committee for doing an excellent job in conducting a serious and effective national search process on behalf of the School.

Other Business:

It was announced that Professor Bill MacPherson has agreed to represent the School of Law as UNM Faculty Senator. Professor MacPherson was duly elected to this position by acclamation.

Professor Occhialino announced that the School of Law's Bioethics Moot Court Team won the national championship at the recent competitions hosted here at the School of Law. The faculty offered their congratulations both to the student team members and faculty advisor, Professor Rob Schwartz.

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The faculty joined Professor Sanders in thanking and commending Third-Year Student Representative Bill Singdahlsen for his contributions during his tenure at the School of Law.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E.A. Jenkins-Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

**E.A. Jenkins-Smith
Faculty Secretary**

FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE
PROPOSAL TO FACULTY

CLEO TUITION GRANTS

The Committee recommends that, starting this summer, new CLEO students be given grants only on the basis of financial need. This change will not affect current students, whose tuition waivers will be continued as long as they are in school. New CLEO recipients will be notified during the summer that grants will be considered only based on need, and that they must fill out GAPSFAS forms.

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT TUITION GRANTS

These grants come from University funds, not Law School funds. Therefore, the committee is making no recommendation with regard to them.

REQUIREMENT FOR PARENTAL INFORMATION

The Committee recommends that the Law School not eliminate the parental information requirement this year. This decision is based on our dire financial situation and on lack of data on the effect of eliminating the requirement. When need calculations are made this year, we will calculate student need and grant levels both with and without the parental information. This data will then be available for a more informed review of the policy regarding parental information in the future.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOANS-ONLY POLICY

The Committee recommends two actions. First, it recommends that a soft "moral commitment to repay" be inserted in all future grant letters, to be followed years later with solicitation letters. The Committee recommends, however, that this moral commitment to repay not apply to students who fall within eligibility guidelines established for a UNM Law School loan forgiveness program, as long as they fall within the guidelines.

Second, the Committee recommends that the Law School Administration consider initiating a special fundraising program this summer for grant-assisted graduates. A carefully-drafted pitch would ask each grant-assisted graduate for assistance in contributing all or at least a portion of his or her grant, over a period of time, in view of today's great disparity between student need and financial aid resources. The approach would be in addition to regular law school fundraising and would be designed, to the extent possible, not to affect regular giving.