

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF LAW

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

FACULTY

FROM:

LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN

SUBJECT:

1991 FALL SEMESTER

FACULTY MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE:

AUGUST 1, 1991

OUR FACULTY MEETINGS FOR THE 1991 FALL SEMESTER WILL BE HELD IN THE DEAN'S CONFERENCE ROOM AT 4:00 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING MONDAYS.

AUGUST 26, 1991 SEPTEMBER 16, 1991 OCTOBER 7, 1991 OCTOBER 28, 1991 NOVEMBER 18, 1991 DECEMBER 9, 1991



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FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

Faculty Meeting August 26, 1991 Dean's Conference Room 4:00 p.m.

- 1. Approval of minutes of April 29, 1991 as corrected.
- Dean's Report
- 3. Admissions Committee Report Michael Browde
- 4. Minority Clerkship Program Peter Winograd
- 5. Selection of Law School Representative to the Association of American Law Schools House of Representatives and an Alternate.
- 6. Belgrade Visitor Peter Winograd
- 7. U.S. Mexico Trade Law Institute
- 8. Guest Parking Passes Ruth Kovnat
- 9. Thesis Honors Suedeen Kelly
- 10. Graduation Honors Liz Jenkins-Smith
- 11. Order of The Coif Liz Jenkins-Smith

August 26, 1951

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

PRESENT: Bergman, Browde, Burr, Capowski, Ellis, J., Ellis, W., Flickinger, Fritz,

Gill, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Hermann, Jenkins-Smith, Kelly, Kovnat, Martinez, Mathewson, Morse, Occhialino, Price, Romero, Sanders, Scales,

Scheible, Schwartz, Sedillo Lopez, Utton, West, and Winograd.

Student Representatives: Goble.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the meeting of April 29, 1991 were approved with a correction indicating Professor Fred Hart's presence at that meeting.

Dean's Report:

- Dean Romero welcomed the faculty for the new academic year and introduced visiting faculty member John Capowski, who is participating in the Clinic's Institute for Access to Justice. Also welcomed in absentia was Assistant Professor Denise Fort, Director of the Masters of Water Resources Administration program. Professors Dick Gonzales, Sheryl Scheible, and Scott Taylor were welcomed back from leave. Members of the faculty that are on leave this academic year are Professors Ted Parnall and Mike Norwood. Finally, the faculty joined the Dean in congratulating new Associate Dean Ruth Kovnat.
- The faculty were reminded that summer grades are due to Liz Jenkins-Smith and should be turned in to her as soon as possible.
- Clarification of the policy adopted on April 29th regarding completing the Advanced Writing Requirement by the beginning of the sixth semester was offered by Dean Romero. For prospective 1992 graduates who will register for a Spring Semester 1992 course which has been designated as fulfilling this graduation requirement, it will not be necessary to petition an Associate Dean for permission to complete the Writing Requirement during the sixth semester. The faculty concurred with this policy interpretation.
- The 1991 Medical/Legal Day has been scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, August 27, 1991. Lunch for participants will be served in the forum. First-year classes are cancelled during this event, but will resume as scheduled during the afternoon of August 27th.
- The School of Law's Alumni/ae Association is hosting the Second Annual Eaves Movie Ranch Barbecue and Dance on Saturday, September 14, 1991. All were invited to attend. Members of the faculty and staff will receive complimentary tickets for this event.
- Various visiting faculty positions and deanships are currently open around the country.
 The folder with announcements and other information is available from Trish Bianchi.
- Dean Romero invited all to a party welcoming back Professors Gonzales, Scheible, and Taylor and thanking Professor Al Utton for his efforts as Interim Dean. Celebrations will commence at 7:00 PM at the Dean's home, Friday, August 30, 1991.

Report of the Admissions Committee:

Professor Michael Browde reported that the entering class consists of 111 students. The median LSAT for those enrolling was 34 and the median undergraduate grade point average was 3.14. The average age for those enrolling was 30.4, while the median age was 28. The faculty discussed issues of gender balance, difficulties in recruiting African-American applicants, and the proportion of residents to nonresidents. The Admissions Committee was asked to analyze data for the 1990-91 admissions pool and report on mean LSAT scores and undergraduate grade point averages by gender and age for all applicants, those accepting offers of admission, and those actually matriculating. The faculty joined Dean Romero in thanking Professor Browde and the Admissions Committee for their efforts.

Men Women	47 64
Residents	101
Asians	5
Native Americans	10
Blacks	3
Hispanics	33

Minority Clerkship Program:

Associate Dean Peter Winograd reported that a subcommittee of the New Mexico State Bar Association has proposed a program placing minority students in summer clerkships at the end of their first year of legal studies. Similar programs currently exist in the states of Ohio and Georgia. Associate Dean Winograd gave a brief overview of these programs and the level and type of involvement by participating law schools. In addition, recent national trends with regard to minority job fairs and grants/scholarships were reviewed. It was also noted that placement for summer clerkships is generally becoming much tighter. Given these issues, and because the policy of the UNM School of Law has not been to limit participation in any program by minority status (including Instituto and Programmed Studies), faculty input regarding the Bar's proposal was requested.

The faculty initially discussed issues of proposed program timing and consequent levels of student preparation. Professors Browde and Sanders shared some background regarding the concerns which the State Bar is attempting to address. Further discussion dealt with ensuring and emphasizing educational benefits for students. Particular concern was voiced with regard to the involvement of the law school in the selection process for participants in such a program. Dean Romero stated his sense of the discussion to this point as indicating a faculty preference to maintain the current policy that does not limit participation on the basis of race or ethnicity, and to enthusiastically cooperate with the State Bar in achieving the objectives of this proposed program. The extent and form of this cooperation became the focus of continuing debate. It was suggested that the law school not be involved in the pre-screening of participants, but that individual members of the faculty provide evaluations of students upon request. It was further suggested that the program not focus on the summer after the first year of legal studies for reasons of student preparedness.

Associate Dean Winograd restated these discussions as follows: The School of Law institutionally shares the goal of increasing minority legal professionals and wishes to see this program focus on assisting disadvantaged students at the end of their second year of

legal studies. Minority status would be one of several relevant factors in the selection process. Although the law school does not wish to be involved in the process of selecting participants, the school is willing to assist with the application process (e.g., with publicity and development of application forms), and members of the faculty will continue to be committed to providing student recommendations.

Selection of Law School Representative and Alternate to the Association of American Law Schools House of Representatives:

After proper motion and second, Associate Dean Winograd was nominated to serve as the AALS Representative from the School of Law. The motion carried. Dean Romero was nominated to serve as the alternate to Associate Dean Winograd and this motion passed unanimously.

U.S. - Mexico Trade Law Institute:

Dean Romero provided an update on the proposed U.S. - Mexico Trade Law Institute. Since the University of New Mexico School of Law is the preferred location for such an institute (notwithstanding intense competition from Texas and California), the Dean has named Visiting Professor Franklin Gill as Director. This appointment currently has no funding attached, so Professor Gill will be applying for grants as well as working with the American Bar Association to develop support. The School of Law will provide office space and clerical support for the Institute. It is anticipated that the Institute will host an annual conference here and publish the conference papers as well as other information, manuals, monographs, etc. The faculty joined Dean Romero in offering congratulations to Professor Gill.

Guest Parking Passes:

Associate Dean Kovnat announced that the University's new parking regulations require permits for parking after 4:00 PM. Day permits are valid from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM, but those not holding day permits, including guest speakers or visitors, must obtain a permit for late afternoon or evening parking. The faculty were requested to contact Ethel Ortenburger at the front desk for assistance in making special arrangements for guest parking needs. Associate Dean Winograd also announced that the Circulation Desk in the Law Library will be selling \$1 passes (e.g., for public speakers and events).

Faculty Retreat:

Associate Dean Kovnat announced that the faculty retreat is scheduled for the first weekend in October at the Sagebrush Inn in Taos. The agenda is currently being developed and faculty members were requested to submit desired topics to Associate Dean Kovnat.

Visiting Law Dean from Belgrade, Yugoslavia:

Associate Dean Winograd announced that the UNM School of Law will be hosting Dean Obrad Stanojevic of the law school in Belgrade, Yugoslavia as part of the American Bar Association's exchange program for law deans from Eastern and Central Europe. Seventeen deans will each visit three American law schools as part of this exchange. Dean

Stanojevic's visit of approximately one week is scheduled to begin on Saturday, September 14, 1991. The dean will be available for meeting students and faculty and members of the local legal community while at UNM, as well as attending various social events.

Thesis Honors:

Professor Suedeen Kelly presented the nominations for 1990 Thesis Honors from the Thesis Honors Committee:

Christina Boradiansky "Conflicting Values: The Religious Killing of

Federally Protected Wildlife."

Harry Chambers "Piercing the Corporate Veil in New Mexico: Scott v.

AZL Resources, Inc."

Peter Gould "The Constitutional Limits of the Power to Regulate:

Duquesne Light Co. v. Barasch."

Jessica Julian "Noriega: The Capture of a State Leader and Its

Implications on Domestic Law."

William Panagakos "RICO: Defining a 'Pattern of Racketeering

Activity'."

John Travers "Equity from Aristotle to the Seventh Amendment's

Right to Jury Trial."

After proper motion and second the nominations of the Committee were accepted as presented. A further motion was made to place a notice of these awards in the <u>Bar Bulletin</u> and make copies available to interested members of the Bar. After proper second, the motion carried.

Certification of Graduation Honors:

The faculty, upon proper motion and second, formally awarded the following honors to members of the graduating class of May 1991:

SUMMA CUM LAUDE: Jolene McCaleb and William Slease.

MAGNA CUM LAUDE: Julie Gregory and Brendan Mahoney.

CUM LAUDE: Kristina Bogardus, Gail Evans, Kathryn Hoh, Allison Orchant, and Jennifer Stone.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

E.A. Jenkins-Smith Faculty Secretary

ORDER OF THE COIF

The faculty, having dissolved into a meeting of the UNM School of Law Chapter of the Order of the Coif, voted to extend membership to the following students who are to be honored as the top ten percent of 100 UNM School of Law graduates for the period June 1, 1990 through May 31, 1991:

Kristina Bogardus, Gail Evans, Julie Gregory, Kathryn Hoh, Laurie Knight, Brendan Mahoney, Jolene McCaleb, Allison Orchant, William Slease, and Jennifer Stone.