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**M E M O R A N D U M**

TO: LAW FACULTY

FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN

DATE: OCTOBER 23, 1991

SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

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**Faculty Meeting  
October 28, 1991  
Dean's Conference Room  
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of minutes of September 16, 1991.
2. Dean's Report
3. Reallocation - Bill MacPherson
4. Extension of Student Incompletes - Liz Jenkins-Smith
5. Designation Of Class Days After Thanksgiving

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

**PRESENT:** Burr, Ellis, J., Ellis, W., Flickinger, Fort, Fritz, Gonzales, Hall, Hermann, Jenkins-Smith, Kelly, Kovnat, MacPherson, Morse, Occhialino, Price, Romero, Sanders, Scheible, Sedillo Lopez, and Winograd.  
Student Representatives: Carrillo, McAlister, and Storey.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the meeting of September 16, 1991 were approved.

**Dean's Report:**

- Dean Romero formally welcomed the newly-elected student representatives. The first-year class will be represented by Ramon Carrillo, the second-year class by Theresa Storey, and the third-year class by Jamie McAlister.
- The University community recently received notice from Parking Services that any valid North Campus parking sticker may be used in any North Campus parking lot after 4:00 PM. A similar arrangement is in effect for Main Campus stickers and lots. The Dean reported that discussions are underway to alter this policy so that any valid UNM parking sticker could be used in any lot after 4:00 PM. In addition, colleges and departments have been asked to inform the UNM Chief of Police of their parking problems and concerns. Members of the faculty were requested to provide input on parking issues to Dean Romero so that a response can be forwarded to Parking Services.
- Dean Romero announced that the nominee for president-elect of the AALS is Curtis Berger. Professors Wallace Low and Judith Wegner have been nominated for positions on the Executive Council of the AALS.
- The School of Law has been informed by Associate Vice President Holder that we may continue to award UNM Regents Professorships and Lectureships through the next eight year period.
- The Dean requested that faculty suggestions for honorary degree recipients be forwarded to his office.
- Dean Romero announced that various visiting faculty positions and deanships are currently available. The folder with announcements and other information is available from Trish Bianchi.
- The university's draft Interim Incentive Policy for Voluntary Retirement for Faculty is available for review from Trish Bianchi.

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### **Reallocation Update:**

Professor Bill MacPherson reported on the University Faculty Senate response to the proposed University budget reallocation. Copies of recommendations adopted at the Senate's October 8, 1991 meeting were distributed, as well as selected comments from the Faculty Senate's Long Range Planning Committee discussion of the reallocation process. Professor MacPherson reported that the level of angst generated by this plan is quite high on Main Campus. Concerns focus primarily on issues of communication and participation, as well as on power and control, with regard to administering the University. A secondary set of issues relates to core curriculum and class sizes. Finally questions exist about the decision to exclude the President's Office, the Medical School, and the Athletic Department from this process.

Dean Romero reported that several items of concern to the School of Law have been raised in various reallocation meetings he has recently attended. First, there is a move to place all professional schools under the auspices of the Dean of Graduate Studies. Dean Romero has formally opposed such a move in a memo to Provost Risser. Second, there is currently no plan for redistributing funds released from departments and colleges through the reallocation process. Recent university discussions have focused on using any such funds for increasing faculty salaries and/or returning these funds to departments and colleges on the basis of the state's funding formula (based on student credit hours generated).

### **Petitions for Extension of Incompletes:**

Professor Maureen Sanders presented a petition for third-year student L. Skip Vernon to extend his Spring Semester 1991 incomplete deadline to the end of Summer 1992. Mr. Vernon's paper will fulfill his advanced writing requirement and he does not intend to graduate until December 1992. After proper motion and second, the petition was granted.

Professor Michele Hermann requested an extension of the Spring Semester 1991 incomplete deadline to November 15, 1991 for third-year student A. Michelle Baca so that she may complete mediation training scheduled after the October deadline. After proper motion and second, the petition was granted.

Liz Jenkins-Smith presented a petition on behalf of Professor Mary Beth West requesting an extension to the end of Spring Semester 1992 of the Spring Semester 1991 incomplete deadline for third-year student Agnes Fuentesvilla. Ms. Fuentesvilla's paper will fulfill her advanced writing requirement, but the empirical data needed to complete the paper will not be available to her until January or February 1992. After proper motion and second, the petition was granted.

As a result of these discussions, it was moved and seconded to request that the Curriculum Committee review the School of Law policy on Independent Research with regard to student projects and activities appropriate for such academic credit under the policy. The motion carried.

### **Designation of Class Days after Thanksgiving:**

Associate Dean Ruth Kovnat proposed that class meetings scheduled for second- and third-year students after Thanksgiving be scheduled as follows: Monday classes meet on Monday, December 2, 1991; Thursday classes meet on Tuesday, December 3, 1991; and

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Friday classes meet on Wednesday, December 4, 1991. After extended discussion, the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E.A. Jenkins-Smith".

E.A. Jenkins-Smith  
Faculty Secretary