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

PRESENT: Bergman, Browde, Burr, Cook, Desiderio, DuMars, Ellis, J., Ellis, W., Fort, Fritz, Gill, Godfrey, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Hermann, Jenkins-Smith, Kelly, Kovnat, Martinez, Morse, Occhialino, Price, Romero, Sanders, Scales, Scheible, Sedillo Lopez, Taylor, Utton, West, and Winograd.
Student Representatives: McAlister and Storey.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the meeting of December 9, 1991 were approved.

Dean's Report:

- Dean Romero reminded the faculty that Fall Semester grades were due by January 13, 1992. Currently just over half of the course grades have been submitted and two first-year sections still have grades outstanding. The faculty were urged to complete their grades and turn them in to Liz Jenkins-Smith.
- Dean Romero announced that the position of Vice Chancellor for the Law Center at Louisiana State University is currently available. The folder with position announcements and other information is available from Trish Bianchi.
- The university is forming a committee to administer the Americans with Disabilities Act and has requested that a member of the School of Law faculty serve on it. Those interested should let Dean Romero know.
- The 1992 Jessup Competition is scheduled for February 13 - 15, 1992 in Phoenix, Arizona. Professor Morse requested that members of the faculty assist the student team in preparing for oral arguments. This year's problem is based on the recent Gulf War.
- Dean Romero has endorsed the recommendation that Lorraine Lester of the Law Library be promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. Ms. Lester has been at the School since 1974 and is currently a tenured Assistant Professor. After reviewing the process used by the Library Committee in making this recommendation, Dean Romero asked that those with additional questions or input see him.
- Professor Emlen Hall's Fulbright Scholar application has passed the first round of approval. This means that the United States is willing to sponsor his teaching of Constitutional Law in Spanish if a law school in Venezuela can be found to accept his application.
- Dean Romero welcomed and introduced visiting Spring Semester faculty members Nancy Cook, Frank Gill, and Ed Godfrey. Also welcomed in absentia were Bill Dixon and John Taber (from the Philosophy Department).
- Professor Ann Scales reminded the faculty that Professor Catharine MacKinnon will visit the School of Law on Thursday, January 30, 1992. A reception will be held at 3:00 PM in

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the Forum and her lecture is scheduled for 4:30 PM at the Continuing Education building. All were encouraged to attend.

• Associate Dean Ruth Kovnat reminded the faculty to provide written comments regarding the proposed changes to the legal writing program to Alfred Mathewson as soon as possible. The Ad Hoc Committee will meet on the feedback received so that it may present a final proposal at the first faculty meeting in February, 1992.

Petitions for Extensions of Incompletes:

Professor Mary Beth West presented a petition for second-year student Lisa Gover to extend her Summer 1991 incomplete deadline to May 15, 1992. The scope of the project Ms. Gover is completing requires more time to satisfactorily produce a final paper. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to grant her petition. The motion carried.

Professor Chuck DuMars presented a petition on behalf of third-year student Joshua Simms to extend his Summer 1991 incomplete deadline to March 15, 1992. Mr. Simms had been awaiting the outcome of several hearings in order to complete his paper, but these hearings have now been cancelled. After proper motion and second, the petition was granted.

Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez requested an extension of the Summer 1991 incomplete deadline to May 15, 1992 for third-year student Anne Waters. Ms. Waters has been unable to complete her paper since she has been finalizing her Ph.D. dissertation. After proper motion and second, the petition was granted.

Professor Jim Ellis presented a petition on behalf of second-year student K. Davette Thomas to extend her Summer 1991 incomplete deadline to March 23, 1992. Ms. Thomas has been unable to complete her paper due to personal difficulties. After proper motion and second, her petition was granted.

Professor Ted Occhialino presented a petition to extend the Summer 1991 incomplete deadline to May 1, 1992 for third-year student Annabelle Romero-Hertzog. Ms. Romero-Hertzog has been extensively involved in prison administration at the state penitentiary in Santa Fe, which is now experiencing difficulties. After proper motion and second, her petition was granted.

Professor Al Utton requested an extension of the Summer 1991 incomplete deadline to May 15, 1992 on behalf of third-year student Robert Miners. Mr. Miners had emergency surgery and was unable to complete his paper. After proper motion and second, his petition was granted.

Discussion ensued regarding the increased volume of student requests to extend incomplete deadlines. It was moved and seconded that complete discretion for extending such deadlines be given to the individual faculty member involved. Further discussion dealt with the difference between incompletes given in order to fulfill a regular course requirement versus completing an independent research course. It was also suggested that the student making the request be required to make a personal appearance before the faculty meeting. The question was called and the motion failed.

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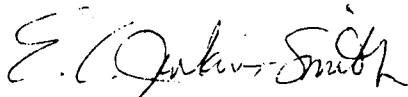
A motion was then made to ask Dean Romero to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to study this situation and report back at the next faculty meeting. After proper second, the motion carried.

Report of the Faculty Appointments Committee:

Professor Ted Occhialino, chair of the subcommittee responsible for the search process for the new Indian Law position, reviewed the process thus far. Sixty applications have been received for this position and the Subcommittee has selected a pool of the most qualified applicants. The Subcommittee asked the faculty to review this pool in order to determine who should be invited to come to the School of Law for interviews. It was noted that Robert Laurence was included on this short list, but has already interviewed, since he was leaving the country. In addition, corrections were made regarding information concerning candidates Robert Williams and Gloria Valencia-Weber. Extensive discussion included the following issues: salary dollars available, type and level of experience desired, criteria used to screen the applicant pool, and local New Mexican candidates.

A motion was made that each faculty member submit to the Subcommittee the names of no more than four non-local candidates, plus two local candidates (optional), by tomorrow, who should be invited to interview for the Indian Law faculty position. The motion was seconded. During discussion, it was decided that names would be submitted to the Subcommittee on a Yes/No basis so that the Subcommittee could mathematically calculate the names with the highest Yes scores in order to determine which candidates would be invited for interviews. The question was called and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.



E.A. Jenkins-Smith
Faculty Secretary