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TO: LAW FACULTY  
FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN *LMR*  
DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 1992  
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

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**Faculty Meeting  
March 2, 1992  
Dean's Conference Room  
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of minutes of February 10, 1992.
2. Dean's Report
3. Faculty to approve graduation honors for Maria O'Brien - Liz Jenkins-Smith
4. Meeting of Promotion & Tenure Committee
5. The Order of the Coif

**March 2, 1992**

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

PRESENT: Burr, Cook, Cote, Desiderio, Ellis, J., Ellis, W., Fritz, Gill, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Jenkins-Smith, Kovnat, MacPherson, Mathewson, Morse, Occhialino, Price, Romero, Scales, Scheible, Schwartz, Utton, and Winograd.  
Student Representative: McAlister.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the meeting of February 10, 1992 were approved.

**Dean's Report:**

- Dean Romero reported on recent university budget activities including the School's 1992-93 budget proposal which he formally presented to other deans, directors and vice presidents. The emphasis in this year's budget proposal is on Law Library needs. Following this meeting, the Dean met with Law Library Director Anita Morse and Nancy Tipton of the *Albuquerque Journal* to further discuss the crisis in library acquisitions. Ms. Tipton's article appeared in the February 29, 1992 edition of the *Albuquerque Journal*. Dean Romero also reminded the faculty that their suggestions for the allocation and expenditure of pending funding made available to the School of Law by the New Mexico Legislature are welcome.
- Dean Romero reported that a change has been proposed to the university's Voluntary Early Retirement plan for faculty. It has been announced that the incentive payment will be subject to taxation.
- Dean Romero announced that law school deanships are currently available at Widener University and Wayne State University. In addition, the AALS is beginning a search for a new director, following Betsy Levin's resignation. Finally, Summer 1992 professorships are available at Golden Gate University School of Law. The folder with position announcements and other information is available from Trish Bianchi.
- A reception in honor of the School of Law faculty is being given by the New Mexico State Bar Association on Friday, March 6, 1992 at 6:00 PM in the Springer Building. The Dean asked that the faculty please make an effort to attend.
- Members of the faculty were reminded to let Dean Romero know soon if they are interested in teaching in either the Summer 1992 CLEO program or Instituto Preparativo. To date only two persons have indicated interest in these programs.

**Certification of Graduation Honors:**

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

MAGNA CUM LAUDE: Maria O'Brien.

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**Other Business:**

- Professor Bill MacPherson, Faculty Senator, reported on recent developments in the UNM Faculty Senate. A new policy has been approved whereby eight semesters of UNM coursework will be made available to the spouse or dependents of faculty members tuition-free. In addition, there has been a proposal to limit the terms of deans and chairpersons to five years and to formally evaluate these administrators on an annual basis. The proposed process would include an evaluation meeting with the appropriate faculty members.
- Professor Rob Schwartz reminded the faculty that Indian Law professor candidates Valencia-Weber and Faussett will be visiting the School this week and next Monday. Faculty members were requested to participate in the interview process for each candidate and to turn in evaluation forms for all candidates to the subcommittee.
- Professor Sherri Burr invited members of the faculty to attend a guest lecture on Wednesday, March 4, 1992 at 7:15 PM in Room 2401. Professor Jonathan Mann will be speaking on "Confronting the Global Epidemic of AIDS".

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM. A meeting of the Committee on Promotion and Tenure followed.



E.A. Jenkins-Smith  
Faculty Secretary

**March 2, 1992**

**ORDER OF THE COIF**

Upon proper motion and second, the University of New Mexico School of Law's chapter of the Order of the Coif approved the application from the DePaul University College of Law for establishment of a chapter.