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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN *LmR / JRB*
DATE: April 3, 1992
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

**Faculty Meeting
April 6, 1992
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

- ✓ 1. Approval of minutes of March 23, 1992.
- ✓ 2. Dean's Report
- ✓ 3. Honors and Awards
- ✓ 4. Report from Curriculum Committee

April 6, 1992

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

PRESENT: Bergman, Browde, Burr, Cook, Desiderio, Ellis, J., Fritz, Gill, Hall, Hart, Hermann, Jenkins-Smith, Kovnat, MacPherson, Martinez, Mathewson, Morse, Occhialino, Romero, Sanders, Sedillo Lopez, Taylor, Utton, West, and Winograd.
Student Representatives: Carrillo and Storey.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the March 23, 1992 meeting were approved.

Dean's Report:

Dean Romero announced that the Educational Retirement Board Rules have been changed retroactive to July 1991 such that all retirees are now permitted to earn \$8,000 per fiscal year rather than the former limit of \$6,000.

Harry Chambers, Class of 1990, recently sent a letter to Dean Romero expressing his appreciation of the quality legal education he received at the UNM School of Law and asked that Dean Romero share his thanks with the faculty.

The Poole Firm has sent invitations to the faculty for a luncheon on April 23, 1992 at the Petroleum Club to announce the endowment of a student award at the Law School in honor of recently retired partner, Bob Poole. This award will be made to the student achieving the highest grade point average at the end of the first year of law school. Dean Romero asked that all RSVP to the firm and encouraged faculty attendance at this event.

The School of Law has agreed to a request from Judge Bobby Baldock that we host oral arguments in November 1992 for the 10th Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals. The dates have been tentatively set for November 18th and 19th, but will be confirmed at a later time. Advance materials on the cases to be heard will be made available to the students and faculty.

Dean Romero announced that he will be out of town on April 7th and 8th presiding over a judicial selection commission in Las Cruces. He will also be out the week of April 13th. Associate Deans Winograd and/or Kovnat will be available during his absence.

It was announced that Law Library Director Anita Morse has resigned effective June 1993 and will be on educational leave for the 1992-93 academic year. The faculty expressed their regret at her decision and thanked her for her service to the School.

Acting Clinical Director Jose Martinez announced that more than sixty applications have been received for the visiting faculty position in the 1992-93 Institute for Access to Justice.

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Report of the Curriculum Committee:

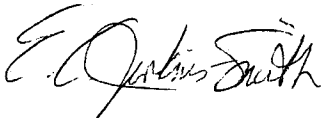
Associate Dean Kovnat distributed copies of the proposed School of Law Curriculum for 1992-93 and discussed the Committee process, suggestions, and announced minor corrections and changes. The only major change the Committee presented for faculty consideration was a proposal to eliminate first-year electives, with the exception of the Guanajuato Exchange over Spring Break. A meeting with the students has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 1992 at 4:00 PM to present and discuss the proposed curriculum.

Discussion included proposed adjunct courses, designation of seminars to fulfill the advanced writing requirement, the later addition of Indian Law courses to the proposed curriculum (once the Indian Law faculty position has been filled), adequate staffing of the Clinical program, moot court competition possibilities, and incorporating grant proposal timing needs into the curricular decision-making process. Further discussion centered on the Committee's proposal to eliminate the first-year elective. Associate Dean Kovnat agreed to separate the approval of the curriculum from the issue of the first-year elective. A motion was then made and seconded to table the decision on eliminating the first-year elective until after the student meeting on the curriculum. The motion carried. After proper motion and second, the proposed 1992-93 curriculum was then approved.

Report of the Honors and Awards Committee:

After the student representatives left the meeting, the recommendations of the Honors and Awards Committee for 1992 Third-Year Student Awards were distributed and discussed by Professor Barbara Bergman and Associate Dean Peter Winograd. After review and discussion, the faculty voted unanimously to approve the Committee's recommendations with modifications.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.



E.A. Jenkins-Smith
Faculty Secretary