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TO: LAW FACULTY

FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN

DATE: September 11, 1992

SUBJECT: **FACULTY MEETING AGENDA**

**Faculty Meeting
September 14, 1992
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

- ✓ 1. Approval of minutes of August 24, 1992
- ✓ 2. Dean's Report
- ✓ 3. Proposed Amendment of Standard 308 (see attached) — *Oppose*
- ✓ 4. Externships - Curriculum Committee
- ✓ 5. Ad Hoc Committee on Student Participation in
Faculty Appointments - Garrett Flickinger (see attached)

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

PRESENT: Browde, Clark, Cook, Flickinger, Fritz, Gill, Hall, Hart, Jenkins-Smith, Kovnat, Lester, Martinez, Montoya, Occhialino, Parnall, Price, Romero, Sanders, Scheible, and Valencia-Weber.
Student Representative: Carrillo.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the August 24, 1992 faculty meeting were approved.

Dean's Report:

- Dean Romero reminded the faculty of the Rodey Law Firm's reception for students and faculty scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.
- Various visiting faculty positions, deanships, and fellowships are currently open around the country. The folder with announcements and other information is available from Trish Bianchi.
- The faculty joined Dean Romero in congratulating the Law Library for its automation of the card catalog on the LIBROS system. On-line linkages to national and international libraries are also now available.
- President Peck has scheduled December 1992 Commencement ceremonies for the University of New Mexico. The School of Law will participate in the general ceremony scheduled for Saturday, December 19 in the Kiva Auditorium at the Albuquerque Convention Center. Since colleges are not required to have a separate December ceremony, the Dean announced that the Law School will continue to have one annual graduation ceremony, scheduled in May as in past years.
- The Ford Foundation Public International Law Lecture Series will host a speaker tonight and all were invited to attend. The Reverend William Sloane Coffin will speak on the struggle for global unity. Additional scheduled speakers include Professor Lea Brilmayer of the New York University School of Law speaking on "The Extraterritorial Application of U.S. Criminal Law" on Monday, September 21, 1992. Finally, Professor Glenn Reynolds from the University of Tennessee School of Law will speak on Monday, September 28 on space law. All lectures begin at 7:30 PM in the Bondurant Lecture Hall, Room 2401.
- The Dean asked the faculty if there was support for a proposal that each subsequent faculty meeting include discussion of a substantive topic (e.g., grading policy). Associate Dean Ruth Kovnat shared background information and input she has received regarding this proposal. After discussion, the Dean announced that we will proceed with this approach to future faculty meetings.

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Report of the Curriculum Committee:

Professor Maureen Sanders presented the recommendations of the Curriculum Committee regarding a proposed amendment of the policy governing Clinical Externships. Discussion included issues of faculty supervision, educational value versus placement value, and the historical place of such experiences in legal education. Clinical Director Jose Martinez presented enrollment statistics and information about students taking more than one externship experience. He also discussed the process of placing students in externships and the documentation required by both the student participant and the supervising attorney or judge. The faculty then approved the following recommendation of the Curriculum Committee as amended:

Policy on Clinical Externships

A student shall be allowed to take a maximum of two externships, which have been approved by the Clinical Director; however, only a total of three credit hours can be applied toward graduation requirements.

This policy is applicable beginning with this year's first year class - the Class of 1995. The Committee also suggests that with respect to current second- and third-year students, the Clinical Director apply a strict scrutiny standard when making a determination of whether a second externship has a "substantial educational value." The faculty briefly discussed its sense of this standard.

Proposed Amendment of ABA Standard 308:

Dean Romero reviewed the ABA's proposal to limit the total number of transferable credit hours for students admitted with advanced standing for law studies outside the United States. This proposal would cap transferable credit to one-third of the total credits required for the first professional degree. After discussion, it was moved to oppose this proposed change. After proper second, the motion carried unanimously. The Dean was instructed to convey this input to the ABA along with testimony about the School of Law's past positive experiences with foreign lawyers admitted as students with advanced standing.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Participation in Faculty Appointments:

Professor Garrett Flickinger presented the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee and asked that each of the three proposals be considered separately. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to delete the first proposal dealing with the role of student representatives to the faculty. A substitute motion was then offered and accepted, which carried after a due second.

Student representatives to the faculty shall have the right to vote on faculty appointment decisions.

It was recommended that the Chairperson of the Faculty Appointments Committee and the Dean meet with the elected student representatives to discuss their responsibilities.

The second proposal dealt with the role of students and student groups in the faculty hiring process. After discussion, the proposal was approved as amended:

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Any student or student group may appear at a faculty meeting to give input if he, she, or they have provided a written statement detailing their perspectives on the candidates prior to the faculty meeting on such candidates. Such student or groups must leave the faculty meeting prior to the discussion of the candidates by the faculty.

Finally, the third proposal dealing with student representation on the Faculty Appointments Committee was discussed. This proposal reiterated existing policy which states that no student members be allowed on the Faculty Appointments Committee. This proposal died for a lack of a second.

Extension of Student Incomplete:

Liz Jenkins-Smith presented a petition on behalf of Law Library Director Anita Morse to extend the Incomplete deadline for third-year student, Bonnie Bassan. Ms. Bassan was registered for an Independent Research course during the Spring Semester 1992 to fulfill her writing requirement and has requested an extension to the beginning of Spring Semester 1993 to complete the coursework. After proper motion and second, the petition was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.



E.A. Jenkins-Smith
Faculty Secretary