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

**Faculty Meeting
September 28, 1992
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

- ✓ 1. Approval of minutes of September 14, 1992
- ✓ 2. Dean's Report
- ✓ 3. Final Report of the Special Committee on Law School Information - Proposed Standard 215 and Interpretation Thereof - Peter A. Winograd

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

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PRESENT: Bergman, Browde, Burr, Clark, Ellis, W., Fort, Fritz, Hall, Hart, Jenkins-Smith, Lester, Occhialino, Price, Romero, Sanders, Sedillo Lopez, Valencia-Weber, and Winograd.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the September 14, 1992 faculty meeting were approved.

Dean's Report:

- The final speaker in the Ford Foundation Public International Law Lecture Series is tonight and all were invited to attend. Professor Glenn Reynolds from the University of Tennessee School of Law will speak on space law at 7:30 PM in the Bondurant Lecture Hall, Room 2401.
- Dean Romero was pleased to announce that the School of Law has received the Outstanding Law School Award from the National Hispanic Bar Association. This honor was presented last week at the national meeting and was accepted by several of our students attending the conference. Professor Valencia-Weber, who also attended the national meeting, described the background and history of this award. The faculty joined Dean Romero in offering congratulations.
- The results of the July 1992 New Mexico Bar Examination were reported by Dean Romero. 209 of 254 individuals taking the exam passed for a 82 percent overall passage rate. 83 of 93 (89%) of UNM School of Law first-time test takers passed compared to an overall first-time passage rate of 87 percent. Of the nine UNM graduates repeating the exam, 3 (33%) passed compared to the overall repeater passage rate also at 33 percent.
- The Rodey Prize (\$2000) has been awarded to second-year law student, Christina Robles. Dean Romero thanked the Committee for its efforts in awarding this prize.
- Various visiting faculty positions, deanships, and stipend programs are currently available around the country. Open positions include the Executive Directorship of CLEO and the Deputy/Associate Consultant on Legal Education to the American Bar Association. The folder with announcements and other information is available from Trish Bianchi. Ms. Bianchi also has the AALS Placement Bulletin for interested faculty.
- The University's Office of Research Administration, in conjunction with the Contract and Grant Accounting Office, is hosting an orientation for preparing grant and other funding proposals. All interested faculty were invited to attend this meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 1st from 1:30 - 3:30 PM in Scholes Hall 102.
- Dean Romero reported on the State Bar Convention held last week in Ruidoso. The faculty joined Dean Romero in congratulating Professor Barbara Bergman who was honored for her outstanding contributions in the area of continuing legal education. Dean Romero also thanked Professors Bergman, Browde, and Fritz who, along with Bill Dixon

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and Andy Schultz, led a stimulating panel discussion on state constitutional issues. The Dean reported that he received a great deal of positive feedback regarding the School of Law's active participation in the State's legal community.

- Associate Dean Peter Winograd discussed the decrease in student participation in sponsored placement opportunities. Although the number of firms coming to the School to interview is down from the past, students aren't signing up to meet with firms from outside New Mexico who are here to recruit our students. The faculty discussed this situation briefly.

**Final Report of the Special Committee on Law School Information -
Proposed Standard 215:**

Associate Dean Winograd presented the ABA's proposed standard governing the release of basic consumer information by law schools (see attached). This will standardize the information reported for each category and will be folded into the ABA's annual questionnaire prepared by accredited law schools.

Discussion of Grading Policies:

Because both Associate Dean Ruth Kovnat and Professor Garrett Flickinger were unable to attend this meeting, Dean Romero postponed this discussion to the faculty meeting scheduled for October 12, 1992. Information packets have already been distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.



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TO: Deans of ABA Approved Law Schools

FROM: James P. White, Consultant on Legal Education to the American Bar Association

SUBJECT: Final Report of the Special Committee on Law School Information - Proposed Standard 215 and Interpretation Thereof

The Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, at its August 7-8, 1992 meeting, received the Final Report of the Special Committee on Law School Information. A copy of the report is appended. The Council, upon consideration of the report, determined that it should be distributed, together with notification of its intention to adopt the proposed Standard 215, as revised to exclude reference to financial resources, and the proposed Interpretation of Standard 215, concerning the release of consumer information by ABA approved law schools. The proposed interpretation would become effective with the adoption of Standard 215. It was further determined to exclude consideration of the proposed revision of Policy 20 referred to in the report at this time and schedule this matter as a topic on the program of the February, 1993 Deans' Workshop.

The proposed Standard 215 and Interpretation of 215, as promulgated on behalf of the Council, are as follows:

PROPOSED STANDARD 215

A law school shall release basic consumer information, as defined by the Council. Any information released by a law school must be fairly and accurately presented.

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PROPOSED INTERPRETATION OF STANDARD 215

1. The following categories of consumer information are considered basic:
 - a. Admissions data
 - b. Tuition, costs, and financial aid
 - c. Enrollment and graduation data
 - d. Composition of faculty and administration
 - e. Curricular offerings and class sizes
 - f. Library resources
 - g. Physical plant
 - h. Housing availability
 - i. Placement and bar passage data

2. To accomplish adequate consumer disclosure, schools are encouraged to provide information in a publication designated by the Council.

As you are aware, the matter of publications ranking or rating of law schools has been an issue for the past several years. In February, 1991, in response to requests by a number of law school deans, the Council directed that a Special Committee on Law School Information be established to consider whether there might be a vehicle created through which accurate and comparable data about all schools could be released in a controlled fashion. Members of the Committee were the following:

**Professor Wayne McCormack, Chairperson
University of Utah College of Law**

**Michael P. Morton, Esq.
Wilmington, Delaware**