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TO: LAW FACULTY

FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN

DATE: February 13, 1993

SUBJECT: REVISED FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

**Faculty Meeting
February 15, 1993
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of February 1, 1992
2. Dean's Report
3. Report on Fundraising
4. Election of Faculty Senate
5. Report from Curriculum Committee
6. Tasmanian Program
7. Self-Study Discussion
 - Faculty
 - Course of Studies

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Faculty Meeting Minutes
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PRESENT: Bergman, Browde, Burr, Desiderio, DuMars, Ellis, J., Flickinger, Fritz, Gill, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Jenkins-Smith, Kovnat, Norwood, Occhialino, Parnall, Romero, Sanders, Schultz, Utton, and Valencia-Weber.

Student Representatives: Benavidez, Kingen and Leavengood.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the February 1, 1993 faculty meeting were approved.

Dean's Report:

- Dean Romero reported that the International Moot Court Team recently participated in the regional Jessup Competition. Professor Ted Parnall reported that UNM's standings will be available later this week. After proper motion and second, the faculty offered congratulations to both the students (Jane Birge, Suzanne Judge, Kristin Moody, Shannon Oliver, and Atrelle Sena) and faculty coach Parnall for so ably representing the School.
- The Dean joined Professor Gloria Valencia-Weber in congratulating the three law student teams which competed in the first National Native American Law Students Moot Court Competition in Norman last week. All three teams advanced to the semi-finals and one team (David Rosales and Estelle Bowman) advanced to the final round. In addition, commendations were awarded to RoseMary Maestas and David Rosales. The School is still awaiting the results of the competition of written briefs. The faculty joined Dean Romero in commending Levon Henry, Lisa Oshiro, Susan Allen, RoseMary Maestas, David Rosales, and Estelle Bowman for their efforts and also thanked Professors Valencia-Weber and Taylor for their assistance to the teams.
- The Dean congratulated two law students who have had articles accepted for publication. Second-year law student, Jessica Sutin, recently had an article published in the *New Mexico Trial Lawyers Magazine* and third-year law student, Daniel Faber, has had his Advanced Writing Requirement accepted by the *University of Miami Journal of Entertainment and Sports Law*. In addition, M. Lynne Bruzzese (3L), has submitted a paper on Indian Law to the *Duke Journal of Comparative Law*.
- Gail Evans, Class of 1991, has been selected as a Prettyman Fellow for next year by Georgetown University Law Center. The faculty joined Dean Romero in sharing their congratulations with her.
- The UNM School of Law will be one of three schools co-hosting the Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference being held here in Albuquerque from April 22 - 24, 1993. Professor Margaret Montoya is a member of the organizing committee for this event.

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- Dean Romero announced that Professor Ted Occhialino will be teaching at Brooklyn Law School for the Fall Semester 1993. In exchange, Brooklyn Professor Hank Holzer will teach here during the fall.
- Nominations were requested for the Treat Award for Excellence in Probate Law. Interested faculty members should see Dean Romero for more information.
- Various faculty employment opportunities including the President of LSAS, the Executive Director of LSAC and AALS Visiting Fellows for 1993-94 were announced. In addition, the Law and Society Association will accept applications until March 1, 1993 for fellowships for its 1993 Summer Institute in Sociological Studies to be held near San Diego. The folder with additional information about these and other faculty positions and deanships is available from Trish Bianchi.

Curriculum Committee Report:

Professor Maureen Sanders, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported on the status of curriculum development for the 1993-94 academic year. The Committee hopes to have a course listing available soon. This information will include tentative courses for the following academic year (1994-95) in an attempt to move to a two-year planning cycle. In addition, the Committee wishes to spend the next year or so intensely scrutinizing our current curriculum and thus wants to discourage any proposed major changes during this process. Current plans are to have Committee members meet in clusters or interest groups in order to focus on specific areas of the curriculum. Because of these plans, faculty members were asked to provide any input and/or proposals for major curricular changes to Professor Sanders soon.

Tasmanian Program:

Dean Romero reviewed the background of this proposed exchange program between the law schools of Tasmania and UNM and said that he had referred the proposal to the International Programs Committee. Professor Al Utton, Chair of the Committee, reported that ABA rules were researched and that the Student-Initiated Study Abroad Program guidelines seem most appropriate for this program initially. Karen Kingen (2L) has indicated her serious interest in participating in this exchange program, so an application to the ABA for this program has been initiated. Faculty discussion included issues of the undergraduate status of Tasmanian law courses and ways to ensure our students take graduate level courses, the degree of UNM student interest, Tasmanian student interest in coming here, costs of the program to the Law School, and current grading practices for transferring in non-UNM credit hours which are applied to our degree. It was moved to approve the UNM-Tasmanian Exchange Program on an interim basis whereby UNM law students may take law courses (approved in advance by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs) at the University of Tasmania and receive credit for up to twelve (12) semester hours which would be applied to the UNM Juris Doctor degree. After proper second, the motion carried.

Election of UNM Faculty Senator:

Dean Romero has been notified by the University Secretary's Office that the term of School of Law Faculty Senator, William MacPherson, is about to expire, but that he is eligible to stand for reelection. The Dean further reported that unless another faculty member

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expressed strong interest in serving in this capacity, Professor MacPherson has conveyed his willingness to represent the School for another term. A motion was then made to reelect Bill MacPherson for an additional term as the School of Law's UNM Faculty Senator. After proper second, the motion was approved.

Fundraising Report:

Dean Romero distributed copies of a report from the UNM Development Office on the status of fiscal year 1992-93 fundraising by college. The School of Law has raised \$108,783 as of February 5, 1993, which is considerably more than the \$80,000 raised last year. Dean Romero shared his fundraising strategy with the faculty, reporting that he has emphasized three overriding areas of need: the Law Library, scholarships (particularly for Native American law students), and unrestricted funds. He also reported on a series of meetings with law firms around the state which have been very positively received. Faculty members were invited to assist the Dean in these fundraising efforts if so inclined. Faculty discussion then centered on the Development Director vacancy, the status of that search process, and desirable characteristics of the successful candidate for this position. Other topics discussed included a faculty fundraising committee and clerical support needs for the Development Director.

Self-Study Report:

Professor Fred Hart reported on several draft sections of the Self-Study Report which were distributed earlier for faculty review. The faculty were asked to review these and forthcoming sections and provide comments to the Committee. In particular, input regarding faculty activities and projects was requested by Professor Hart. Comments and thoughts regarding the desired direction of the law school and its course of study were also solicited. Professor Chris Fritz asked that the description of our current course of study be verified for accuracy. Faculty members were reminded to complete and return their questionnaires as soon as possible. Because of the reaccreditation timetable, comments and input received after this week might not be included in the report. Dean Romero reported that he is working on a draft schedule for the April inspection visit with Dean Sullivan and will distribute it later in the semester.

Other Business:

- Dean Romero reported on a promising meeting with Interim Provost Garcia regarding proposed terms for offering the Law Library Director position to Steve Barkan. The Dean has been in communication with Mr. Barkan and reported that he is excited about hearing from us pending more specific information from the UNM Administration.
- Third-year student representative, Tomas Benavidez, suggested that a co-curricular competition/moot court board be formed to coordinate the various student competitions in which the School participates. Such a board would recruit coaches, propose budgets and coordinate the various activities of the competitions. Dean Romero agreed to refer this suggestion to the Student Affairs Committee with the reminder that there is an existing policy dealing with granting credit for and the grading of such student activities.
- The Dean reported that he had no information yet on the performance of our Mock Trial team currently competing in Houston. One of their rehearsals was held in the First Judicial District in Santa Fe and was extremely well received. The Dean urged faculty coaches to

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consider scheduling other such activities around the State since the legal community really appreciates such outreach efforts on the part of the School.

- Associate Dean Kovnat reminded the faculty that Visiting Professor Jim Liebman will be speaking at the faculty lunch, Wednesday, February 17, 1993 in the Faculty Lounge. In addition, the New Mexico Court of Appeals will be hearing arguments in the Moot Court Room (Room 2404) on Monday afternoon, February 22, 1993 from noon to 5:00 PM. Some faculty room changes will be necessary to accommodate this and it is hoped that briefs will be available for faculty and students at the Law Library before the hearings.
- The next faculty meeting is scheduled for 4:00 PM, Monday February 22, 1993 and will include a report from the Subcommittee on Promotion , Tenure and Reappointment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.



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Faculty Secretary