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Legal Ed.

Likely to apply to 2nd & 3rd year of studies

7. New Business - Baby Shower on Friday at 2:00 p.m.

MARCH 01, 1993

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

PRESENT: Bergman, Burr, Cook, Desiderio, DuMars, Ellis, J., Flickinger, Fort, Fritz, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Kovnat, Lester, Sedillo-Lopez, MacPherson, Martinez, A., Martinez, J., Norwood, Occhialino, Parnall, Romero, Sanders, Scheibel, Utton, Valencia-Weber, Winograd.

Student Representative: Leavengood.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the February 15, 1993 faculty meeting were approved.

Dean's Report:

- Dean Romero reported that Professor Nancy Cook had adopted a baby girl named Healy, and the faculty joined in offering its congratulations and best wishes to them. A baby shower will be held in the faculty lounge on Friday, 05 March at 2:00 PM.

- Dean Romero asked Professor Fort to comment on the experience of the Environmental Moot Court Team. She explained that the team had taken three participants to Pace University in White Plains, NY, where they had won two awards as best oralists. After proper motion and second, the faculty offered its congratulations to the students (Deborah Mann, Jennifer Rider, and Ray Romero) and to faculty coach Fort for so ably representing the school.

- Dean Romero asked Professor Valencia-Weber to remind the faculty of the Native American Peacemaking Lecture Series, sponsored by NALSA. She informed the faculty of the lecture on March 02 by Chief Justice Yazzie of the Navajo Nation, and invited all to attend.

- Dean Romero told the faculty of his telephone conversation with Steven Barkan just prior to the meeting. Mr. Barkan has declined our offer to become Law Library Director, which came as a great disappointment to the Dean and the entire Faculty. Dean Romero explained the details of the offer we had made to Mr. Barkan, his reasons for declining it, and just where this left us. The law school had turned to the University Provost during the negotiations with Mr. Barkan to stress that it would take a greater investment in the library acquisitions and staff budgets to bring a top quality librarian to New Mexico. The Provost had been willing to increase this funding, but not to the extent that it would lure Mr. Barkan away from Marquette University. The faculty agreed that we should do our best to keep these budget increases, and that the Librarian Search Committee should

reexamine its application files to select a few more candidates for interviews.

Faculty Appointments for 1993-94 and 1994-95

Dean Romero explained that a few positions would be opening up in the next few years due to the retirement of Professor Flickinger and the sabbaticals of Professors DuMars, Fritz and Sedillo-Lopez. He anticipated that this would free funds for the hiring of visiting professors for three semesters, and asked the Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Appointments Committee to meet together to come up with options for how to best fill the positions.

Student Employment Rule Enforcement

Associate Dean Winograd pointed out that some students are apparently violating the school rule against working beyond a set number of hours a week while attending classes. He was concerned that this might damage the academic process for those students, and that less than forceful action would not meet with the approval of accreditors. A lengthy discussion followed on the causes of the situation, on what students do or do not know about the rule, and on how to best enforce it. The faculty agreed that the issue is closely related to part-time attendance, which is under consideration by a faculty committee, and that any changes would best be made in light of that committee's recommendations. The faculty considered the possibility of requiring each student to sign a statement at the beginning of each semester indicating that the student knows of the rule and will abide by it, but did not come to a consensus on how to then enforce the rule, dividing between advocates of administrative sanctions and honor code sanctions, and on whether to apply sanctions on the first or second violation. Dean Romero asked Associate Dean Winograd to create a draft of this statement, in consultation with interested faculty, for future consideration.

Admissions - Saipan

Professor Flickinger and the Admissions Committee asked for clarification from the faculty on our policies relating to the admission of students from Saipan. The school has a special relationship with Saipan due to the efforts of Professors Desiderio and Browde to provide legal education there, and the committee wanted to know if any special consideration was expected for students from Saipan in return. The faculty agreed that Saipan applicants should be considered in the same way as other minority students who may have been culturally deprived of the standard academic opportunities to prepare for law school, and should not be considered in a separate category. While some categories of applicants may have additional advocates amongst the faculty, the Admissions Committee will continue to apply the policy that there are no special slots reserved for any groups

but that the committee will look at the Saipan applicants like other culturally and educationally deprived students.

Report from Part-time Ad Hoc Committee

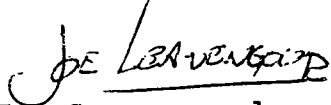
Professor Occhialino said that the Curriculum Committee is also looking at this topic and that the two committees are considering allowing students to complete their upper level courses in three years instead of two, after attending the first year of law school on full time status. He plans to distribute a paper on the concept on Friday, March 05, including thoughts on a possible Southwestern Summer Program. He plans open meetings on this with the faculty and with students in the near future.

Other Business

- Associate Dean Kovnat reminded all of the faculty lunch on Wednesday, March 03, with Bob Weber as guest speaker.

- The next faculty meeting is scheduled for 4:00 PM, Monday March 8, 1993.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.



Joe Leavengood
1L Student Faculty Representative
Pinch-hitting Minutes Taker

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Approved

The School of Law's policy on student employment is distributed annually in the BULLETIN AND HANDBOOK OF POLICIES, and is as follows:

Law students will be permitted to hold employment during the academic year only within the following limitations:

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS - no hours during the first semester; ^{no more than} ~~up to~~ fifteen hours a week during the second semester if the student is in good academic standing.

SECOND-AND THIRD-YEAR STUDENTS - ~~up to~~ ^{no more than} twenty hours a week so long as the student is in good academic standing.

This certifies that I am aware of the above and understand that violation can result in administrative sanctions, ~~including loss of credit hours or suspension from the School.~~

Signature

NAME (please print)

(date)