

March 22, 1993

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

PRESENT: Bergman, Browde, Burr, Fritz, Hall, Hart, Jenkins-Smith, Kovnat, Martinez, A., Montoya, Norwood, Occhialino, Parnall, Price, Romero, Scheible, Taylor, 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 March 8, 1993 faculty meeting were approved.

Dean's Report:

- The Navajo Supreme Court has scheduled oral arguments in one case for Friday, March 26, 1993 at 2:00 PM in the Moot Court Room. Briefs have been put on reserve in the Law Library.
- Dean Romero was delighted to announce that the 1993 Commencement Speaker will be Peterson Zah, President of the Navajo Nation.
- The reaccreditation inspection visit is scheduled for April 14 - 16, 1993. Dean Romero announced the inspection team members: Chairman E. Thomas Sullivan (Dean, University of Arizona College of Law), Chief Justice Nathan Heffernan (Wisconsin Supreme Court), John Hargrove, Esq. (Ft. Lauderdale, Florida), David Shipley (Dean, University of Mississippi School of Law), Carrie Menkel-Meadow (University of California at Los Angeles School of Law), Bruce Green (Fordham University School of Law), and Warren Rosmarin (Howard University School of Law).
- The March 22, 1993 issue of *U.S. News and World Report* contains the annual article about U.S. law school rankings. UNM School of Law again ranks in the second quartile. The Dean noted that one of the photos in an accompanying article on public service features third-year law student Kimberly Martus and the Honorable William Johnson (Class of 1990). The faculty discussed this report and the absence of recognition of our Clinical Law program. In addition, the standing of our peer schools was discussed.
- Law Library Director candidates, Judith Anspach of Thomas M. Cooley Law School and Camille Riley of West Virginia University College of Law are visiting the School this week. Ms. Anspach is here Monday and Tuesday (March 22-23) and will make a presentation on the 23rd to the faculty at 12:30 PM in the faculty lounge. Ms. Riley will visit March 25-26 (Thursday and Friday) and is scheduled to make her presentation on Thursday at 12:30 PM in the faculty lounge. Dean Romero reminded the faculty that schedules were previously distributed and urged individuals to participate in these scheduled events.
- Dean Romero reported on the recent activities of the screening panel for the positions of U.S. Attorney and Federal District Court Judge for New Mexico. Following a marathon

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meeting held over the course of the past weekend, the panel provided a short list for each position to Senator Jeff Bingaman. Candidates for the Federal District Court Judge are the Honorable Rudy S. Apodaca, William Dixon, the Honorable Theresa Gomez, Bruce Hall, and Martha Vasquez. Finalists for the U.S. Attorney position are Robert Baca, Raymond Hamilton, Chris Key, Marian Matthews, and Don Svet. Although Senator Bingaman has reserved the right to select a nominee not on the lists the panel submitted, Dean Romero noted that the applicant pool was extremely strong. The Dean gave further details about the selection process, which the faculty briefly discussed. Four members of the faculty were candidates for the judgeship and the faculty joined the Dean in expressing regrets that none of them were chosen for the short list.

- The faculty joined Dean Romero in congratulating Gloria Valencia-Weber for her decision to remain at the School as a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Law. Professor Valencia-Weber was lauded for her wise choice.
- Various faculty employment opportunities, including summer school professorships at Southern Methodist University, were announced. The folder with additional information about these and other faculty positions and deanships is available from Trish Bianchi.
- The report of the Curriculum Committee was postponed to the next scheduled faculty meeting, Monday, March 29, 1993.

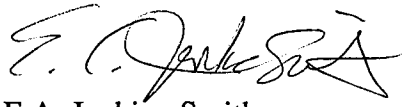
Self-Study Report:

Professor Fred Hart gave a brief report on the status of the Self-Study. It appears that it will contain 16 or 17 sections in its final form. Discussion was then encouraged regarding a memo previously distributed requesting faculty input for the sections dealing with the School's mission statement and plan for the future. Dean Romero emphasized the importance of these two sections for guiding future funding requests, as well as other resource allocation decisions. The faculty then briefly discussed the logistics of completing and approving the Self-Study document as well as providing copies to the inspection team in advance of their visit. Professor Hart noted that although formal faculty approval of the Self-Study is not required, it is desirable since the report contains considerable faculty input and is a faculty document.

The faculty then briefly discussed the mission statement and plans for the future. Professor Hart shared written comments previously received which addressed the need for review of summer school and the clinical programs, encouraging joint degree participation, the provision of undergraduate-level legal education at the School, expansion of continuing legal education and relations with the State Bar, encouraging ongoing faculty vigor when most members are tenured, and ensuring adequate funding. Further discussion covered the following areas: increasing student financial support, particularly for low-income students from ethnic communities; the need to respond to and plan for changes in the legal profession; and taking advantage of New Mexico's inherent diversity to act as a "Brandeis national laboratory". Additional comments addressed the need to use more specific language to tie the mission statement to the School's plans for the future. Dean Romero urged faculty members to review Professor Hart's memorandum and provide him input by the end of the week.

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E.A. Jenkins-Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "E" and a long, sweeping underline.

E.A. Jenkins-Smith
Faculty Secretary