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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN
DATE: March 26, 1993
RE: FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

Faculty Meeting
March 29, 1993
~~Dean's Conference Room~~
4:00 p.m.

Room 3211

- ✓ 1. Approval of Minutes of March 22, 1993
- ✓ 2. Dean's Report
- ✓ 3. Hatch Professorship
- ✓ 4. Director of Computer Technology
- ✓ 5. Budget Update After Legislative Session
- ✓ 6. Attendance Policy -
Garrett Flickinger
- ✓ 7. Problems with materials in student mail boxes -
Peter Winograd
- ✓ 8. Complaints About the Clinical Lottery
- ✓ 9. Curriculum Committee Report -
Maureen Sanders
10. Reconsideration of the Tabled Measure on the Smoking Policy-
Joe Leavengood

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Faculty Meeting Minutes
School of Law
Room 3211, 4:00 PM

PRESENT: Browde, Burr, Desiderio, Flickinger, Fritz, Gill, Hall, Hart, Jenkins-Smith, Kovnat, Montoya, Occhialino, Parnall, Price, Romero, Sanders, Scheible, Sedillo Lopez, Taylor, Utton, Valencia-Weber, and Winograd.

Student Representatives: Benavidez and Leavengood.
Other Students Present: Eubanks.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the March 22, 1993 faculty meeting were approved.

Dean's Report:

- Dean Romero shared a letter from Art Melendres, the new President of the UNM Board of Regents, congratulating the faculty and students of the School for our second quartile standing reported in the recent issue of *U.S. News and World Report*.
- Various faculty employment opportunities, including summer school positions at Capital University Law School, were announced. The folder with additional information about these and other faculty positions and deanships is available from Trish Bianchi.
- The Honors and Awards Committee will be meeting soon and the Dean reminded faculty members to submit their nominations. In addition, the Dean asked that any faculty suggestions for the Dean's Awards be added to the nomination forms and returned to Liz Jenkins-Smith.
- Dean Romero reminded the faculty that UNM letterhead may only be used for official university business.
- Faculty were reminded that Advisement Week is scheduled for next week. Associate Dean Kovnat confirmed that the initiative for setting up meetings with student advisees should come from the faculty advisor. A tentative curriculum and course offerings will be distributed to the faculty by Monday for use in advisement and a reminder listing advisees will be put out on Friday.
- The Navajo Supreme Court's oral arguments were very well attended on Friday, March 26 and the Court has indicated an interest in continuing to use the Moot Court Room in the future.
- Dean Romero was pleased to announce that Professors Angela Martinez and Nancy Cook have accepted offers to extend their visiting professorships through the 1993-94 academic year. The faculty joined the Dean in offering their congratulations to each of them.

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Hatch Professorship:

Dean Romero presented a brief history of the Hatch Professorship, held jointly with the Division of Public Administration, and reported on a recent meeting held to discuss the future of this position. The professorship alternates with Public Administration, and the Law School last had it in 1987. The account balance is currently \$48,000, which is not sufficient to fully fund a position, so several other options for providing faculty support were discussed. A tentative decision was reached to fund a high profile lecture, modeled on the Simms Lecture, which would alternate between the two schools. In addition, it might be possible to fund a symposium in some years and publish the papers in the *New Mexico Law Review*. Dean Romero asked that faculty members provide him with input regarding this option.

Director of Computer Technology:

The Dean described the current status of filling the Analyst/Programmer position recently vacated by David Freese. Due to questions concerning personnel issues, such as who has the expertise to interview, hire, and supervise this technical position, Dean Romero is considering the possibility of establishing a Computer and Technology unit led by a director, to oversee technical matters and coordinate computer functions at the School. The Dean reported that the director position would not be viewed as a full-time position, but would entail additional duties which would be compensated by release time. The faculty were asked to give him reactions to his proposal and forward any suggestions and/or nominations regarding this new position to the Dean soon.

Budget Update after the NM Legislative Session:

Dean Romero reported on recent legislative activities affecting UNM's 1993-94 budgetary picture. It is anticipated that UNM will receive an additional \$5.8 million (excluding severance tax and general obligation bond monies) for an increase of approximately six percent over 1992-93. Although a large portion of these new funds will be required to cover indirect costs (e.g., physical plant, utilities), the University is very tentatively estimating a four percent increase in the total compensation package for 1993-94. Salary increases are anticipated to be slightly over three percent. The Dean was pleased to note that included in the expected budgetary figure is a one-time allocation of \$100,000 to the Law Library for acquisitions.

Attendance Policy:

Professor Garrett Flickinger shared his recent experiences with monitoring student attendance rates in one of his courses and requested that the faculty draft a new classroom attendance policy with more specific attendance requirements and sanctions. After faculty discussion of this issue which suggested satisfaction with the current policy, Dean Romero appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Professors Flickinger and Occhialino to draft language reaffirming the existing attendance policy. Faculty action on this policy language was scheduled for the next faculty meeting, Monday, April 5, 1993.

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Problems with Student Mailboxes:

Associate Dean Peter Winograd described several recent occurrences of items being removed from law student mailboxes. Particular concern about inappropriate mailbox access has been voiced by first-year students who have been working together on Advocacy briefs. In a related incident, another student has complained of vandalism of student locker decorations. The Student Bar Association has decided to deal with this situation as it relates to the Honor Code, but faculty members should be aware of these problems if they are using the mailboxes for important or confidential materials.

This report generated a spirited faculty discussion of similar difficulties that have been recently encountered, including the hiding of library books and the lack of student willingness to report any knowledge of others' misbehaviors under the Honor Code. In addition, issues of inculcating an ethic of professional courtesy and cooperation, involving the entire law school community in a dialogue about these concerns, and building security were discussed. The consensus of those present was that the Dean call a general convocation of the faculty and students for 10:30 AM Wednesday, March 31, 1993 in the Forum where he and SBA leaders would address the serious nature of these issues. All members of the faculty were requested to attend this convocation. 10:30 classes will be delayed by approximately fifteen minutes on the 31st.

Complaints about Clinical Lotteries:

Dean Romero reported on the record number of students requesting clinical placements for Summer 1993 and the student complaints this elevated demand generated about the lottery process. After investigation, the Dean determined that the lottery was a fair process and was run as well as could be expected given this excess demand.

Report of the Curriculum Committee:

Copies of the proposed School of Law curriculum for 1993-94 were distributed and Professor Maureen Sanders, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, discussed the Committee's process. Student member, Brad Eubanks, was introduced at this time. No major changes are anticipated for the upcoming year and the faculty was asked to consider the following issues: an additional Indian Law course, "cross-pollination" with Main Campus professors and courses, and additional courses to be taught by adjuncts. These areas were briefly discussed as well as ways to offer Spanish for Lawyers and ensure sufficient legal content to justify Law School credit. Dean Romero then called the question and the 1993-94 curriculum was approved as presented.

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Smoking Policy:

First-year student representative, Joe Leavengood, reintroduced the issue of a School of Law smoking policy, which was tabled at the March 8, 1993 meeting. The status of this issue was briefly discussed, but faculty consensus was to postpone this item until the next meeting to encourage a full discussion of this topic.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E.A. Jenkins-Smith', written in a cursive style.

E.A. Jenkins-Smith
Faculty Secretary