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MEMORANDUM

TO:

LAW FACULTY

FROM:

LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN X

DATE:

April 26, 1993

SUBJECT:

FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

Faculty Meeting
April 26, 1993
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.

- 1. Approval of Minutes of April 19, 1993
- 2. Dean's Report
- 3. Award for Excellence in Criminal Law ~

4. Fall Break ??

April 26, 1993

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

PRESENT: Browde, Burr, DuMars, Flickinger, Fort, Fritz, Gill, Hall, Hart, Jenkins-

Smith, Kovnat, Lester, Montoya, Occhialino, Parnall, Romero, Sanders,

Sedillo Lopez, Taylor, Utton, Valencia-Weber, and Winograd.

Student Representative: Leavengood.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the April 19, 1993 faculty meeting were approved.

Smoking Policy:

Clarification was requested regarding smoking during final exam periods under the School of Law Smoking Policy approved at the April 19, 1993 meeting. Several members of the faculty were under the impression that the policy would not change the current practice of scheduling smoking and nonsmoking rooms during exam periods. At Dean Romero's request, Professor Scott Taylor, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, addressed this question. The Student Affairs Committee did not consider it necessary to make such a recommendation in its proposal since the UNM Faculty Handbook explicitly includes classrooms used during exam periods in the University policy which prohibits smoking. Thus, according to Professor Taylor, to allow smoking during exam periods would violate established University policy. After a brief discussion, it was moved and seconded to continue to accommodate student smokers during exam periods by designating separate classrooms where smoking would be permitted. The question was called and the motion carried. The amended policy is as follows:

SMOKING POLICY

(effective June 1, 1993)

Bratton Hall, the location of the University of New Mexico School of Law, is a smoke-free building with the exception of single occupancy offices, the American Indian Law Center and specifically-designated classrooms during examination periods.

Dean's Report:

• Dean Romero reported that the 1993-94 budget allocation, received from Main Campus last week, included funds to increase faculty salaries by 3.5 percent plus market adjustment money to supplement this basic allocation. The Dean noted his pleasure that we received the highest percentage of available market adjustment funds compared to any other unit on campus, partially due to the comments of the site inspection team and other reports showing that law faculty salaries at UNM are substantially below the average faculty salaries at our peer schools and the national average. Also, the Law Library received an additional \$25,000 to the 1993-94 base budget and a one-time special legislative appropriation of \$100,000, both for acquisitions.

Award for Excellence in Criminal Law:

The Dean was delighted to announce that Chuck Daniels of the Freedman, Boyd, Daniels, Peifer, Hollander, Guttmann & Goldberg firm has graciously agreed to sponsor a third-year student award for excellence in criminal law. Associate Dean Peter Winograd and Professor Barbara Bergman, Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee, were asked to provide a recommendation for a student recipient at the next faculty meeting so that this presentation may be included in the upcoming Honors and Awards Banquet.

Fall Break:

The Dean asked if sufficient student input had been received on the Fall Break proposal to continue discussion on this issue. Upon hearing that student input had not yet been solicited, further discussion was deferred to a later meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM with the arrival of UNM President Richard Peck.

E.A. Jenkins-Smith Faculty Secretary