

May 10, 1993

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

PRESENT: Browde, Desiderio, Ellis, J., Fort, Fritz, Gill, Hall, Jenkins-Smith, Lester, Norwood, Occhialino, Romero, Utton, Valencia-Weber, and Winograd.

Student Representatives: None present.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the April 26, 1993 faculty meeting were approved.

Dean's Report:

- Dean Romero announced that the School is hosting a reunion weekend on May 21-22, 1993. A one-hour CLE program on Ethics, taught by Professor Maureen Sanders, is scheduled for 5:00 PM on Friday the 21st here in the Law School, immediately followed by a reception. Class reunions are planned for graduates who have been out for 40, 30, 25, 20, and 10 years and additional separate functions are scheduled for Saturday, May 22nd. The Dean invited and encouraged all members of the faculty to attend the reception on Friday, May 21, 1993.
- The faculty were reminded that Spring graduation ceremonies are scheduled for this Saturday, May 15, 1993. The School of Law Convocation will begin at 4:00 PM here at Bratton Hall. Main Campus ceremonies are scheduled for 9:00 AM at the Pit. The Dean asked for one or two faculty volunteers to participate in the University ceremony. A motion was made to nominate Professors Garrett Flickinger and Bill MacPherson to represent the Law School at the Main Campus event. After proper second, the motion carried unanimously.
- The Dean reminded the faculty that grades and writing requirement certifications for graduating students are due to Liz Jenkins-Smith by Monday, June 7, 1993. All other grades are due by Tuesday, June 15, 1993 per the new grading policy passed at the March 8, 1993 faculty meeting. Liz Jenkins-Smith then informed the faculty that she would be on annual leave from May 15th to June 1st and will be available to assist in translating grade information from student names to exam numbers until Friday of this week.
- The recent Southwestern and Southeastern People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference went very well and was a credit to the School, Dean Romero reported. The faculty joined the Dean in thanking Professors Montoya, Valencia-Weber, Sedillo Lopez and Cook for their participation.
- Professor Gloria Valencia-Weber has been appointed to the New Mexico Comity Task Force on behalf of the Commission on Indian Affairs. Professor Ted Occhialino will also serve on this task force as the representative of Justice Ransom.
- Professor Dick Gonzales has been appointed to the Supreme Court Committee on Rules of Evidence.

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- Dean Romero was pleased to share the results of the February 1993 New Mexico Bar Exam with members of the faculty. All of UNM's first-time test takers passed and five of seven repeaters passed, giving the School a bar passage rate exceeding the overall rate for all test-takers.
- The Dean reported on his recent meeting with Interim Provost Garcia to discuss the status of several faculty lines. Dean Romero has requested that the School retain Professor Garrett Flickinger's line and current salary amount upon his retirement in January 1994. Although no commitment has been made at this time, the Dean expects approval of this request so that recruiting efforts may begin with advertisements this summer in order to fill the position with the 1994-95 academic year. In addition, Professor Ted Parnall is on leave for two to three years and his line is available for bringing in visiting professors of law. The Dean discussed several possibilities for distinguished visitors and requested that the faculty forward any suggestions for visitors or other input regarding utilizing these resources to him soon.
- Dean Romero was pleased to announce that the first volume of the *United States-Mexico Law Journal* has just been published. The faculty joined the Dean in offering congratulations to Research Professor Franklin Gill for his efforts.

Other Business:

- Associate Dean Peter Winograd announced that five candidates for the School's Director of Development position will be visiting for interviews over the next few weeks. It appears that each will be scheduled for one day of interviews and meetings. More information will be distributed as these plans are finalized.
- Problems with Spring Semester final examinations were discussed by Associate Dean Winograd. Faculty were reminded that it is not permissible to schedule "mid-terms," "take-homes" or "finals" during the last few days of classes and/or the reading period in order to avoid scheduling final exams during the designated exam period.

Award for Excellence in Criminal Law:

Associate Dean Winograd presented the Honors and Awards Committee recommendation for the student recipient of the newly established third-year student award for excellence in criminal law sponsored by the Freedman, Boyd, Daniels, Peifer, Hollander, Guttmann & Goldberg firm. After proper motion and second, the faculty adopted the Committee's recommendation.

Fall Break:

Professor Ted Occhialino moved to adopt the Fall Break proposal, as presented at the April 19, 1993 faculty meeting. The motion was seconded, and after discussion, was duly adopted as follows:

Beginning with the 1993-94 academic year, the School of Law shall follow the portion of the University Calendar observing as a holiday the Fall Break which next year is set for October 14-15, 1993.

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To accomplish this goal in 1993, while remaining in compliance with ABA/AALS rules pertaining to required class days, the Associate Dean shall extend the Fall semester by adding two days to the end of the class period for first-year students (moving back the last class from Wednesday, November 24, 1993 to Tuesday, November 30, 1993), two days to the end of the class period for other students (moving back the last day of class from Wednesday, December 1, 1993 to Friday, December 3, 1993), and if necessary, adding up to two days to the exam period (changing the last day of the exam period from Saturday, December 18, 1993 to Tuesday, December 21, 1993).

In future years, the Associate Dean should make equivalent suitable arrangements to provide for Fall Break while complying with ABA/AALS requirements.

Dean Romero will circulate this policy to the student body as adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.



E.A. Jenkins-Smith
Faculty Secretary