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TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN *LR*
DATE: September 27, 1993
SUBJECT: **FACULTY MEETING AGENDA**

**Faculty Meeting
September 27, 1993
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

- ✓ 1. Approval of Minutes of September 13, 1993
- ✓ 2. Dean's Report
- ✓ 3. Retreat Update
- ✓ 4. Tasmania Exchange - Robert Schwartz
5. Meeting and discussion with Mary Sue Coleman, Provost

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Faculty Meeting Minutes
School of Law
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PRESENT: Anspach, Bergman, Browde, Burr, Cook, Desiderio, Ellis, W., Flickinger, Fort, Gill, Hall, Hart, Hosea, Jenkins-Smith, Kovnat, Mathewson, Montoya, Norwood, Price, Romero, Sanders, Scheible, Schwartz, 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 September 13, 1993 faculty meeting were approved.

Dean's Report:

- The newly renovated Moot Court Room is now available for use. Dean Romero requested that faculty members assist in ensuring that the new furniture remains in the room and that special care be taken to retain its current condition.
- The New Mexico Court of Appeals has scheduled oral arguments in the Moot Court Room on October 6, 1993. Dean Romero will try to obtain copies of the briefs for student and faculty preview.
- Karl Gillson, Class of 1991, was recently appointed Magistrate Judge in Gallup. The Dean received an invitation to his swearing-in ceremony along with a very nice note, which he shared with those present.
- Dean Romero will be distributing a report from Professor Dodd Bogart, Chair of the UNM Faculty Senate Budget Committee, addressing faculty salaries and compensation at UNM.
- Third-year student, David Johnson, is the author of three recent publications on health law issues: two have appeared in the *New Mexico Bar Bulletin* and another in the *Cambridge Quarterly of Health Care and Ethics*.
- The Dean reported that the School's response to the ABA and AALS accreditation reports was mailed out on Friday, September 24, 1993. Dean Romero was appreciative of the many helpful comments supplied by members of the faculty that he was able to incorporate into his response. Copies of the response will be made available to faculty members tomorrow.
- Various deanships are available around the country. The folder with announcements and other information is located in the Dean's Office.
- Dean Romero was pleased to introduce Provost Mary Sue Coleman and welcomed her to the faculty meeting.

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- The faculty joined Dean Romero in recognizing and congratulating Liz Jenkins-Smith, who is leaving the School after six years of service to accept a position at the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education as a policy analyst. Liz's last day at the School will be October 15, 1993.

Report on the Faculty Retreat:

Associate Dean Ruth Kovnat confirmed that the dates of the faculty retreat are November 5 - 7, 1993 and reported that, by a two-to-one margin, the faculty prefer to hold this event at an out-of-town location. After additional enquiry, an Angel Fire location was chosen by the deans for reasons of both cost and diversion. Major agenda items remain as previously announced, although additional subtopics have been included. Faculty members will be asked to begin working on various topics shortly. Dean Romero invited Provost Coleman to attend and participate in this retreat.

UNM-Tasmanian Law School Exchange:

Professor Rob Schwartz discussed the previously distributed "Statement of Continuing Cooperative Relationship Between The University of New Mexico School of Law and The University of Tasmania School of Law." The status of this Fall's exchange program was described and Professor Schwartz announced that two UNM law students and one Tasmanian law student have indicated interest in a Spring Semester 1994 exchange. The faculty discussed the program, including the two student limit (per semester) imposed by ABA rules for Student-Initiated Foreign Study. Compliance issues were discussed, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of expanding the program, which would cause the program to fall under the ABA's Cooperative Program of Foreign Study, with its requisite regulations. A motion was made to continue the exchange program for Spring Semester 1994 as it currently stands, utilizing current program guidelines. After proper second, the motion carried.

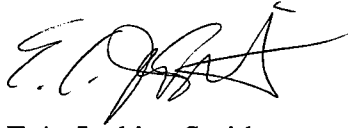
Discussion with Provost Mary Sue Coleman:

After brief introductions, Provost Coleman described her academic background and indicated her desire to learn about the various units in the university and the major issues facing the School of Law and UNM. The faculty were asked to share their input with her and the following areas were discussed at length: a sense of disappointment in the recent ABA/AALS accreditation report, the importance of remaining "the" New Mexican law school, the future role of lawyers in society and the impact on legal education, inadequate faculty salaries, inadequate funding for the Law Library, inadequate student aid coupled with insufficient access to the University's Financial Aid Office and apparatus, remote relationships with the rest of the University, the lack of formal UNM pre-law advisement services, and student achievement assessment. In addition, the history of various curricular developments and approaches were described including Instituto Preparativo, Legal Analysis Workshop, small first-year writing courses, and the Clinical requirement.

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The faculty thanked the Provost for her interest in the School and invited her to attend future faculty meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.

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

E.A. Jenkins-Smith
Faculty Secretary