

November 1, 1993

Faculty Meeting Minutes

School of Law

Dean's Conference Room: 4:00 pm

PRESENT: Anspach, Bergman, Browde, Burr, Cook, Desiderio, Gill, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Kovnat, MacPherson, Martinez, A., Martinez, J., Norwood, Price, Romero, Sanders, Sheible, Taylor, Utton, Winograd, Wood, Zuni.

Student Representatives: Alaniz, Leavengood, Varela

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

The minutes of the October 11, 1992 meeting should be amended to reflect that Nancy Cook was present at that meeting. After proper motion and second, the minutes of the October 11, 1993 faculty meeting were approved as amended.

Dean's Report:

*With a great deal of sadness Dean Romero acknowledged the death of Professor Wiehofen who passed away on October 24, 1993. A celebration of life service was held at the Law School on Sunday, October 31, 1993. Robert Emmet Clark, Al Utton and Fred Hart spoke at the service.

***Personnel:** Dean Romero welcomed **Christine Zuni**, visiting assistant professor of law who joined the faculty on October 25, 1993. Christine will be working with the Southwest Indian Law Clinic program. He also announced that **Margaret Banek** has joined the staff as administrative assistant to Dean Romero and that **Ed Fuge** is now serving as Registrar on a part-time basis and until the position can be filled permanently. **Angela Martinez** submitted a letter of resignation effective at the end of this semester. We will be hiring a replacement for Angela as soon as we know what steps must be taken in order to hire her replacement. **Fred Hart** has been appointed to the Professional Development Committee of the AALS and **Dick Gonzales** has been appointed to the Accreditation Committee of the AALS.

***Mentor Program:** Congratulations to Peter Winograd, Sudeen Kelly and Annita Ready who did a fine job of coordinating the first year student mentor program. A reception for students and their mentors was held at the Law School of Wednesday, October 27, 1993.

***Bar Results:** Dean Romero briefly discussed the recently published bar results and statistics. Of the UNM students taking the exam for the first-time, 83 percent passed.

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The over-all percentage of students passing the first-time is 84 percent. There were five UNM graduates repeating the exam. Of those five, one passed the exam.

***Various deanships**, faculty positions and one librarian position are available around the country. The folder with announcements and other information is located in the Dean's Office.

***Focus on the Law.** This magazine will be distributed to Sherri Burr, Roberta Price, Nancy Cook, Ann Scales, Ted Occhialino and finally to the Library.

***Budget Process to be changed by Provost's Office.** Dean Romero touched on the budget guidelines. A rolling multi-year budget planning process will be initiated for the twelve major units reporting to the Provost. During 1993-94, four units will be asked to develop three-year budget plans and the process will continue until all units are reporting on a three-year basis.

Report on Faculty Retreat:

Ruth Kovnat gave a brief report on the upcoming retreat. She requested that Friday afternoon classes be rescheduled so that the professors can leave Albuquerque for Angel Fire in the early afternoon. Dean Romero mentioned the arts and crafts fair being held in Dixon and encouraged faculty to consider attending on their way home on Sunday.

Faculty Appointments Committee Report:

Bob Desiderio reported that 650 applications were submitted for the one full-time tenure-track position. The screening process has begun and hopefully the committee will have a manageable list of applicants in about a month. Because of the volume of applicants, we will not attend the AALS Convention where we had planned to contact those applicants attending. For the visiting position(s), the Committee will recommend applicants from the visitor pool to Leo Romero for appointments.

Student Report on *The Brief*:

Joe Leavengood introduced and reported on the major theme and purpose of this student produced publication which will be produced periodically and distributed to students. The purpose of *The Brief* is to make students aware of policies and issues that affect them and to give them an opportunity to voice their opinions, present alternate

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plans of action and to increase communication between students and faculty. Joe also touched upon the need for faculty to be aware of unrest among students and to communicate with the students when they become aware of a problem and to address issues before they get out of hand.

Alumni/ae Awards Banquet:

Leo Romero pressed the need for faculty to attend and support the upcoming banquet which will honor three of our graduates: **Judge Santiago Campos** (Class of 1953), **Paul Robinson** (Class of 1950), and **Ruth Streeter** (Class of 1953). This dinner will be a major fund raiser for the Law School, and it is important for the faculty to attend and to contribute to the Law School. Dean Winograd added that any development person will say that faculty contributions are essential to any successful fund-raising campaign. Jan Hosea has made it clear that she plans to seat one faculty member at each table of ten and that if individual faculty members would like to sit with certain lawyers, she will accommodate those requests.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 pm.

Anna Wood/in absence of Faculty Secretary