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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY

FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN *LAR*

DATE: January 21, 1994

SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

**Faculty Meeting
January 24, 1994
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of December 13, 1993
2. Dean's Report
3. Report from Faculty Appointments Committee
4. Permanent Placement Director for School of Law
5. Rewording of Financial Aid Award Letters to Include Condition of Repayment
6. Law School Community Meeting Proposal
7. New Business

January 24, 1994

Faculty Meeting Minutes
School of Law
Dean's Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Anspach, Burr, Ellis, W., Fort, Gill, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Hermann, Kovnat, Mathewson, Occhialino, Price, Romero, Sanders, Scheible-Wolf, Taylor, Utton, Winograd, Zuni.

Student Representatives: Alaniz, Leavengood.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the December 13, 1993, meeting were approved as written.

Dean's Report:

The faculty joined Dean Romero in welcoming visiting professors Jacqueline Hand and Katherine Pearson and welcoming back from leaves, Professor Michele Hermann and Ted Occhialino.

Dean Romero announced that he received approval from the administration to lobby the legislature for a new building to house the centers, institutes and projects which are now occupying space in the law school building. The only stipulation is that the new building will not be allowed to compete for funds with the University's three major project requests: (1) General Classroom Building, (2) Chemistry Building Renovation, and (3) Learning Technology Building.

The law school budget request is due February 1. Dean Romero has requested budgets from each of the various units at the law school and will put them together.

Dean Romero reminded the faculty that the deadline for first-semester grades was Thursday, January 20, and that he needs to notify the students of the reasons for late grades on Wednesday, January 26.

Third-year student Robert Work has won second prize in the Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition for his essay, "Sampling in the Rap Music Industry: Fair Use or Infringement?"

Professor Fred Hart will chair the Nominating Committee for the Law School Admission Council.

Professor Maureen Sanders has received a letter of appreciation from the Hawaii Attorney General's office for her article "Government Attorneys and the Ethical Rules: Good Souls in Limbo," which was used in the revision of the Hawaii Rules of Professional Conduct.

Ruth Musgrave has been asked to be a co-producer of a documentary special on wildlife law, "The Law of the Wild," by California writer/producer/filmmaker Michael Tobias. Also, the Center for Wildlife Law has received a grant of over \$350,000 to write a Federal Wildlife Laws Handbook.

Dr. Wilhelm Halbfass, Carruthers Distinguished Chair in Honors, will be presenting a series of mini-seminars entitled "Explorations in Comparative Ethics" starting February 9, and a public lecture on March 23.

Dean Romero reported that he had received a request from Gil Woodall of UNM CASAA to conduct a 15-minute survey in selected classrooms of student alcohol, tobacco and other drug use. Dean Romero advised the faculty that they may be called and asked to do this, but that perhaps asking students to stay 15 minutes after class to fill out the survey would be preferable to using class time.

Dean Romero announced searches for the two-year position of AALS Deputy Director and for the President of the Legal Services Corporation.

The Law and Society Association will sponsor its 1994 Summer Institute for Sociolegal Studies July 13-17, 1994, at Wellesley College in Wellesley, Massachusetts. The theme of the Institute is "Everyday Practices and Trouble Cases."

Various deanships, directorships and faculty positions were announced. Additional information about these positions is available in the Dean's office.

The law school will co-host a Listening Conference May 5-6, 1994, where representatives from 500 Indian tribes across the nation will meet with Janet Reno and other top Justice Department officials. Professor Gloria Valencia-Weber is part of the coordinating team for this Conference.

Dean Peter A. Winograd announced that from now on the certification form that students sign stating that they will not exceed 20 hours of employment will be signed once a year in the fall rather than at the beginning of each semester.

Dean Winograd also announced that faculty will be assigned students for advisement sometime in March.

Faculty Appointments Committee:

Associate Dean Ruth Kovnat reported that the Faculty Appointments Committee received 640 applications for the tenure-track position and have completed reading them. At a special faculty meeting on Monday, January 31, this Committee will present its report. Immediately

following this special meeting, the Tenure and Promotion Committee will meet to consider the mid-probationary reviews.

Rewording of Financial Aid Award Letters:

Professor Ted Occhialino moved that effective with the award of financial aid to students entering the first year in August, 1994, and thereafter, all need-based scholarships will be awarded on condition that the recipient agree to repay the amount of the scholarship and appropriate interest over a convenient period of time after graduation. The motion was seconded by Professor Fred Hart. After proper motion and second, the motion was tabled for one month pending review by the appropriate faculty committee.

Permanent Placement Director for School of Law:

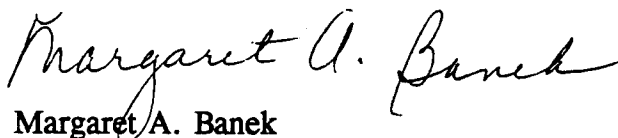
Professor Ted Occhialino put forth the following motion: It is the sense of the faculty that the Dean should take all steps necessary to hire a permanent, half-time Placement Director for the School of Law prior to the beginning of the Fall 1994 academic semester. The motion was seconded by Associate Dean Ruth Kovnat. After proper motion and second, the motion was tabled for one month pending review by the appropriate faculty committee.

Law School Community Meeting Proposal:

Dean Romero announced that Professor Rob Schwartz had requested that discussion of his proposal be postponed until the next regular faculty meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret A. Banek

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MEMORANDUM

To: Dean Leo Romero
From: Rob Schwartz
Re: Law School Community Meeting Proposal
Date: 11 January 1994

One day during the next year we ought to cancel all law school classes and schedule a general meeting for the law school community -- a community that includes law faculty, students and staff, the bench and bar of New Mexico, and the main campus faculty. We might convene at the Convention Center (or at one of the bigger halls on main campus) and begin with a keynote address and a few presentations on developments at the law school -- perhaps a "state of the law school" address would be appropriate.

Most of the work of the general meeting ought to take place in small groups (perhaps 20-30 per group) that would meet after the general session. Each group could be chaired by a member of the law faculty and by someone from outside the law school -- perhaps a judge or a member of the main campus faculty. The joint chairs would be responsible for assuring the quality of their session and choosing any speakers who might participate. Some of the groups could focus on substantive issues (e.g., the use of New Mexico's water resources; gun control; the changing American family) and some could focus on issues more closely related to the law school (e.g., admissions; teaching techniques; the relationship between the clinic and practice). Some of the small sessions might focus on formal academic papers, and some might be entirely open discussions, appropriately moderated. There could be two two-hour time slots for the small group meetings, so that each person could attend two. At the conclusion of the small group meetings we could meet as a large group once again and hear reports from the groups, whose reports could also be sent to appropriate law school, university or community agencies.

Students could be required to attend this meeting. We could invite all members of the bar and all main campus faculty, but require registration to assure that we know who is coming. We may also want to invite some members of the state legislature or others involved in government. In addition, we might want to commission some outsiders to attend and make presentations. The general convocation would give us a chance to take a longer and more dispassionate view of the law school, and it would give the faculty and students a chance to meet others from the bar and from other parts of the University who have similar interests. I would hope that this kind of an annual (or biennial) meeting would develop interdisciplinary connections across the campus, give students an in-depth look at a subject in which they have some interest, provide us with ideas that we can incorporate into law school life, and help the bench, bar and community better understand the importance of the law school.

cc: Associate Dean Ruth Kovnat
bcc: Mike Norwood and Ted Occhialino, Law School Gadflies