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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY

FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN *LMR*

DATE: February 25, 1994

SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

**Faculty Meeting
February 28, 1994
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of February 7, 1994
2. Dean's Report
3. Academic Calendar for 1994-95
4. Summer School of the Southwest (See attached)
5. Law School Community Meeting Proposal (See attached)
6. New Business

Reminder: A meeting of the Subcommittee on Promotion, Tenure and Reappointment will follow the Faculty Meeting.

February 28, 1994

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

PRESENT: Anspach, Bergman, Browde, Ellis, W., Gill, Godfrey, Gonzales, Hall, E., Hart, Hermann, Kelly, Kovnat, Mathewson, Montoya, Norwood, Occhialino, Romero, Sanders, Scales, Scheible Wolf, Schwartz, Sedillo-Lopez, Taylor, Utton, Winograd.

ABSENT: Burr, Cook, Desiderio, Ellis, J., Fort, Hall, J., Hand, MacPherson, Martinez, Pearson, Valencia-Weber, Zuni.

Student Representatives: Alaniz, Leavengood.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the February 7, 1994, meeting were approved as corrected.

Dean's Report:

Eduardo Lucero has accepted the Accountant position at the law school and will begin March 16.

Nancy Hollander, class of 1979 and former President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, will be the Commencement speaker for the graduating class of 1994.

Legislative Update: The Law School received \$200,000 in planning money for the proposed new building, \$50,000 for books for the Law Library, \$30,000 for Indian Law materials, and \$82,900 for the Indian Law Clinic.

Sheryl Scheible Wolf has accepted the directorship of the Instituto for this summer.

Dean Romero announced that Antoinette Sedillo-Lopez will direct the Guanajuato program this summer.

Gerry Beyer has accepted a one-semester visiting position for the 1994-95 spring semester.

The **Placement Bulletin**, which lists various faculty positions, will be available in the Dean's office.

Dean Romero announced the death on December 24, 1993, of Professor John Peyton Morris of Arizona State University.

Dean Romero read the following resolution, which was voted on and passed by the law school faculty and forwarded to Regent Roberta Ramo:

The UNM Law Faculty congratulates Roberta Cooper Ramo on her election as President-Elect of the American Bar Association. The faculty appreciates her long-term commitment to the legal profession and especially to our University. We know she will bring vision, energy and good humor to the ABA.

Annual Giving Status Report:

Firms	\$12,836
Friends	12,235
Alumni	<u>32,064</u>
Total	\$57,135

Total Restricted	\$21,884
	\$35,251

Academic Calendar for 1994-95

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd distributed a listing of the various options the ad hoc committee had considered and reported that Option #5 is the committee's recommendation for the fall semester:

- Orientation begins Wednesday, August 17
- Classes begin Monday, August 22
- Two day fall break
- All classes end one week after Thanksgiving (Friday, December 2)
- Exams begin Wednesday, December 7 and end Tuesday, December 20 (or possibly Saturday, December 17, depending on exam schedule needs)

The committee's recommendation was adopted by a majority vote of the faculty.

The ad hoc committee's recommendation for the spring semester is Option #2:

- Classes begin three days before Martin Luther King Day (Wednesday, January 11)
- One week spring break
- Classes end Wednesday, April 26
- Exams begin Monday, May 1 and end Friday, May 12

The committee's recommendation was adopted by a majority vote of the faculty.

Summer School of the Southwest

Professor Ted Occhialino asked for discussion of his proposal to create a summer school program featuring five southwestern-focused courses taught by distinguished faculty. This

program would be designed to attract out-of state students who would be charged sufficient tuition to make the program self-sustaining. The program would benefit our students by providing them with a range of interesting summer school courses and exposing them to professors and other law students from around the country at no extra expense beyond the usual in-state tuition. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the faculty to do some preliminary checking with other faculty members who have experience in starting up summer programs, then to appoint an ad hoc committee to decide how to proceed.

Law School Community Meeting Proposal

Professor Rob Schwartz asked for discussion of his proposed community convocation, which would include the practice community, bench and bar, professors from the law school and the main campus, and law students to discuss law school issues and substantive law issues. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the faculty that the convocation could raise the profile of the law school, and that Professor Schwartz, Associate Dean Kovnat and a law student should form a committee to sketch out the details.

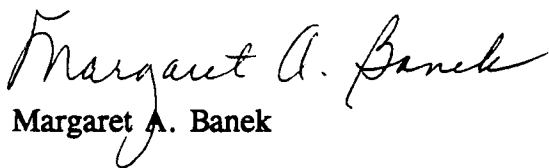
Announcements

Dean Romero announced that two law school students, Allegra Carpenter and Jane Cavanaugh, started classes at the University of Tasmania on this date.

There will be a Dean's Forum on Thursday, March 3, to discuss with students various issues affecting the law school.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret A. Banek

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ISSUES RELEVANT TO CREATION OF SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

GOAL OF PROGRAM

The primary goal is to create a summer school program featuring Southwestern-focused courses taught by distinguished faculty which will attract out-of-state students who will pay sufficient tuition to make the program self-sustaining.

Another goal is to provide our own law students with a range of interesting summer school courses which will expose our students to professors and law students from throughout the country at no extra expense beyond the usual in-state tuition.

A further benefit of the program will be to create a community of scholars in the Law School each summer who will separately and together engage in research of importance to New Mexico and the Southwest and provide opportunities for exchange of ideas with UNM faculty and members of the Bar.

BASIC STRUCTURE

Each summer, UNM will offer five law courses dealing with subjects of particular interest to persons interested in unique aspects of law in the American Southwest, and will actively seek out-of-state students whose tuition will subsidize the program, allowing the Law School to break even while charging only the usual in-state tuition to UNM students.

New Mexico in the summer is an attractive place to be. A properly created and marketed summer program will draw students from throughout the country who will be happy to pay our out-of-state tuition to attend summer school classes if those courses are of particular interest to the students.

The Committee proposes to create a "Southwestern Law Program" in which courses unique to the Southwest (and West) will be the thematic focus and drawing card for attracting students from throughout the country. Many students attending school elsewhere may wish to practice in the Southwest but are now unable to take courses at their Law Schools in subjects with a Southwest focus.

A partial listing of the courses which could be offered includes Water Law, Indian Law (and related advanced courses such as Law of the Pueblos, Taxation of Business on the Reservations), Public Lands Law, Community Property Law, Spanish Land Grant Law, Mexican/American Trade Law, Legal History of the Southwest, Immigration Law, and Spanish for Lawyers.

BUDGET

The Committee needs your help in working this out. Here is its first stab at a rough estimate (This is just a first guess):

EXPENSES:

5 faculty @ \$10,000 each.....	\$50,000
1 Part Time Administrator	

(School Year: publicity, admissions, housing).....	5,000
1 Full Time Administrator (Prior to and during Program).....	5,000
1 Part Time Academic Administrator (plan courses, hire faculty etc.).	2,500
Payment to Law School to cover increased demand on library, Registrar, building maintenance, postage etc..	<u>7,500</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES \$70,000

INCOME:

First some background: Currently both in and out of state students pay "in-state" tuition (about \$95 per hour) for summer school credits at UNM. Out-of-state students pay about \$315 per credit hour during the regular school year.

The Committee's plan depends upon two things: First, out-of-state students would pay at least the normal \$315 per credit hour (and perhaps a surcharge in the form of application fees and "administrative fees"); Second, the Law School must convince the Regents to allow us to "capture" all of the tuition generated to pay our out of pocket costs, with only the excess, if any, going to the University.

50 out-state-students taking 6 hours \$315x6x50.....	\$94,500
50 in-state students taking 3 hours \$95x3x50.....	<u>13,950</u>

TOTAL INCOME \$108,450

To the extent that we use UNM Law Faculty, we might allow those who wish to do so to teach one less course during the academic year in return for one "free" course taught during the Summer Session. In each such case, the Summer School Expenses would go down by \$10,000. The Academic Dean is of the view, however, that this is unrealistic because our faculty must teach their regular loads during the school year in order to assure that the normal curriculum be covered.

Capturing the tuition of in-state students will not result in reduction of tuition income from the same students during the academic year because their "full-time tuition" is the same whether they take 12 or 18 hours during the school year.

The Committee believes that the program should be able to break even in its first year, but the Law School must be prepared to make up any deficit in the first year or so.

IMPACT ON PHYSICAL PLANT

The Committee recognizes that additional use of the Library in the summer will result from a summer school, but does not foresee any resulting undue pressure on the facility or staff.

Five classes will require five rooms in the building. This will require some coordination with existing programs (Instituto, AILC Summer Program, Bar Review, Clinic) but the Committee does not foresee any insurmountable problems, especially if rooms are reserved early and law school programs are given priority over the other usual requests from others for space.

RECRUITING STUDENTS

The usual brochures and announcements with "send attached post card for more information" will be used, of course, but a look at our own bulletin board demonstrates that there are a lot of competing programs using the same approach.

We can also use mailings addressed to law students whom we can identify as students who lived or went to college in the Southwest.

We can also tell the law firms in town that hire out-of-state students as summer clerks of the program and suggest that they pay tuition for their clerks to take at least one course.

We might be able to persuade certain institutions (Tribes, the BIA, LULAC etc.) to set up a program to pay for the tuition of students whom they identify as especially worthy who might wish to learn and practice in the Southwest after law school.

Part of the recruiting effort might be to advertise certain additional "optional events" which the students could sign up and pay for (Trips to the Santa Fe Opera, to Taos etc).