

**The University of New Mexico**

---

School of Law  
Office of the Dean  
1117 Stanford NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87131-1431  
Telephone (505) 277-4700  
FAX (505) 277-0068

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: LAW FACULTY**

**FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN** *LMR*

**DATE: March 25, 1994**

**SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING AGENDA**

---

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

1. Approval of Minutes of February 28, 1994, Faculty Meeting and March 9, 1994, Special Faculty Meeting (attached)
2. Dean's Report
3. Grading Report - Ann Scales
4. Honors and Awards Report - Peter A. Winograd
5. New Business

LMR:mb  
Attachment

March 28, 1994

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

**PRESENT:** Anspach, Bergman, Browde, Burr, Ellis, J., Ellis, W., Fort, Gonzales, Hall, E., Hand, Hart, Kelly, Kovnat, MacPherson, Mathewson, Montoya, Norwood, Pearson, Romero, Sanders, Scales, Taylor, Winograd.

**ABSENT:** Cook, Desiderio, Gill, Godfrey, Hall, J., Hermann, Martinez, Occhialino, Scheible Wolf, Schwartz, Sedillo Lopez, Utton, Valencia-Weber, Zuni.

Student Representatives: Henry Alaniz, Shad Brown for Joe Leavengood.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the February 28, 1994 meeting and the March 9, 1994 meeting were approved as written.

**Dean's Report:**

The Dean announced that the members of the law school's two moot court teams--(1) Erlinda Ocampo, Fred Kennon, and Gabrielle Valdez, (2) Jane Gagne, Linda Vanzi, and Arvind Raichur--did very well in the National Moot Court Competition. The team of Gagne, Vanzi and Raichur were undefeated in the preliminary four rounds and were the top seed in the post-preliminary rounds--then won the first round and lost the second by less than one point. The faculty joined the Dean in commending these students for their efforts and also Professor Maureen Sanders for her assistance to the teams.

Dean Romero has received permission from Provost Mary Sue Coleman to offer two tenure-track positions to the candidates who interviewed in February and March. One has been offered to Margaret Montoya, which she has accepted. The other tenure-track position has been offered to Elizabeth Rapaport, and she has conditionally accepted the position to begin August, 1994.

Along with Melissa Harrison (full-year visitor) and Gerry Beyer (one-semester visitor), Placido Gomez has accepted a visiting position for one year to begin in August of 1994.

The faculty joined the Dean in commending Levon Henry who has received the Echoing Green Public Service Fellowship.

Budget Report: The Regents have authorized a 5.4% tuition increase for undergraduate and graduate students and a 10% tuition increase for law students, with faculty salary increases as the highest priority in the budget this year. Dean Romero has scheduled a meeting with Provost Mary Sue Coleman to discuss faculty salaries at the law school, which are the

furthest behind our peers of any unit on campus. A motion was made by Professor Jim Ellis and seconded by Maureen Sanders to inform the Provost of a resolution expressing faculty concern over salaries being so far behind our peers and the problems this is causing in recruiting nationally. The motion was approved unanimously.

Fulbright Scholar brochures for 1995-96 are available from Margaret in the Dean's office.

The dean search at Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center is being reopened. Also, the National Science Foundation is seeking candidates for its General Counsel position. Information on these and other positions, as well as the AALS Placement Bulletin, are available from Margaret in the Dean's office.

#### **Ranking and Grading Report:**

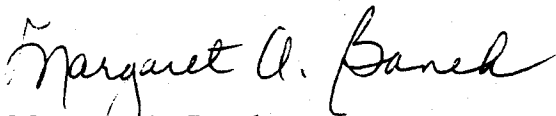
Professor Ann Scales presented the report of the ad hoc Committee on Ranking and Grading, which recommends the elimination of the present ordinal ranking system and replacing it with a standing system. The Committee felt less strongly about the imposition of any sort of grading curve, but on balance, believed that the adoption of a dual-presumptive curve system would boost confidence across the board in grading practices. It was the consensus of the faculty to study the report further and to put this on the agenda of a future faculty meeting.

#### **Honors and Awards Report:**

Associate Dean Peter Winograd distributed copies of the recommendations for honors and awards for discussion and additional suggestions. The Honors and Awards Banquet will be held at La Posada on April 15 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Margaret A. Banek

mb