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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY

FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN 

DATE: April 15, 1994

SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

**Faculty Meeting
April 18, 1994
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of April 4, 1994 Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Student Advisement Period - Report Item
4. Annual Report
5. 1992-93 Thesis Honors - Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd
6. Part-Time Legal Education - Action Item
7. Class Rank and Grading - Action Item
8. Half-Time Career Counselor - Action Item
9. New Business

April 18, 1994

Faculty Meeting Minutes

School of Law

Dean's Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Anspach, Browde, Burr, Desiderio, Godfrey, Gonzales, Hall, E., Hand, Hart, Kelly, Kovnat, MacPherson, Montoya, Norwood, Price, Romero, Sanders, Schwartz, Winograd.

ABSENT: Bergman, Cook, Ellis, J., Ellis, W., Fort, Gill, Hall, J., Hermann, Martinez, Mathewson, Occhialino, Pearson, Scales, Sedillo Lopez, Taylor, Utton, Valencia-Weber, Wolf, 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 April 4, 1994 meeting were approved as written.

Dean's Report:

Dean Romero announced that on Wednesday, April 20, 1994, the law library will have a reception for the law library staff from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in Room 1310, and encouraged faculty members to attend to show their appreciation for all the library staff does on their behalf.

The final report of the Independent Counsel for Iran/Contra Matters has been received by the Dean's office and is available in the law library.

The AALS 1994 Handbook has been distributed. Extra copies are available in the Dean's office.

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Professor of Environmental Law at Pace University, will speak Sunday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. in Popejoy Hall. The Law School is a co-sponsor of this event.

Dean Romero announced that Kathleen Sena has resigned her position as Registrar at the School of Law.

Dean Romero recommended that at the next faculty meeting the faculty address the issue of the role of the legal writing director, the policy and current structure of the legal writing program, and whether we should continue staffing this position.

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd reported on the recommendation of the Financial Aid Committee regarding the wording of the award letter asking students for repayment and the use of Bondurant Grant money for work-study students who are assisting with research.

Student Advisement Period:

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd announced that Student Advisement Week will be April 19-27. Faculty members are expected to be available to their advisees during this time. Kathleen Sena will be assigning student advisees to each faculty member.

1992-93 Thesis Honors:

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd reported that the judges for the 1992-93 Writing Contest have recommended the following papers for Thesis Honors: "The Helga Wangle Case: Medical Futility and the Limits of Autonomy" by David H. Johnson; "Chasing the Wind: Wyoming Supreme Court Decision in Big Horn III Denies Beneficial Use for Instream Flow Protection, but Empowers State to Administer Federal Indian Reserved Water Right Awarded to The Wind River Tribes" by Tom Kinney; "Criminal Malpractice: Legal Malpractice Claims Arising from Professional Negligence of Attorneys During Criminal Trial, Criminal Appellate and Post-Conviction Proceedings" by Gary Nelson; "Torts--A New Approach to Damages Awards in New Mexico: Lovelace Medical Center v. Mendez" by Lori McCamey Bencoe; "The Current Configuration of the Due Process and Commerce Clauses' Restrictions on State Taxation of Interstate Commerce: Reflections on Allied and Quill" by Paul DeMuro; "Rights of the Criminally Accused Under International Law: A Comparison Between the NATO Status of Forces Agreement and Traditional International Law" by Jennifer Rider; "Dispute Settlement Provisions for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Matters Under the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement and the North American Free Trade Agreement: Progress or Protectionism?" by Kristin Moody; and "The Patentability of Computer Software: Software Patents as Limited Alternatives to Copyright Protection" by Jerome Jay Garcia. A motion was made by Professor Robert Desiderio to award thesis honors to these eight students. The motion was seconded by Professor Maureen Sanders and approved unanimously.

Annual Report:

Dean Romero announced that starting in May he will ask Margaret Banek to begin scheduling individual meetings with each tenured and tenure-track faculty member to discuss their individual plans for the following year. Faculty members should be prepared to discuss (1) their activities since July 1, 1993, (2) their goals for the 1994-95 academic year, and (3) what support they will need to accomplish their goals.

Part-Time Legal Education:

Professor Fred Hart moved that any action on this agenda item be tabled until the next faculty meeting. Professor Mike Norwood seconded the motion, and it carried.

Class Rank and Grading:

Professor Fred Hart moved that any action on this agenda item be tabled until the next faculty meeting. Professor Ruth Kovnat seconded the motion, and it carried.

Part-Time Career Counselor:

Dean Romero has discussed the need of a part-time placement person with Provost Mary Sue Coleman; however, she indicated that there was no money in the budget for this position. Dean Romero will arrange a meeting with Vice President Orcilia Zuniga Forbes to see if the Office of Student Affairs will dedicate someone from their office half-time to the law school. Professor Maureen Sanders stated that this is contrary to the motion passed in the April 4 faculty meeting. Professor Fred Hart moved that further action on this agenda item be tabled until the next faculty meeting. Professor Mike Norwood seconded the motion, and it carried.

Other Business:

Dean Romero announced that student course evaluations are available in the main office and reminded the faculty to distribute them in each class before the end of the semester.

Professor Suedeen Kelly inquired about lifting the ban on using memory typewriters and word processors for take-home exams. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the faculty to refer this question to the Student Affairs Committee to review our existing policy and draft a proposal for faculty consideration, and that individual professors who will be giving take-home examinations this semester may choose to allow their students to use word processors for take-home examinations. Faculty members who choose to permit word processors for take-home examinations should inform their students that they should not count on the availability of the computers in the law school.

Professor Maureen Sanders agreed to coordinate the follow-up of the Angel Fire Faculty Retreat matters.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret A. Banek

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