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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** LAW FACULTY

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

**DATE:** August 26, 1994

**SUBJECT:** FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

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**Faculty Meeting  
August 29, 1994  
Dean's Conference Room  
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of August 22, 1994, Faculty Meeting (attached)
2. Dean's Report
3. Petition from John Wertheim (attached)
4. Guanajuato Summer Program Report - Antoinette Sedillo Lopez and Bill MacPherson
5. Law Library Report - Judy Anspach
6. Semester-In-Practice Report - Mike Norwood
7. Proposal to move the Masters In Water Resources Administration from Public Administration to the Law School (discussion item) - Denise Fort and Lee Brown
8. Residency Credit for Short Courses - Sheryl Scheible Wolf

9. **Calendar for First Year Classes - Sheryl Scheible Wolf**

10. **New Business**

11. **Announcements**

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**Attachments**

August 29, 1994

Faculty Meeting Minutes

School of Law

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

**PRESENT:** Anspach, Bergman, Browde, DuMars, Eirikkson, Ellis, W., Fort, Fritz, Gill, Gomez, Gonzales, Hall, Harrison, Hermann, Kelly, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya, Nathanson, Norwood, Occhialino, Pearson, Romero, Schwartz, Sedillo Lopez, Taylor, Utton, Valencia-Weber, Wolf.

**ABSENT:** Desiderio, Hart, MacPherson, Scales, Winograd, Zuni.

Student Representatives: Henry Alaniz

Others: Lee Brown.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the August 22, 1994, meeting were approved as written.

**Dean's Report:**

The faculty joined Dean Romero in congratulating Professor Michele Hermann for recently receiving the Alternative Dispute Resolution Award.

Dean Romero congratulated Professor Rob Schwartz on the 1994 publication of a supplement to his book Health Law: Cases, Materials and Problems and Professor Barbara Bergman on the publication of her book, Everytrial Criminal Defense Resource Book, with co-author Nancy Hollander.

The faculty joined Dean Romero in congratulating Professor Denise Fort on her appointment as chair of the Advisory Commission on Western Water Resources.

Various faculty and deanship positions are currently available around the country. Further information on these positions are at Margaret Banek's desk in the Dean's office.

**Petition from John Wertheim:**

Dean Romero read a request from John Wertheim for a reduced course load of 10 academic credit hours and the Law School policy on leaves of absence or reduction in course load, which states that permission of an Associate Dean is necessary to either reduce a semester course load below twelve hours (unless it is the student's final semester) or to take a leave of absence from the School of Law. After brief discussion, Professor Al Utton moved to send the petition back to Associate Dean Winograd to act upon at his discretion. Michele Hermann seconded the motion, and when voted on, it carried 9-6 with numerous abstentions.

### **Guanajuato Summer Program Report:**

Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez reported that there were 51 students in the 1994 Guanajuato Summer Program. There were 8 students from UNM, 12 from Texas Tech, 4 from the University of San Diego, 1 from Guanajuato, 2 from Canadian law schools, and the remainder from American law schools. Professor Sedillo Lopez reported that the program was a very positive experience for faculty and students alike, and that financially the program was at a break-even point. She will present a slide show on this summer's program at the faculty luncheon on September 7. Professor Sedillo Lopez reported that when the consortium had met on August 25, San Diego had indicated it may withdraw because of financial disagreements, and if so, UNM will take over the off-site administration of the program and the consortium will be looking for another school to participate. Dean Romero stated that he has been in contact with Dean Lee Teitelbaum of the University of Utah School of Law to see if Utah is interested in joining the consortium. He also stated that the Guanajuato Program is an extremely valuable program and that the Law School can take great pride in it.

### **Law Library Report:**

Professor Judith Anspach, Director of the Law Library, reported on the improvements made in the library in the past few months. Reference services were divided into an information services area and a research services area. Also, the library is interviewing for another dual-degreed librarian to be filled fall semester 1994 to assist with in-depth legal reference questions. Professor Anspach asked the faculty for input on hours of library service and reference materials. In addition, Professor Anspach is working on a 5-year plan for the library.

She also reported that the glass wall between on the upper floor has been finished and there has been a dramatic reduction in the noise level. All of the law treatises have been combined into one call number arrangement and area. Professional security will be provided for 1994-95 as of August 29 for students who are using the library after hours.

The fundraising efforts have been very successful, with the library receiving over \$6,000 in designated funds and a \$10,000 endowment. Professor Scott Taylor also donated the proceeds of his two CLE programs to the library. The New Mexico Legislature allotted \$30,000 to the library for materials for the Indian Law Collection.

### **Semester-In-Practice Report:**

Professor Mike Norwood reported that the Law School has been awarded \$223,280 for year one from the Department of Education for the Semester-In-Practice proposal to establish a national model for a comprehensive clinical program of instruction in fundamental lawyering skills and values. The grant has two goals: (1) making this instruction available to all law students as part of the required curriculum and (2) developing a professional skills and values curriculum at the Law School consisting of two components: (a) a set of pre-clinic preparatory courses and experiences and (b) a capstone clinical experience: Semester-In-Practice. Professor Norwood is planning to use the money to fund four workshops and to

hire two clinical fellows. There will be 16 students enrolled in the program for the spring semester and 16 for the summer semester on a voluntary basis. Dean Romero has appointed a Semester-In-Practice Planning Committee, with Jose Martinez as chair, to advise the program. Dean Romero asked Professor Norwood to report regularly to the faculty on the SIP Program so that the Law School can continually be evaluating the direction of the program.

Dean Romero introduced Visiting Professor Gudmundur Eirikkson, Legal Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from Iceland, who will be teaching International Law and International Criminal Law.

**Calendar for First-Year Classes:**

Associate Dean Sheryl Scheible Wolf moved to have first-year classes end on Tuesday, November 29, rather than extend for the full week after Thanksgiving. Professor Sudeeen Kelly seconded the motion, and when voted on, it carried.

**Residency Credit for Short Courses:**

Associate Dean Wolf raised a question regarding interpretation of an ABA requirement concerning residency credit for short courses and how this is currently being interpreted here at the Law School. It was the consensus of the faculty that the current interpretation is agreeable to everyone.

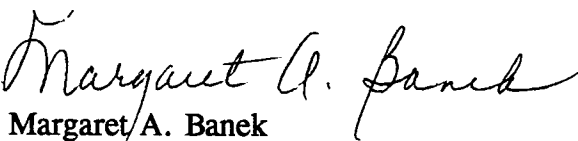
**Proposal to Move the Masters In Water Resources Administration from Public Administration to the Law School:**

Professor Denise Fort and Professor F. Lee Brown asked for discussion from the faculty regarding bringing the Masters in Water Resources Administration program to the Law School. It was the consensus of the faculty to refer this to the a committee appointed by the Dean to consider bringing the Masters In Water Resources Administration to the Law School and what the effects would be upon space, faculty load, etc.

Professor Al Utton announced that Jose Aguilar, an attorney from Mexico, is a visiting student with the American Legal Studies program this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret A. Banek

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August 26, 1994

RECEIVED AUG 25 1994

Leo Romero, Esq.  
Dean of the School of Law  
University of New Mexico  
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Re: Request for Reduced Course Load and  
Placement on Monday's Faculty Agenda

Dear Dean Romero:

In accordance with the school's policy governing "Leaves of Absence and Reduction in Course Load," I am requesting from you a reduction of my course load down to 10 academic credit hours. I will be enrolled in an independent study with Prof. Desiderio, Water Law and Civil Procedure 2.

I request this reduction because of the demands of my duties as Campaign Manager for the King/Madrid Campaign. I need to inform you, that I did not apply for this job nor did I pursue it in any way. Governor King called me on July 7 out of the blue. I felt that I was not in a position to deny his request that I run his campaign. Quite to the contrary, I felt honored by this unique and temporary opportunity.

All this being said, I accepted the position with Governor King after evaluating its effect on my law school education. After consulting the student handbook, I believed that a route to timely graduation could be found.

In trying to solve this problem, I have followed precisely the advice of the student handbook. The handbook advises that a student with a problem such as mine should "consult an Associate Dean to identify various alternatives and possible actions which would assist the student."  
(Handbook 25)

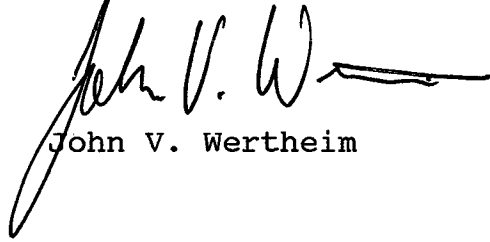
Unfortunately, the alternative that Dean Winograd and I devised last week appears unworkable, so I have requested this solution. In accordance with the school's graduation requirements, enrollment in 10 hours and passing 9 hours will count as a full semester in residence. (Handbook 6)

Although the granting of course reduction lies entirely within the province of your office (Handbook 25), I under-

stand the need to have faculty input on this issue. To this end, I would like to make a presentation of this proposal to the faculty on Monday. If there is a problem with being placed on the agenda, please let me know this weekend. My home phone number is 247-8478. I will also call you Monday morning.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter, and I look forward to a resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John V. W." followed by a horizontal flourish line.

John V. Wertheim