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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** LAW FACULTY

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

**DATE:** September 22, 1994

**SUBJECT:** FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

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**Faculty Meeting  
September 26, 1994  
Dean's Conference Room  
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of September 12, 1994, Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Faculty Appointments Committee Report - Sheryl Scheible Wolf
4. Semester In Practice Program Report - Mike Norwood
5. Endowed Chairs and Professorships - Discussion Item
6. New Business

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September 26, 1994

Faculty Meeting Minutes

School of Law

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

**PRESENT:** Anspach, Bergman, Browde, Desiderio, Eiriksson, Ellis, W., Fort, Fritz, Gomez, Gonzales, Hall, Harrison, Hermann, Kelly, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya, Norwood, Occhialino, Romero, Schwartz, Utton, Valencia-Weber, Wolf.

**ABSENT:** DuMars, Hart, MacPherson, Nathanson, Pearson, Scales, Sedillo Lopez, Taylor, Winograd, Zuni.

Student Representatives: Henry Alaniz

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the September 12, 1994, meeting were approved as written.

**Dean's Report:**

Dean Romero commended the students, participants, and everyone else involved in the success of the Career Fair held at the Law School on September 16.

Dean Romero reported that the U.S.-Mexico Law Institute, held September 15-17 in Santa Fe, was very successful and focused on issues which were interesting and relevant.

Dean Romero announced that the CALI/NCAIR Fellowship applications for the summer of 1995 have been received by the law school and handed out additional copies.

Practice Exam questions must be submitted to Janet Cox by Friday, September 30.

Romanian Professor Flavius Baias, who is in Albuquerque as part of an exchange program sponsored by the American Bar Association, will be visiting the Law School on Thursday and Friday, September 29 and 30.

**Faculty Appointments Committee Report:**

Associate Dean Sheryl Scheible Wolf reported that although there appear to be no tenure-track openings for the 1995-96 academic year, there is the possibility of several visiting positions to be filled. The Committee has placed advertisements in the State Bar Bulletin and the AALS Placement Bulletin, and would appreciate nominations from the faculty of others to contact.

Professor Em Hall moved that the Dean communicate to all the faculty that they have an obligation to attend faculty meetings in order to participate in the governance of the law school. Professor Dick Gonzales seconded the motion. Considerable animated discussion of faculty attendance at meetings followed. Professor Hall then withdrew his motion. Professor Mike Norwood moved that the Dean bring in someone who can communicate on a one-to-one basis with faculty members regarding their apathy or dissatisfaction and do an anonymous report on what the concerns of the faculty are at the present time. When the vote was called, the motion carried.

Dean Romero reminded the faculty of the Native American Convocation and Gathering of Communities to be held on Thursday, September 29, here at the Law School, and asked all faculty to attend. This is an academic convocation, and there will be tribal officials and State and University dignitaries in attendance.

Dean Romero also asked the faculty to attend the Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner on October 29 at the Holiday Inn Pyramid, which will honor Franklin Jones, Haskell Rosebrough, Mary Walters, and (posthumously) Henry Weihofen.

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

Professor Mike Norwood announced that he will be presenting an overview of the Semester-In-Practice program at the faculty lunch on Wednesday, September 28, to generate discussion and get concerns out in the open relative to how this program will affect the curriculum and other programs at the Law School. SIP will be a third-year experience, and at present has no prerequisites. It will be flexible in order to accommodate students who also wish to work on the New Mexico Law Review, the Natural Resources Journal, or take part in the moot court programs. The SIP Committee has approved a job description for SIP fellows to be published in the State Bar Bulletin and would appreciate faculty nominations so that a good pool of applicants can be developed.

Professor Norwood reported that the SIP Committee will be divided into the following subcommittees to work on the listed assigned tasks:

The Pre-Clinic Skills Training/Planning Subcommittee will concentrate on pre-clinic curricular planning--LRRW/Advocacy (sequencing, skills and values content, linkage to Clinic), other skills offerings, and clinic prerequisites.

The Planning Subcommittee for Spring/Summer Semester SIP will be involved in the areas of course scheduling, student sign-up, and course content and methodology.

The Materials Development Subcommittee will develop supporting materials for SIP and the related Professional Responsibility Course.

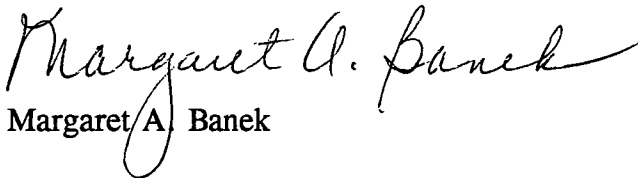
The Technology Subcommittee will develop computer support for the student's SIP work projects.

The Project Selection/Development Subcommittee will be developing projects (1) involving multi-disciplinary problem solving, (2) providing students opportunities to collaborate with each other as well as with professionals from disciplines other than law, (3) providing students the opportunity to assume professional responsibility for actual cases and legal problems, (4) providing students with experiences that provide a foundation for meaningful reflection on the role of law, the legal profession, justice, or some other important aspect of their work in SIP, and (5) allowing students and faculty in some projects to specialize their work in a particular legal field or fields.

The Faculty Retreat/Training Subcommittee will mentor the clinical fellows, study how the skills and values of all faculty can be improved, and plan the content and methods of training (perhaps a retreat).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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