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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN 
DATE: October 20, 1994
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

**Faculty Meeting
October 24, 1994
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of October 10, 1994, Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Facilitator - Report Item
4. Part-Time Program - Ted Occhialino
5. Endowed Chairs and Professorships - Discussion Item
6. Spring Exam Schedule to be Distributed with Spring Class Schedule - Discussion Item
7. What Constitutes Student Employment - Discussion Item
8. Semester-In-Practice in Washington, D.C. - Suedeem Kelly
9. New Business

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October 24, 1994

Faculty Meeting Minutes

School of Law

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

PRESENT: Anspach, Browde, DuMars, Eiriksson, Ellis, W., Fort, Fritz, Gomez, Gonzales, Hall, Harrison, Kelly, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya, Norwood, Occhialino, Romero, Schwartz, Sedillo Lopez, Taylor, Utton, Valencia-Weber, Winograd, Wolf, Zuni

ABSENT: Bergman, Desiderio, Gill, Hart, MacPherson, Nathanson, Pearson, Scales, Taylor

Student Representatives: Henry Alaniz, Jama Fisk for Joe Leavengood

Others: Pedro Butrón Baliña, Jan Hosea

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the October 10, 1994, meeting were approved as written.

Dean's Report:

Professor José Martinez introduced Professor Pedro Butrón Baliña from the Universidad de Granada who will be visiting at the Law School through the end of November. He specializes in the areas of Criminal Procedure and Criminal Law and while here will be working on his dissertation on plea bargaining in the U.S.

Dean Romero announced that Sandra Nemeth has been chosen as the recipient of the Rudy and Betty Schware Scholarship in Labor Law and reminded the faculty that Mr. Schware will be visiting the Law School on Thursday and Friday. There is a time set aside for faculty members to visit with Mr. Schware on Friday, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., in the faculty lounge. He also will attend the Distinguished Achievement Award dinner on Saturday night.

Dean Romero read a letter from Bruce Herr congratulating clinical students Allegra Carpenter and Elizabeth Wee for the Amicus Curiae Brief they prepared.

Rob Schwartz has been chosen as Volunteer of the Year by the New Mexico Civil Liberties Union. He will be recognized at the 1994 Bill of Rights gala on December 10.

Professor Suede Kelly attended the Competition Behind the City Gate workshop October 17 and 18 in Chicago, Illinois. This invitation-only workshop was sponsored by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and the Department of Energy.

Dean Romero reported that a demand letter has been written by Luis Stelzner to the Angel Fire Resort on behalf of the Law School. He will keep the faculty posted on the status of this action.

The AALS Committee on Nominations for 1995 Officers has placed in nomination the following names to be voted on at the Annual Meeting:

For the Position of President-Elect: Wallace D. Loh, Univ. of Washington
For the Position of Member of the Executive Committee: Deborah L. Rhode, Stanford Law School; Dale A. Whitman, Brigham Young University

Jan Hosea reminded the faculty of the Distinguished Achievement Award Dinner to be held Saturday, October 29, at the Holiday Inn Pyramid and requested their participation and attendance.

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd reported that he had attended a meeting between the University and the Stanford Drive residents, and that the University is exploring several options in order to prevent Stanford Drive from being blocked off from University traffic.

Roberta Price has resigned her position as Director of Legal Writing at the Law School effective at the end of the semester. Dean Romero stated that the position would be filled for the second semester by a visitor, and asked for input from the faculty to the ad hoc Committee regarding the role of the legal writing director and job description. The faculty joined Dean Romero in expressing their thanks and appreciation to Roberta Price for her work at the Law School.

Dean Romero reminded the faculty to make up any classes they have canceled and to minimize activities that take them away from teaching responsibilities.

Facilitator:

Dean Romero reported that he had the names of three facilitators who had been recommended to him. He asked the faculty for input in the process and to recommend other names to him. Professor Gloria Valencia-Weber recommended that the facilitator bring forth specific concerns and several recommendations as to how these could be handled. Professor Margaret Montoya suggested that we hire two facilitators in order to receive more objective interpretations of the concerns. Professor Chuck DuMars stated that the Law School needs to focus on what we want to do with the results once they are in.

Faxing of Take-Home Exams:

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd asked for a motion from the faculty regarding the faxing of take-home exams before the start of the exam period for the fall semester. A motion was made by Henry Alaniz that from now on exams be picked up and returned to the law school, and that all discretion regarding the faxing of exams be taken away from Associate Dean

Winograd. The motion was seconded by Professor Chuck DuMars, and when voted on, the motion carried.

Part-Time Program:

Professor Ted Occhialino asked that this agenda item be deferred until further notice. Because of the problems inherent with the part-time program, such as the financial aid impact, moot court opportunities, student employment, etc., he would like to hold an open meeting with the students to ask for their input and assess the demand for duplicate sessions and class hours. He will then draft a report on the issues and questions raised and bring back a focused report to the faculty at a future meeting.

Semester-In-Practice in Washington, D.C.:

Professor Suedeem Kelly reported that she has had an inquiry from two students regarding a Semester-in-Practice program in Washington, D.C. sponsored by a consortium headed up by the Vermont Law School. The program is a one-semester, 14 credit hour program with placements in the Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, etc. If the UNM School of Law does not join the consortium, the students will be classified as visiting students and will be charged \$8000. If UNM joins the consortium, the students would only be charged \$3000 tuition, but a UNM faculty member would be required to participate in the consortium. The students are asking the law school to join the consortium and to count the 14 credit hours toward graduation, with 3 credit hours satisfying the ethics requirement and 6 credit hours satisfying the clinical requirement. A motion was made by Professor Al Utton that Suedeem Kelly chair an ad hoc committee to study this matter, report back to the faculty in detail on the issues and questions raised by this proposal, and to recommend whether or not the Law School should join the consortium. The motion was seconded by Professor Mike Norwood, and when voted on, the motion carried.

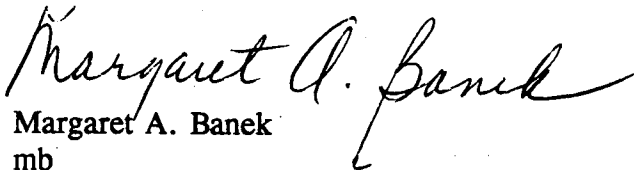
Dean Romero appointed Professor Chuck DuMars and Professor Mike Norwood to serve with Professor Kelly on this ad hoc committee.

Spring Exam Schedule to be Distributed with Spring Class Schedule:

The question of whether or not to include the spring exam schedule with the spring class schedule will be deferred until the next meeting. Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd would like discussion and input on this issue in time to publish it along with the class schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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