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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN 
DATE: November 3, 1994
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

**Faculty Meeting
November 7, 1994
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of October 24, 1994, Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Introduction of Rufina Hernandez
4. Writing Requirement/Independent Research - Report Item
5. Spring Exam Schedule to be Distributed with Spring Class Schedule - Discussion Item
6. Proposed Revision of Bylaw 6-9, Curriculum (Attached) - Report Item
7. International Water Resources Association Proposal - Report Item
8. Endowed Chairs and Professorships - Discussion Item
9. What Constitutes Student Employment - Discussion Item
10. New Business

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Attachment

November 7, 1994

Faculty Meeting Minutes

School of Law

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

PRESENT: Anspach, Bergman, Browde, DuMars, Eiriksson, Fort, Fritz, Gill, Gomez, Gonzales, Hall, Kelly, MacPherson, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya, Norwood, Occhialino, Pearson, Romero, Schwartz, Sedillo Lopez, Taylor, Valencia-Weber, Winograd, Wolf.

ABSENT: Desiderio, Ellis, W., Harrison, Hart, Scales, Utton, Zuni.

Student Representatives: Alan Maestas, Henry Alaniz, Jama Fisk

Others: Rufina Hernandez

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the October 24, 1994, meeting were approved as amended to include Professor Martinez in attendance.

Dean Romero introduced and welcomed Rufina Hernandez, the new Executive Director of the State Bar of New Mexico.

Dean's Report:

The Health Law Moot Court team (Leslie Mansfield, Rob Mead, Michelle Mitchell, Tom Outler, Jake Taylor and Monica Vigil) made it to the quarterfinals of the National Health Law Moot Court Competition in Carbondale, Illinois. The faculty joined Dean Romero in commending them for their performance.

The faculty joined Dean Romero in congratulating Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez on the publication of a new book, Latinos in the United States, a book which she edited.

Professor Bill MacPherson reported that the posters announcing the Guanajuato Summer Program have been mailed out and that he has received ten inquiries to date.

Dean Romero expressed his appreciation for Jan Hosea's work on the very successful Distinguished Achievement Award Dinner held on October 29 and to each faculty member who attended.

Dean Romero called the attention of the faculty to the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund dinner on November 18 in Albuquerque to honor those New Mexicans who have served as national directors for MALDEF. Among those honored will be Professor

Jose L. Martinez and three Law School alums, Patricia Madrid, Raymond Sanchez, and retired Supreme Court Chief Justice Dan Sosa.

The evaluations of the CLE program "When The Battle Of The Experts Is The Order Of The Day" presented by The UNM School of Law and The New Mexico Center for Professional Development were excellent, and the format very effective. The next CLE program will be "The Everytrial Criminal Defense Resource Seminar: Legal Remedies and Potent Counter Moves You Can Use to Confront Courtroom Crises" on December 2 featuring Nancy Hollander and Professor Barbara Bergman.

Dean Romero and Associate Dean Sheryl Wolf will be interviewing thirteen applicants for possible visiting positions at the AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference in Chicago on Friday, November 11.

The Writing Requirement/Independent Research policy has been distributed.

The lottery for limited enrollment classes will be held Wednesday, November 9.

Dean Romero introduced and welcomed the 1994-95 student representatives to the faculty, Alan Maestas (1L), Henry Alaniz (2L), and Jama Fisk (3L).

Spring Exam Schedule to be Distributed with Spring Class Schedule:

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd requested faculty discussion as to whether the exam schedule should be distributed with the class schedule each semester. This would mean that faculty would have to decide now regarding whether they will be giving an final exam for the spring semester, alternate dates, etc. Dean Winograd stated that later changes would create a haphazard schedule of exams, and questioned whether students would make registration choices based on the exam schedule. After discussion by the faculty and input from the student representatives, Professor Scott Taylor moved to adopt the proposal to schedule exams before the beginning of the semester and to distribute this schedule at the same time the class list goes out for the spring semester of 1995. The motion was seconded by Professor Dick Gonzales and when voted on, the motion carried.

Proposed Revision of Bylaw 6-9. Curriculum and Pedagogy.

It was the consensus of the faculty that there was no need to instruct our delegate, Judith Anspach, regarding this proposed revision.

International Water Resources Association Proposal:

Dean Romero informed the faculty that Professor F. Lee Brown has submitted a proposal which will bring the prestigious International Water Resources Association (currently housed at the University of Illinois) to UNM with him as Executive Director. The proposal calls for the University, through the office of the Associate Provost for Research, to come up with financial support for this, and is currently under discussion by the administration.

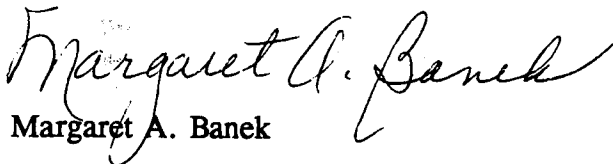
Endowed Chairs and Professorships:

Dean Romero asked for faculty input on issues concerning negotiations with donors for endowed chairs and professorships. He reported on the three professorships currently awarded by the Law School: (1) the Regents' Professorship, which is awarded for one year to faculty members in order of seniority, and carries with it a salary supplement and/or funding for travel and research of \$8300, (2) the Weihofen Professorship, awarded for two years to a faculty member teaching in the same specialty as Henry Weihofen, which carries a \$5000 salary supplement along with travel and support funding for a total of \$8300, and (3) the Keleher and McLeod Professorship, awarded for two years for excellence in teaching, which also has a \$5000 salary supplement along with travel and support funding for a total of \$8300. The Weihofen and Keleher and McLeod professorships are given based on committee recommendations to the Dean.

In the discussion that followed, the following views were expressed: (1) we should try to preserve the egalitarian culture on the faculty, (2) we should try to use chairs and professorships to enhance the areas of emphasis, (3) we should try to persuade donors to create professorships to enhance current faculty salaries, (4) whenever possible, Dean Romero should try to steer the donor to give the School of Law as much flexibility as possible, and (5) perhaps chairs could be awarded to current faculty on a rotating basis for either two or five years with a requirement of a product like a treatise or casebook, or could be filled on a visitorship basis.

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

Respectfully submitted,


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Attachment A

BYLAW SECTION 6-9. CURRICULUM AND PEDAGOGY (PROPOSED)

The Executive Committee recommends that the current bylaw on Curriculum should be replaced.

Current Bylaw 6-9 reads: A member school shall offer a comprehensive curriculum, a sound educational program, and courses in various fields often enough to afford students an opportunity to participate in them.

The proposed bylaw reads:

Bylaw 6-9. Curriculum and Pedagogy.

a. The curriculum of a member school should be the result of a curriculum planning process by the faculty, which should include a periodic review of the curriculum for its content and effectiveness. Member schools are also encouraged periodically to review the pedagogical effectiveness of their programs.

b. A member school shall offer a program of instruction that will assure that its students have a comprehensive understanding of legal institutions and an appreciation for the role of law and lawyers in society, and are academically qualified to participate effectively and responsibly in the legal profession.

c. A member school shall provide varying methods of instruction related to its curricular objectives. These shall include significant opportunities for instruction on an individual or small-group basis and for instruction regarding client representation.

d. A member school shall offer courses in a wide variety of fields often enough to afford students an opportunity to participate in them and shall assure that every student receives significant instruction in legal writing and research.