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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY

FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN 

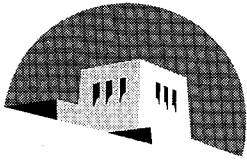
DATE: November 30, 1994

SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

**Faculty Meeting
December 5, 1994
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of November 7, 1994, Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Semester-In-Practice in D.C. - Action Item - Suedeem Kelly
4. CIRT Proposal for Jury Panel Selection - Report Item - Mike Norwood
5. Law School Attendance Policy
6. ADA Modification - Report Item
7. Faculty Appointments Committee - Report Item - Sheryl Scheible Wolf
8. Part-Time Upperclass Program - Action Item - Ted Occhialino
9. Student Employment Issue - Discussion Item - Peter A. Winograd
10. New Business

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SUBJECT: 1995 SPRING SEMESTER FACULTY MEETING SCHEDULE

OUR FACULTY MEETINGS FOR THE 1995 SPRING SEMESTER WILL BE HELD IN THE DEAN'S CONFERENCE ROOM AT 4:00 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING MONDAYS:

JANUARY 23, 1995
FEBRUARY 6, 1995
FEBRUARY 20, 1995
MARCH 6, 1995
MARCH 20, 1995
APRIL 3, 1995
APRIL 17, 1995
MAY 1, 1995

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December 5, 1994

Faculty Meeting Minutes

School of Law

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

PRESENT: Anspach, Bergman, Browde, Eiriksson, Fort, Fritz, Gill, Gomez, Gonzales, Hall, Harrison, Kelly, MacPherson, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya, Nathanson, Norwood, Occhialino, Pearson, Romero, Schwartz, Taylor, Utton, Valencia-Weber, Winograd, Wolf, Zuni

ABSENT: Desiderio, DuMars, Ellis, W., Hart, Scales, Sedillo Lopez

Student Representatives: Alan Maestas, Henry Alaniz

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the November 7, 1994, meeting were approved as written.

Dean's Report:

John Arango has been hired as the law school facilitator and will be interviewing faculty members individually beginning the week of December 12. Faculty members should set up an appointment with Margaret Banek for a time that is convenient.

Denise Fort gave the keynote speech and moderated a panel discussion at the President's Council on Sustainable Development Natural Resources Task Force Western Team New Mexico Workshop on November 21-22, 1994, in Santa Fe.

Dean Romero reported that he had received a letter from Carl C. Monk, Executive Vice President and Executive Director of the Association of American Law Schools, expressing his gratitude to Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd for his contributions as a member of the planning committee, moderator, and small group leader for the AALS Workshop for Faculty in Law School Administration.

Dean Romero reported that the law school has been advised that our elevators are no longer up to code as far as wheelchair accessibility. UNM has received money from the legislature to make these adaptations on campus, so two wheel chair lifts will be installed at the law school--one by the main door and one by the library.

The Trustees for the Simms Lectureship have invited Peter Arenella for September 7 and 8, 1995. Professor Arenella teaches Criminal Law at UCLA and is reporting on the O.J. Simpson case for one of the national television stations.

UNM Faculty I.D. cards are here and available at Ethel's desk.

The Guadalajara Book Fair was attended by Law Professors Bill MacPherson, Margaret Montoya, Christine Zuni, Franklin Gill, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, and Em Hall. These faculty members did an effective job and represented the University and the Law School very well.

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

Professor Suede Kelly reported on the recommendations to the faculty from the Ad Hoc Committee on the Vermont Law School's Environmental Law Semester-in-Practice in Washington, D.C. program. Two law students have petitioned the law school to join the consortium and have asked that they be awarded 14 credit hours toward graduation, with these credit hours fulfilling their ethics and Clinic requirement. After explaining the program at Vermont and informing the faculty that joining the consortium is no longer a possibility, Professor Kelly stated that the Committee recommends that the students be awarded 12 credits, approved as visiting students at Vermont Law School, and that their participation in this program satisfy the ethics requirement. The Committee also recommends that a faculty member/committee be appointed to evaluate the program from data given to them by the returning students and to design a Semester-in-D.C. program for the law school. The Committee recommends that the Dean seek outside funding for a "Professorship in D.C." to rotate among interested faculty to supervise this program. After discussion, Dean Romero called the question, and when voted on, the motion carried.

CIRT Proposal for Jury Panel Selection:

Professor Mike Norwood reported on a proposal CIRT is putting together to create a jury base and to supply jury pools for federal judges. They have asked if our faculty would want to be affiliated with this project for research or teaching purposes.

Law School Attendance Policy:

Dean Winograd asked the faculty to respond to the memo written by Allegra Carpenter on October 10, 1994, which asked for an explanation of the law school's attendance policy in view of the decision to grant John Wertheim's request to take a reduced course load this semester in order to serve as campaign manager for Governor King after her request to work during the legislative session last spring had been denied. A motion was made by Professor Ted Occhialino to instruct the Dean to give Ms. Carpenter a copy of our attendance policy (page 25 of the UNM School of Law Bulletin and Handbook of Policies) and inform her that if she feels the policy should be strengthened, perhaps she can suggest ways and bring (through student representatives to the faculty) the proposed changes to the faculty. The motion was seconded by Professor Mike Norwood, and discussion of the differences between Ms. Carpenter's request and Mr. Wertheim's request followed. Professor Rob Schwartz made a motion to include a statement that the faculty would have denied Mr. Wertheim's petition if they had known of his intention not to attend the classes he had registered for. The motion to amend was seconded by Professor Margaret Montoya, and when voted on, the motion carried. Dean Romero then called for a vote on the amended motion, and when voted on, it carried.

Curriculum Committee:

Professor Mike Norwood announced that the Semester-In-Practice program is ready to begin interviewing for two lecturer positions (clinical fellows), and encouraged faculty members to meet with the candidates while they are at the law school. Copies of applications and resumes will be distributed in faculty mailboxes and made available at the front reception desk.

Because of the change in curriculum due to SIP, the Committee recommends that the ethics component and the Clinic be co-requisites so that they must be taken at the same time. The Curriculum Committee, therefore, recommends that the Ethics course scheduled for the spring semester be limited to students enrolled in the Clinic.

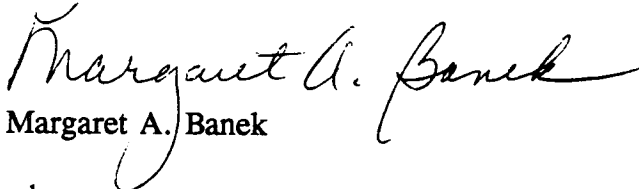
Flexible-Time Legal Education Program:

Professor Ted Occhialino distributed a motion (attached) recommending that the School of Law adopt a Flexible-Time Legal Education Program effective for students who enter the School of Law in the fall of 1994 and thereafter. Professor Occhialino then moved to table the motion until the next faculty meeting.

Due to the lateness of the hour, it was the consensus of the faculty to meet again next Monday, December 12, to cover the remaining agenda items.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret A. Banek

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Attachment

MOTION

Flexible-Time Legal Education Program

In order to allow students who have family responsibilities or financial or personal needs that cannot adequately be met while undertaking a full-time three year program, and to encourage additional qualified persons to apply to law school who are not in a position to attend law school full-time for three years, while at the same time assuring the continued integrity of the existing academic program,

The School of Law adopts a Flexible-Time Legal Education Program effective for students who enter the School of Law in the Fall of 1994 and thereafter.

The following describes the Flexible-Time Legal Education Program (FTLEP):

1. All students admitted to the Law School must complete the first year program as full-time students, subject to all existing rules, including limitations upon the number of hours students can work during the first year of law school;
2. Prior to beginning the second year of law school, or thereafter, students may apply for participation in the FTLEP;
3. The Associate Dean shall counsel students who apply for the FTLEP program and then shall grant them permission to participate in the program unless a compelling reason exists to deny the application;
4. Students who participate in the FTLEP:
 - A. May take only eight or nine academic credits each semester;
 - B. Are exempt from current rules limiting the number of hours that full-time students are permitted to work;
 - C. Are eligible for financial aid as are full-time students, though the Financial Aid Committee, in determining financial need of an FTLEP student, shall take into account both the student's opportunity to work expanded hours and the students' actual earnings;
 - D. Are eligible, as are full-time students, to participate in all extra-curricular and co-curricular activities, to qualify for all honors and awards bestowed by the College of Law, to register for Summer School and Intersession Courses and to register for classes of limited enrollment;

E. Must meet all regular prerequisites for graduation including "residence hours" and course requirements;

F. Shall pay tuition in accordance with University schedules applicable to part-time students.

G. May choose to re-enroll as full-time students (subject to all rules applicable to full-time students) after they have been granted FTLEP status, by notifying the Associate Dean of their intent to do so prior to the commencement of the semester in which they plan to attend school full-time;

H. Must graduate from the School of Law no later than nine semesters after they enroll (e.g., a student entering in the Fall of 1995 must graduate by the end of the Fall Semester of 1999) unless the Associate Dean grants an extension for compelling reasons.

5. The Flexible-Time Legal Education Program is adopted with the following explicit directions as to its subsequent implementation:

A. There shall be no significant changes in the existing schedule of courses, the dates they are offered or the times they are offered merely to accommodate the needs or preferences of FTLEP students;

B. The program is not a true "part-time" program, should not be advertised as such, and is not intended to lead inexorably toward the institution of a true part-time program.