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MEMORANDUM

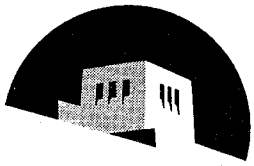
TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN *LMR*
DATE: January 20, 1995
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

**Faculty Meeting
Monday, January 30, 1995
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of December 12, 1994, Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Legal Writing Instructor - Sheryl Wolf
4. Building Addition - Report Item
5. Faculty Appointments - Discussion Item
6. Faculty Senate Election (Attached)
7. Proposed Second-Year Writing Program - Ted Occhialino (Attached)
8. New Business

* There will be a meeting of the Promotion and Tenure Committee immediately following the Faculty Meeting.

LMR:mb
Attachments



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January 11, 1995

TO: Leo M. Romero
Dean, School of Law

FROM: Anne Brown, University Secretary Emerita

SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Elections

The UNM Faculty Constitution, Article I, Section 6 (b) (i) states:

There shall be one senator for each thirty full-time faculty members or major fraction thereof from each school, college, or branch with a full-time academic faculty, elected by the members of that faculty. For purposes of calculating the number of full-time faculty members the actual number of full-time contracted faculty shall be used. Budgeted positions not filled and part-time faculty will not be counted. No school, college or branch with a full-time academic faculty shall have less than one senator.

Also, Section 6 (c) (vii) states:

Voting members of the Faculty Senate shall be elected for terms of two years... No one shall serve more than four consecutive years as a voting member.

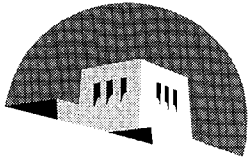
According to our records, the term of William MacPherson expires this year.

William MacPherson has served two consecutive terms as a senator and is not eligible for re-election. All other faculty members from the School of Law are eligible for election.

The term of office for your new senator will be 1995-97.

Please send me the results of your election as soon as possible but no later than February 24, 1995.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you.




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MEMORANDUM

TO: Law School Faculty

FROM: Leo M. Romero, Dean 

DATE: January 20, 1995

The faculty meeting scheduled for Monday, January 23, is canceled, and is rescheduled for Monday, January 30, at 4:00 p.m. There will be a meeting of the Promotion and Tenure Committee immediately following the Faculty Meeting.

LMR:mb

January 30, 1995

Faculty Meeting Minutes
School of Law
Dean's Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Anspach, Blumenfeld, Browde, DuMars, Fort, Fritz, Gill, Gomez, Gonzales, Hall, Harrison, Hermann, Kelly, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya, Musgrave, Norwood, Occhialino, Pearson, Rapaport, Romero, Sanders, Schwartz, Sedillo Lopez, Taylor, Utton, Valencia-Weber, Wolf, Zuni

ABSENT: Bergman, Beyer, Desiderio, MacPherson, Nathanson, Scales, Winograd

Student Representatives: Alan Maestas, Henry Alaniz, Jama Fisk

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

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

Dean's Report:

Dean Romero welcomed the following new and visiting faculty members to the School of Law: Professor Liz Rapaport, who teaches Jurisprudence and Advocacy; Visiting Professor Ruth Musgrave, who teaches Advocacy and Biodiversity in Law; Visiting Professor Gerry Beyer, who teaches in the area of Commercial Law; and Barbara Blumenfeld, Legal Writing Instructor.

Dean Romero also welcomed Maureen Sanders back from her sabbatical.

Dean Romero informed the faculty that the Registrar has still not received grades in four courses, affecting a total of 308 individual grades. He reminded the faculty of the reasons grades need to be in on time--that students need up-to-date transcripts for employment interviews and for financial aid purposes, and to establish whether any should be placed on probation. Dean Romero stated that the law faculty has a responsibility to the Law School and to students to evaluate them in a timely fashion, and that he will be looking into sanctions in order to encourage faculty compliance with the deadline.

Legal Writing Instructor:

Associate Dean Sheryl Scheible Wolf announced that the Law School is ready to advertise the half-time legal writing instructor position and asked for input from the faculty as to the duties and role of the legal writing director.

Professor Suede Kelly stated that the recommendation of the ad hoc committee to the dean last year was that the legal writing director design the Advocacy and LRRW problems and

plan the writing lab in the summer, and in the fall and spring teach the remedial program plus the three-day, pre-semester writing course.

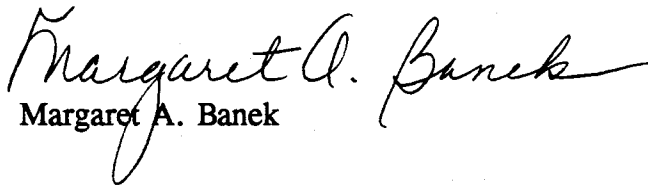
After extensive discussion, Dean Romero suggested that the ad hoc committee on the role of the legal writing director review its previous recommendation and bring forward a proposal for faculty discussion and vote at the next meeting. Also, Dean Romero invited the faculty to bring forward other proposals if they wished by drafting them for the next meeting.

Proposed Second-Year Writing Program:

Professor Ted Occhialino moved to direct the Dean, the Curriculum Committee, and the ad hoc committee to design a second-year legal writing program to begin no later than the fall of 1996. The motion was seconded by Chuck DuMars. When voted on, the motion carried. It was the consensus of the faculty that the Curriculum Committee and the ad hoc committee also recommend whether the Law School should hire a permanent director for a three-year term or a temporary person until the program has been established.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret A. Banek

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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 23, 1995

To: Dean Romero

From: Ted Occhialino

T.O.

I will make the following motion at the next faculty meeting. Please place the item on the agenda for the faculty meeting of January 30, 1995.

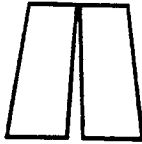
MOTION:

The faculty directs the Dean and the Curriculum Committee to create a mandatory second-year writing program to begin no later than the fall of 1996.

MEO:tbk

Attachment

cc: Faculty



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PETER A. WINOGRAD
ASSOCIATE DEAN

1/19/95

TO: Curriculum Committee

Norwood/Anspach/Fritz/Scales/Valencia-Weber/
Wolf/Wade/Hoffman-Dooley/Cohen

cc: Romero/Blumenfeld

I have just received the report of the judges who read papers submitted in last year's writing contest (there were 23 entries). You will find their general comments interesting...and somewhat depressing.

P.A.W.

P.S. Eight papers have been recommended for thesis honors, and the faculty will be asked at an upcoming meeting to affirm these recommendations. If you would like to review any of the papers (the best?the worst?), let me know.

cc: Committee on Academic Quality

Sadillo Lopez

Dionderico

Gomez

Ochualino

Wolf

[Handwritten signature]

As I mentioned to you on the phone, if any of these papers were to be published, then it is imperative that the authors review them for grammatical and typographical errors. Kim and I were surprised by the number of grammatical errors we encountered while reviewing the papers -- including the five finalists! We found several authors struggle with subject verb agreement (i.e., "The Drawbacks ... is") and other problems that are pretty fundamental.

I would also note that several judges were not very impressed with the overall quality of the papers. In several instances, only one paper received a high score while the others were ranked very, very low. Judges consistently noted serious problems with grammar, organization and legal analysis. I certainly do not want to downgrade the overall quality of the papers, but I believe these are some legitimate concerns that need to be brought to your attention.

While I understand that I am not fully aware of faculty discussions regarding curriculum, I am aware that there has been some concern regarding the legal writing program at UNM and the need to possibly place more emphasis on it or extend it into the second year. Based on the comments we received and our individual review of the papers, I hope that concerns about the legal writing curriculum are given due consideration by Dean Romero and the faculty. I'm sure there are no easy answers, but I hope there is a continuing dialogue to improve the quality of the program.

Please know that Kim and I enjoyed our involvement with this writing contest and look forward to contributing in the future. The twenty or so judges who helped us out were also very enthusiastic about their participation.

If you have any questions or need some specific information on the papers, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

DINES, WILSON & GROSS, P.C.

By: 
Martin R. Esquivel

MRE
cc: Kim Griffith