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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN 
DATE: February 17, 1995
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

**Faculty Meeting
Monday, February 20, 1995
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of February 6, 1995, Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Art in the Law School
4. Bulletin Board - Maureen Sanders
5. Annual Campaign - Report Item
6. Faculty Senate - Election of Law School Senator
7. 1995-96 Budget Request - Report Item
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10. Thesis Honors for Last Year (1993-94)
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February 20, 1995

Faculty Meeting Minutes

School of Law

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

PRESENT: Anspach, Browde, Fritz, Gomez, Gonzales, Hall, Hermann, Kelly, Musgrave, Mathewson, Norwood, Occhialino, Pearson, Rapaport, Romero, Sanders, Schwartz, Sedillo Lopez, Taylor, Utton, Valencia-Weber, Winograd, Wolf

ABSENT: Beyer, Desiderio, DuMars, Fort, Gill, Harrison, Hart, MacPherson, Martinez, Montoya, Nathanson, Scales, Zuni

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 February 6, 1995, meeting were approved as distributed.

Dean's Report:

Visiting Professor Katherine Pearson has accepted an offer of a tenure-track position at Dickinson School of Law.

The faculty joined Dean Romero in congratulating the international moot court team for advancing to the finals of the Jessup Moot Court Competition. Members of the team include Jane Cavanaugh, Melony Harper, Jonlyn Martinez, Matt Parkin, and Joshua Sutin.

Also, both mock trial teams advanced to the finals in the regional competition at the University of Washington in Seattle. The faculty joined Dean Romero in congratulating the teams and their coaches, Steve Scholl and Sharon Marinuzzi. The members of the team include Varell Fuller, Gabe Parra, Tom Outler, Cynthia Payne, Dusti Pofahl, and Glenn Smith.

On January 20, 1995, the Navajo Supreme Court issued an order permitting UNM law students to practice before the Navajo courts. The clinical students will be able to appear in Navajo courts under the supervision of a professor in the clinic or a lawyer licensed in the Navajo court.

Dean Romero has received a memo from Provost Mary Sue Coleman announcing that the UNM Planning Council will begin the revision of the UNM 2000 Plan. The revision is to be completed by June of 1995. The revised Plan will be distributed to faculty members for input. Professor Gloria Valencia-Weber stated that the Plan should include a specific statement regarding UNM post-baccalaureate education for Native Americans.

Art in the Law School:

The Law School has been selected as one of the units to receive art work made available by the University Art Museum. Dean Romero asked for volunteers for a committee to select the art and to choose where it will be placed in the Law School.

Annual Campaign:

Dean Romero reported that he will be seeking funding for projects and programs here at the Law School by using the annual campaign brochure and donor lists. He will be targeting law firms for contributions of \$15,000 to the two Law School publications, the New Mexico Law Review and the Natural Resources Journal. These funds will be used to invite top speakers to present papers for publication in our journals. He is also seeking funds to support the moot court and mock trial teams.

Budget:

Dean Romero reported that he had submitted the Law School's 1995-96 Budget Request on February 1, 1995. It includes requests for increased funding in the operating budget, computer budget, equipment budget, and minor capital improvements budget. The operating budget request seeks funding for a full-time writing instructor, two new dual-degreed law librarians, an additional \$230,000 for books and serials, and \$62,000 for computer databases for the law library.

He also reported that the Law School's request for an addition to the Law School facility has been introduced as part of a legislative bill which includes the other University capital requests. Prospects for passage of this bill are uncertain at this time.

Bulletin Board:

Professor Maureen Sanders reported that in her discussions with transfer students she has been advised that the Law School is wasting huge amounts of paper stuffing student mailboxes with notices. She moved that the administration be prohibited from continuing this practice and that bulletin boards be used throughout the Law School to post notices of interest to students. The motion was seconded by Professor Michele Hermann. In the discussion that followed, Professor Dick Gonzales suggested that the Law School check into "reader boards" which could be used for daily event notices. Mike Norwood reminded the faculty that e-mail could be used more effectively in distributing information to students.

Professor Michele Hermann stated that Main Campus feels recycling should begin in the student area, and that we should try to discourage outside organizations from posting so many notices on doors, windows, etc.

Dean Romero then called the question, and when voted on, the motion carried.

Faculty Senate Election of Law School Senator:

Dean Romero reported that Garrett Flickinger did not wish to serve as the Law School Senator and that no faculty member had expressed interest in serving. Professor Al Utton nominated Rob Schwartz for the open position on the Faculty Senate. Professor Schwartz asked if it would count as a course assignment. Dean Romero said that service on the Faculty Senate would count as a Law School committee assignment. The faculty suggested that Dean Romero negotiate with a faculty member to serve as the Law School Senator.

Committee Structure:

Ted Occhialino moved to restructure the Law School committees in order to fairly allocate work and provide more input from the faculty. The motion was seconded by Professor Maureen Sanders. When voted on, the motion carried, with one dissenting vote.

Natural Resources Center Developments:

Dean Romero reported that he has received a letter of resignation from F. Lee Brown, Director of the Natural Resources Center, effective at the end of the spring semester. In Professor DuMars' absence, Professor Suede Kelly reported that the ad hoc Committee on the Natural Resources Center has reached a consensus and recommends a more active Center for study and teaching for Natural Resources, governed by a board of faculty members who teach in the natural resources law area. The ad hoc Committee (Chuck DuMars, Chair, Denise Fort, Al Utton, and Suede Kelly) will bring written recommendations in writing to the next faculty meeting.

Thesis Honors for Last Year (1993-94):

Associate Dean Peter Winograd reported on the papers recommended for Thesis Honors by students. These papers were read at least twice by faculty before going to outside judges. Professor Maureen Sanders moved to recognize all six papers with thesis honors. The motion was seconded by Visiting Professor Ruth Musgrave and when voted on, it carried.

New Business:

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd reported that the honors and awards forms will be going out and asked faculty to nominate students to him.

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd distributed a letter to Jim White regarding the award of credit for "D" work earned at other law schools.

Dean Romero announced that next Monday, February 27, there will be a meeting of the Promotion and Tenure Committee at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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