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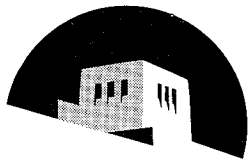
MEMORANDUM

TO: Law School Faculty
FROM: Leo M. Romero, Dean 
DATE: August 24, 1995
SUBJECT: Reminder--Faculty Meeting to Discuss Faculty Appointments

We will meet Monday, August 28, at 4:00 p.m. to discuss faculty appointments. This discussion will provide guidance to the Faculty Appointments Committee, so please consider the following issues:

1. Curricular Needs
2. Entry-Level Versus Established Law Teacher


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TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN 
DATE: September 8, 1995
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING

**Faculty Meeting Agenda
Monday, September 11, 1995
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of August 21, 1995, Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. May Graduates - Pat Trainor
4. Honors - Action Item
5. Order of the Coif - Action Item
6. Non-ABA Transfers
7. Rodey Scholarship - Report Item
8. Angel Fire Lawsuit - Report Item
9. New Business

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September 11, 1995

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

PRESENT: Anspach, Bergman, DuMars, Ellis, Fritz, Gill, Hall, Hart, Kelly, Kovnat, Martinez, Montoya, Moore, Norwood, Occhialino, Rapaport, Romero, Schwartz, Sedillo Lopez, Taylor, Valencia-Weber, Wolf, Zuni

ABSENT: Blumenfeld, Browde, Desiderio, Fort, Gomez-Palacio, Gonzales, Hermann, MacPherson, Mathewson, Scales, Sielstad, Simmons, Winograd

Others: Pat Trainor

Student Representatives: Bernice Galloway, Paul Briones

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the August 21, 1995, meeting were approved as distributed.

Dean's Report:

Professor Sherri Burr and Professor Bill Piatt of Texas Tech have a book contract with NYU Press for "Black-Hispanic Relations in Contemporary America," to be published in 1997.

Professor Alfred Mathewson will have an article included in the Marquette Sports Law Journal's upcoming "Race and Sports" Symposium. The issue should be published in April or May of 1996.

Professor Scott Taylor will participate on a panel at the Navajo National Tribal Taxation conference.

Professor Ann Scales wrote a letter to the editor regarding abortion laws which was published in the Wall Street Journal.

Professors Mike Norwood, Margaret Montoya, and Andrea Seielstad received a memo from Los Pasos commending the SIP Program for the excellent work provided to the families over the past two semesters.

The Indian Law Convocation will be held on Tuesday, September 26, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 2401 at the Law School. Invited speakers are Senator Leonard Tsosie and Kevin Gover.

Rodey Scholarship:

Dean Romero announced that Lisa Chavez (2L) has been selected to receive the Rodey Scholarship for the 1995-96 academic year.

Angel Fire Lawsuit:

Dean Romero read a letter received from attorney Luis Stelzner recommending that the law faculty not pursue litigation on this matter.

Non-ABA Transfers:

Dean Romero asked the faculty if they wish to adopt a policy to permit the transfer of credits from non-ABA-approved law schools now that the ABA will permit this. The Law School currently has no policy regarding accepting credits from these schools. After discussion, Professor Ruth Kovnat moved that the Law School continue its past practice of not granting transfer credits from non-ABA-approved law schools. The motion was seconded by Jim Ellis, and when voted on, carried with 9 votes for, 3 opposed, and 6 abstentions.

Faculty Appointments Committee Report:

Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez reported that the Committee is recruiting and developing criteria for the vacancies at the Law School and asked faculty to nominate former students and colleagues. The Law School will be participating in the AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference November 3 and 4, 1995.

New Business:

Dean Romero announced that Barbara Creel has accepted the position of Indian Law Fellow and will begin October 8.

Professor Scott Taylor reported that the affirmative action issue will be coming up for discussion in the Faculty Senate and asked the faculty for input regarding their position.

May Graduates:

Pat Trainor distributed the list of May graduates to the faculty for approval. A motion was made by Professor Chuck DuMars and seconded by Ruth Kovnat to approve the list. When voted on, the motion carried.

Honors:

Professor Jim Ellis moved that students having a grade point average of 3.80 and above be designated summa cum laude, those having 3.60 and above receive the designation of magna cum laude, and those with 3.40 and above be designated cum laude. The motion was

seconded by Professor Chuck DuMars and when voted on, the motion carried. The students receiving honors, listed below in alphabetical order, are:

Summa cum laude:	Deborah Mann
Magna cum laude:	Susan Hapka Maria Lurie Gary Meade Catherine Oliver Andrew Smith
Cum Laude:	James Braun Cecilia Gutierrez Denise Ready Monique Salazar Tessa Simpson Elizabeth Wee Margaret Whitmore Steven Yarbrough

Order of the Coif:

Professor Jim Ellis moved to recommend for acceptance into the Order of the Coif the top 10% of the 1995 graduating class, which would be the 10 students with the highest G.P.A. The motion was seconded by Professor Ruth Kovnat and when voted on, the motion carried. The students recommended for acceptance into the Order of the Coif, listed below in alphabetical order, are:

James Braun
Susan Hapka
Maria Lurie
Deborah Mann
Gary Meade
Catherine Oliver
Tessa Simpson
Andrew Smith
Elizabeth Wee
Steven Yarbrough

A motion was made by Professor Mike Norwood that all faculty who are eligible and are not currently members of the Order of the Coif be recommended for acceptance. The motion was seconded by Professor Fred Hart and when voted on, the motion carried.

Professor José Martinez recommended that each of the students receiving honors or Order of the Coif receive a personal letter from Dean Romero.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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