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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Law School Faculty

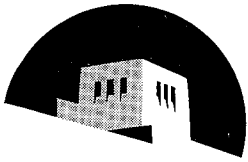
**FROM:** Leo M. Romero, Dean 

**DATE:** September 21, 1995

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The faculty meeting scheduled for Monday, September 25, has been cancelled. Our next faculty meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 9.


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**TO:** LAW FACULTY  
**FROM:** LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN   
**DATE:** October 4, 1995  
**SUBJECT:** FACULTY MEETING

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**Faculty Meeting Agenda  
Monday, October 9, 1995  
Dean's Conference Room  
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of September 11, 1995, Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Election of Representative and Alternate to AALS House of Representatives
4. U.S.-Mexico Law Journal - Report Item
5. Proposed Faculty Retreat - Report Item
6. Semester-In-Practice - Discussion Item
7. ADA Construction Project - Report Item
8. New Business

*This faculty meeting will focus on the Semester-In-Practice (SIP), so I urge you to attend and remain for the discussion on SIP. I expect to reach the SIP item by 4:20 p.m. Please read the report on SIP which will be distributed separately.*

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October 9, 1995

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

**PRESENT:** Anspach, Bergman, Blumenfeld, Browde, Desiderio, Fort, Fritz, Gill, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Hermann, Kelly, Kovnat, Martinez, Montoya, Moore, Norwood, Occhialino, Rapaport, Romero, Schwartz, Sedillo Lopez, Sielstad, Simmons, Taylor, Valencia-Weber, Winograd, Zuni

Others: Barbara Creel

Student Representatives: Paul Briones

**ABSENT:** DuMars, Ellis, Gomez-Palacio, MacPherson, Mathewson, Nathanson, Scales, Wolf

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 1995, Faculty Meeting as distributed was made by Professor Suedeem Kelly and seconded by Professor Ruth Kovnat. When voted on, the motion carried.

**Dean's Report:**

Dean Romero reminded the faculty of the Third Annual Distinguished Achievement Award Dinner on Friday, October 20, 1995, honoring Dan Sosa, Jr., John D. Robb, Jr., William E. Bondurant, Jr. (posthumously), and Raymond W. Schowers (posthumously), and encouraged all faculty to attend.

Professor Peter L. Arenella of the UCLA School of Law will give the John Field Simms Memorial Lecture on Thursday, November 2, 1995, in the Lecture Hall of the Nursing/Pharmacy Building. The title of his lecture will be "The O.J. Simpson Case: Explaining the Unexplainable." Professor Arenella served as an analyst for the trial for ABC-TV.

The Indian Law Symposium, "Unique Issues in Teaching Indian Law and Developing Indian Law Clinics," will be held November 16-18, 1995 at the Pueblo of Isleta and the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Dean Romero congratulated Barbara Bergman and Jim Ellis on obtaining a pardon for a retarded man in Missouri accused of beating an elderly woman to death and setting her house on fire. The Governor of Missouri stated that he had concluded that the police "manipulated a weak mind" into confessing to the crime.

The Law School will present a CLE entitled "Wills, Trusts, Probate & Charitable Giving: An Introductory Course for the General Practitioner." Jan Hosea is the organizer of the program, which will include presentations by Ken Leach and Professor Scott Taylor.

Dean Romero reported that a very positive article about the University of New Mexico School of Law's Clinical Program has been published in the Student Lawyer.

#### **Election of Representative and Alternate to AALS House of Representatives:**

Professor Fred Hart nominated Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd as the Law School's Representative to the AALS House of Representatives. The nomination was seconded by Professor Robert Desiderio, and Dean Winograd was elected by acclamation. Professor Scott Taylor was elected to serve as alternate.

#### **U.S.-Mexico Law Journal:**

Dean Romero reported that Professor Frank Gill will be the Editor-In-Chief of the fourth issue of the U.S.-Mexico Law Journal, which will be the Law School's third academic publication. The Journal staff will consist of five students, and Henry Alaniz has agreed to act as managing editor. Dean Romero and Professor Bill MacPherson will serve as the Faculty Advisors for the Journal. Dean Romero is planning to hire a staff person to support the U.S.-Mexico Law Institute, the U.S.-Mexico Law Journal, and the Guanajuato Summer Program. The funds to pay this person will come from the money allocated by the N.M. Legislature to the Law School for U.S.-Mexico programs.

Professor Gloria Valencia-Weber requested staff support for the Indian Law Certificate Program. Professor Rob Schwartz recommended that the Law School again study and consider the procedures by which staff are allocated at the Law School.

#### **Faculty Appointments Committee:**

Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez reported that the Committee has received over 300 applications for the Maureen Sanders position. The four positions available are the Sanders vacancy, the future Utton vacancy, the SWILC position, and the Legal Writing position. The Committee is discussing the various options of a lateral hire or hiring an entry-level person. Professor Michele Hermann recommended that if the Law School does a lateral hire, that the person come for a visit before being offered a permanent position.

Professor Sedillo Lopez announced that the New Mexico Hispanic Bar will be sponsoring a CLE on November 2 and 3, 1995.

#### **UNM Honorary Degree Nomination:**

A motion was made by Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez and seconded by Professor Rob Schwartz to nominate Roberta Ramo for an honorary degree from UNM. When voted on, the motion carried. Professors Ruth Kovnat and Robert Desiderio will write the letter of

nomination and compile the materials to accompany it for the UNM Honorary Degree Committee.

**Curriculum Committee:**

Professor Barbara Bergman announced that the Curriculum Committee will hold several meetings for faculty input this fall and urged the faculty to attend. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 3211 and will be a discussion of Property and Natural Resources. A notice will be forthcoming regarding this meeting.

**Proposed Faculty Retreat:**

Dean Leo Romero reported that he received fourteen responses to his memo asking if there was any interest in holding a Faculty Retreat this fall. There is currently no interest in holding another retreat at this time.

**ADA Construction Project:**

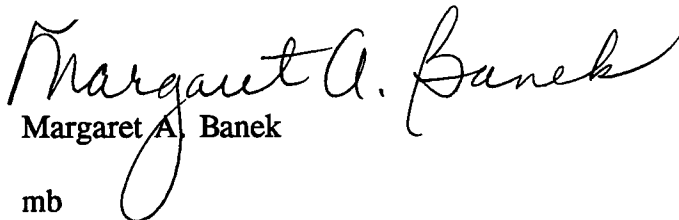
Dean Romero reminded the faculty of the construction project going on at the Law School and asked for everyone's forbearance as the Law School is brought up to the ADA standards. It there are excessive problems with noise, dust, etc., he asked that faculty notify him or Peggy Lovato.

**Semester-In-Practice:**

Professor Mike Norwood asked for discussion on the report he had previously distributed to the faculty, A Call for Decision. He stated that it is time to decide whether or not to continue with the third year of the SIP Program or to abandon it all together and continue with the six-hour clinical program or a wholly new plan. Dean Romero added that the discussion will continue in the Curriculum Committee and will be brought before the faculty at a future faculty meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Margaret A. Banek

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