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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN *LMR*
DATE: November 6, 1995
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING

**Faculty Meeting Agenda
Monday, November 6, 1995
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of October 23, 1995, Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Guanajuato Summer Program - Report Item
4. Universidad de Guadalajara Masters Program - Report Item
5. Faculty Appointments - Report Item
6. New Business

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November 6, 1995

Faculty Meeting Minutes

School of Law

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

PRESENT: Anspach, Bergman, Blumenfeld, Browde, Creel, Desiderio, DuMars, Fritz, Gill, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Kelly, Kovnat, Martinez, Moore, Norwood, Occhialino, Rapaport, Romero, Scales, Sedillo Lopez, Sielstad, Taylor, Valenciã-Weber, Winograd

Student Representatives: Paul Briones

ABSENT: Ellis, Fort, Gomez-Palacio, Hermann, MacPherson, Mathewson, Montoya, Schwartz, Simmons, Wolf, Zuni

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the October 23, 1995, meeting were approved as distributed.

Dean's Report:

The UNM Mock Trial Team made it to the "final four" of the NACDL Competition in Las Vegas, Nevada, and brought home a third-place trophy for the Law School. The faculty joined Dean Romero in commending the team (Glenn Smith-Valdez, Varell Fuller, K.C. Maxwell, Vince Martinez and Alan Maestas) and their coaches, Charles W. Daniels and Barbara Bergman.

Dean Romero reported that Professor Jim Ellis has been awarded a Humanitarian Award for his work on mental retardation issues. Professor Ellis was also lauded by Peter Arenella, the Simms Lecturer, as a hero for his work on behalf of the mentally retarded.

Professors Jim Ellis and Barbara Bergman are currently preparing an amicus brief for mental disability organizations in the case of Cooper v. Oklahoma, which will be heard before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Professor Margaret Montoya was a participant in the public forum "The Future of Affirmative Action" held at the Law School November 4.

Dean Romero announced that a consortium made up of three Canadian law schools (University of Montreal, University of Ottawa, and the University of Western Ontario), three Mexican law schools (UNAM, University of Guanajuato, and the Universidad de Baja California, Tijuana), and three U.S. law schools (UNM, Case Western, and American University) will share a \$110,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education for the NAFTA Student Exchange Program. UNM Law School will receive approximately \$34,000

to support two UNM law students per year to attend classes for one semester in Canada or Mexico in 1996, 1997 and 1998. The grant also will be used for costs of administering the project.

Professor Gloria Valencia-Weber participated in an interdisciplinary symposium "Stewards of the Land: Indian Tribes, the Environment and the Law," presented by the Vermont Law School and Dartmouth College on October 15 and 16, 1995.

Professor Al Utton co-authored an article entitled "The Great Lakes: Transboundary Issues for the Mid-90's" with Leonard B. Dworsky and David J. Allee for the University of Toledo Law Review.

Dean Romero announced that while Professor Utton is recovering from his surgery, his Advocacy class will be taught by Professor Chuck DuMars. Professor Ruth Kovnat will teach Professor DuMars' Civil Procedure I, and Professor Kovnat's Advanced Environmental Law will be taught by an adjunct professor.

The New Mexico Constitutional Revision Commission has distributed a report of tentative recommendations and asked for comments by November 22 for consideration at the next meeting, November 28-29. Professor Michael Browde, reporter for the Commission, reported that the Commission will hold its final meeting on December 11 to approve the final draft of its report before its submission to the Governor and the Legislature on December 15, 1995.

Dean Romero reminded the faculty of the Conference on Teaching and Establishing Clinics in Indian Law scheduled November 16-18, 1995. Day 1 of the symposium will be held at the Pueblo of Isleta. Days 2 and 3 will be held at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Dean Romero announced that the CLE sponsored by the Law School on Wills, Trusts and Charitable Giving will be held on November 10 and 11. There are 120 participants registered with a wait list.

Professor Scott Taylor was a presenter at the Tribal Taxation Conference, October 25-27, 1995, in Albuquerque.

The UNM Health Law Moot Court Team reached the quarterfinals of their competition at the University of Illinois, Carbondale, November 3 and 4. The faculty joined Dean Romero in commending coach Pam Lambert and the team members (Leslie Mansfield, Nina Zahrieh, Isamu Inohara and Bev Taylor) for their performance at the competition.

Guanajuato Summer Program:

Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez reported that she and Professor Bill MacPherson will co-direct the Guanajuato Summer Program in 1996. The 1996 curriculum has been set, and the final accounting for the summer of 1995 shows a profit of approximately \$1,800 for the Program.

Universidad de Guadalajara Masters Program:

As Professor Bill MacPherson was not able to attend the meeting, this agenda item will be postponed until the next faculty meeting.

Faculty Appointments Committee Report:

Professor Ted Occhialino reported that several members of the Faculty Appointments Committee attended the AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference in Washington, D.C. and interviewed 51 applicants. Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez reported that approximately 650 applications for the position vacancies have been received so far.

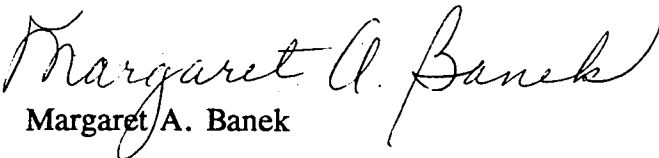
New Business:

Professor Ann Scales reminded the faculty that on May 16, 1994, the faculty voted to adopt two "presumptive curves," one to apply to all small-section required courses (including Clinic) and another to apply to all large-section required courses, but did not decide on what the substance of those curves should be. The faculty deferred further discussion of substantive policy until the Ad Hoc Grading Committee could get samples of such policies from other institutions. Professor Scales reported that the Committee will distribute a report containing these findings to the faculty this week.

Dean Romero brought a request from Professor Scott Taylor to the faculty regarding his visit to the University of Canberra in Australia during the summer of 1996. He anticipates being gone during September and part of October as well, so is requesting permission from the faculty to teach his two assigned courses (Indian Tax Law and Process of Taxation) over the Internet from Australia for the first two months of the fall semester. Professor Barbara Bergman reported that the Curriculum Committee has considered Professor Taylor's request, and recommended that it be allowed with two caveats: (1) that this be considered a one-time, special circumstance and (2) that the students in these two classes be polled beforehand as to their level of comfort with the technology involved. After discussion, it was the consensus of the faculty that a firm return date for Professor Taylor of October 15, 1996 be included in the proposal to be voted on. Professors Chuck DuMars and Bob Desiderio stated they would be available to Professor Taylor's students for extra support. Dean Romero then called the question, and when voted on, the motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,


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