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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN 
DATE: November 29, 1995
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING

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

1. Approval of Minutes of November 20, 1995, Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Grading Curve - Action Item
4. New Business

LMR:mb

December 4, 1995

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

PRESENT: Bergman, Blumenfeld, Browde, Desiderio, DuMars, Fort, Fritz, Gill, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Kelly, Kovnat, MacPherson, Martinez, Mathewson, Moore, Norwood, Occhialino, Rapaport, Romero, Scales, Schwartz, Sedillo Lopez, Taylor, Valencia-Weber, Winograd, Wolf

Student Representatives: Bernice Galloway, Paul Briones

ABSENT: Anspach, Creel, Ellis, Gomez-Palacio, Hermann, Montoya, Seielstad, Simmons, Zuni

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the November 20, 1995, meeting were approved as amended by Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, who asked that her name be removed from the list of organizers for the Conference on Teaching and Establishing Clinics in Indian Law.

Dean's Report:

Professor Scott Taylor will present "An Overview and Workshop: Taxation in Indian Country Within Wisconsin" at the 1996 Midwinter Convention of the Wisconsin Bar in Milwaukee on January 26, 1996.

Professor Denise Fort hosted an Instream Flow Seminar in Albuquerque on November 10, 1995.

Dean Romero reminded the faculty of the importance of meeting the January 19, 1996 grading deadline. This deadline impacts law students in the areas of financial aid and their good standing for enrollment in the clinic.

Dean Romero will be out of the country the first two weeks in January, presenting seminars on clinical education and judicial selection in Mozambique, Botswana, and Zimbabwe.

Update From Faculty Appointments Committee:

Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez reported that the Committee is conducting interviews for New Mexico applicants at the present time. She asked that faculty read the resumes of the semifinalists for the Maureen Sanders position and give their input as to who should be asked to come to the School of Law for full-day interviews. The Committee will give its semifinalist recommendations for the SWILC and legal writing position after the AALS Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

Faculty Computer Requests:

Professor Mike Norwood reminded the faculty that December 4 was the deadline to get their PC requests in.

Grading Curve:

Professor Ann Scales, Chair of the Ad Hoc Grading Committee, gave the history of the process the Committee has gone through to establish a uniform grading curve and discussed the November 8 memo distributed to the faculty with grading information from sister institutions.

Professor Ted Occhialino moved that the grading policy as stated in his memo of December 3 to the faculty be adopted. Barbara Bergman seconded the motion. After considerable discussion, the motion was amended as follows:

The grade point average for all students in any section of any mandatory first-year course offered at this Law School as well as mandatory second and third-year courses, except clinic (currently Constitutional Law and Ethics), shall be between 2.60 and 2.70, which equates to an average grade of B-Minus; individual faculty may provide any range of grades in his or her course so long as the overall average is 2.60 to 2.70, though faculty teaching first-year courses are encouraged to meet and to seek voluntary agreement on the range of grades to be assigned in each section.

The grade point average for all students in any course, including Clinical courses, other than mandatory courses, offered at this Law School, except as noted in the next paragraph, shall be between 2.90 and 3.10, which equates to an average grade of B.

The grade point average for all students enrolled in a seminar with a substantial writing requirement and an enrollment limited to sixteen or fewer students at this Law School shall be between 3.20 and 3.40, which equates to an average grade of B+.

Any program for which grades are given outside of normal scheduled classes (such as independent research) shall be graded only on a "Cr/C-/D+/D-/F" basis.

Any faculty member teaching a non-mandatory second or third-year course who is of the opinion that this grading policy is not appropriate for that course may, with the consent of the Dean obtained prior to the beginning of the course, grade that course on the basis "Cr/C-/D+/D-/F."

In all classes in which the "Cr/C-/D+/D-/F" grading system is used, the professor shall write a letter for inclusion in the student's permanent file, assessing in detail the work of the student, unless the student requests that such a letter not be written. Faculty members are encouraged to write letters

assessing in detail the work of any student in any course when the faculty member is of the opinion that the grade assigned to a student does not fully reflect the performance of that student. The Registrar shall include each such letter in the student's permanent file.

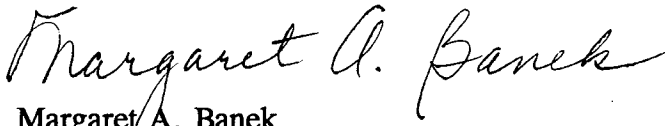
This Motion shall be effective for all grades received for courses and programs begun after August 1, 1996.

When voted on, the amended motion carried.

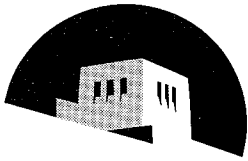
A motion was made by Professor Rob Schwartz and seconded by Professor José Martinez to permit grading outside these rules with the permission of the Dean. When voted on, the motion was defeated.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Law School Faculty

FROM: Leo M. Romero, Dean 

DATE: December 15, 1995

The faculty meeting scheduled for Monday, December 18, has been canceled. Our next faculty meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 1996, at 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Conference Room.

LMR:mb