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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** LAW FACULTY  
**FROM:** LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN   
**DATE:** March 28, 1996  
**SUBJECT:** FACULTY MEETING

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**Faculty Meeting Agenda  
Monday, April 1, 1996  
Dean's Conference Room  
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of March 25, 1996, Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Report on Career Services - Kathy Potter
4. Report on Development - Jan Hosea
5. Proposed Curriculum for 1996-97 - Action Item
6. Proposed Merit Scholarships - Action Item
7. New Business

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April 1, 1996

Faculty Meeting Minutes  
School of Law

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

**PRESENT:** Anspach, Bergman, Blumenfeld, Browde, Desiderio, Ellis, Fort, Fritz, Gill, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Kelly, Kovnat, MacPherson, Mathewson, Montoya, Moore, Norwood, Occhialino, Rapaport, Romero, Schwartz, Sedillo Lopez, Valencia-Weber, Utton, Zuni

Student Representative: K.C. Maxwell

Others: Jan Hosea, Kathy Potter

**ABSENT:** Burr, Creel, DuMars, Hermann, Martinez, Seielstad, Simmons, Taylor, Winograd, Wolf

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the March 25, 1996, meeting were approved as written.

**Dean's Report:**

The Law School 1995-96 National Moot Court Teams competed in the Western Regionals of the American Bar Association's Appellate Advocacy Competition in San Francisco, California, and turned in outstanding performances. The team of Devon Fooks, Patrick McDaniel and Lisa Roybal received the Best Brief award, and the team of Jeff Albright, Karen Kool and Lori Lein received an award for the second Best Brief. Both teams advanced through the preliminary rounds, with the Fooks, McDaniel and Roybal team not eliminated until the quarter finals. The faculty commended the teams and their coach, Professor Sherry Wolf, on their excellent performance.

Dean Romero announced that the week of April 8-12 will be Student Advisement Week. Faculty lists of advisees and additional information will be distributed by Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd and Pat Trainor.

Professor Jenny Moore presented a paper entitled "Restoring the Humanitarian Character of U.S. Refugee Law: Lessons from the International Community" at a symposium on International Human Rights Law held at Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California at Berkeley, on March 16. On March 29, Professor Moore gave a presentation of "Gender Issues in Refugee Law" sponsored by the UNM Chapter of Amnesty International USA.

Dean Romero announced that the Law School has received \$58,000 in tuition differential money which will be added to the base. Dean Romero stated that his priorities for the money are Law Library acquisitions and faculty salary increases. He has just received a University report that shows that law salaries are further behind their peer institutions than salaries in any other department on campus.

#### **Report on Career Services:**

Kathy Potter, Director of Placement and Career Services, spoke to the faculty on what her office has been doing and asked faculty members to let her know what specific services she can provide to help them. Her goal is to prepare students for legal positions and to encourage them to continue learning throughout their careers. She stressed the importance of recommendation letters for students, and offered ideas to help faculty in that area as well. She is currently compiling a list of legal specialties and part-time legal opportunities, and requested that faculty keep her informed in these areas. She announced that a "jobs hotline" listing current employment opportunities will be operational April 5.

#### **Report on Development:**

Jan Hosea, Director of Development, distributed three reports--a list of endowments, an annual giving status report comparison, and a 1995-96 statement of total giving to date. She thanked the faculty for their support and guidance, and for keeping her informed of their current projects. Jan announced that the date for the Distinguished Achievement Award Dinner has been set for November 2, and that Professor Al Utton, Judge Howard Bratton, and Felix Briones, class of 1957, will be the honorees.

#### **Proposed Curriculum for 1996-97:**

Professor Barbara Bergman, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, distributed the Revised Proposed Curriculum for 1996-97, and recommended it for faculty approval. After a short discussion, Dean Romero called for a vote, and the faculty voted to approve the curriculum presented by the Committee.

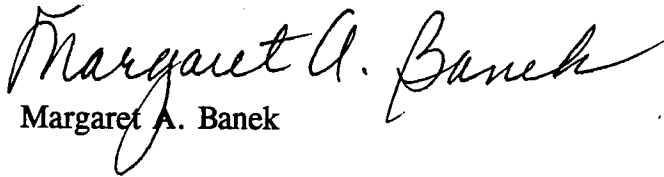
#### **Proposed Merit Scholarships:**

Professor Michael Browde reported that there is a balance of \$50,000 in the Bondurant account, and the Financial Aid Committee requests that the faculty approve a small pilot program to award merit grants to outstanding first-year applicants as a recruiting tool. This is the first year the law school has faced a decline in applications, which has been a national trend for several years, and it is hoped that merit scholarships would lead to the enrollment of exceptional students who might otherwise go somewhere else. After discussion, a motion was made by Professor Liz Rapaport and seconded by Professor Jim Ellis that the Law School offer up to 12 scholarships of \$1,000 each to outstanding applicants and name the scholarships to reflect the prestige in these awards. This award would not affect their financial aid package, and if there is a financial need, more money could be awarded. The name designation of the prestige scholarship is to be the prerogative of the Dean and

Associate Dean. It was also suggested that these offers be tracked and the results studied for future years. When voted on, the motion carried, with Professor Fred Hart voting against.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Margaret A. Banek in cursive script.

Margaret A. Banek

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