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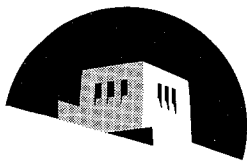
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Law School Faculty
FROM: Leo M. Romero, Dean 
DATE: September 19, 1996

Because of Yom Kippur, the faculty meeting scheduled for Monday, September 23, has been canceled. The meeting is rescheduled for Monday, September 30.


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TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN 
DATE: September 26, 1996
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING

**Faculty Meeting Agenda
Monday, September 30, 1996
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of September 9, 1996, Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Grading System for Clinical Courses - Jose Martinez
4. Clinical Extern Report - Jose Martinez
5. Development Report - Jan Hosea
6. Guanajuato Report - Bill MacPherson
7. NAFTA Student Exchange Report - Frank Gill
8. IPL Report - Paul Nathanson and Paul Biderman
9. Computing Report - Mike Norwood
10. Order of the Coif Election
11. New Business

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September 30, 1996

Faculty Meeting

School of Law

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

PRESENT: Anspach, Browde, Desiderio, Fort, Fritz, Gill, Gonzales, Kelly, Lowe, MacPherson, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya, Moore, Norwood, Occhialino, Parnall, Rapaport, Romero, Subin, Taylor, Utton, Valencia-Weber, Zuni

ABSENT: Bergman, Blumenfeld, Burr, Creel, DuMars, Ellis, Hart, Hermann, Kovnat, Winograd

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Nikayla Nail, Arianne Mesco, Jeff Albright

OTHERS: Jan Hosea

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo M. Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the September 9 faculty meeting were approved as distributed. There was one addition to the minutes--in the second paragraph of the Dean Search Report section, the fifth sentence will now read "He stated that the Dean Search Committee will be made up of one senior University administrator, four *or five* faculty members from the Law School, one student representative from the Law School, one Law School alumni representative, and one community member in the law profession."

Dean's Report:

Dean Romero welcomed student representatives Nikayla Nail (3L) and Arianne Mesco (2L).

Dean Romero welcomed Professor John Lowe, Judge Leon Karelitz Chair in Oil and Gas Law, to the faculty meeting.

The Student Bar Association received the 1996 Outstanding Service award from the Center for Civic Values. Award recipients will be recognized at the Center's annual dinner October 19.

Professor Em Hall's article on the Pecos River Litigation has been accepted for publication.

Professor Dick Gonzales will present "The Preparation and Direct and Cross-Examination of an Expert Witness" at a workshop for the UNM School of Medicine on October 30 and November 1.

Professor Chris Fritz's article "Alternative Visions of American Constitutionalism: Popular Sovereignty and the Early American Constitutional Debate" has been accepted for publication by the Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly.

Professor Robert Desiderio received the "Outstanding Contribution Award" from the New Mexico State Bar for his contributions as co-chair of the Conclave Committee.

Professor Scott Taylor will speak on "Gaming as Economic Development" at a symposium on Indian Gaming at Arizona State University on October 12.

Professor Margaret Montoya presented "Stories and Public Mourning: Wills, Testimonios, and the Preservation of Latina Culture" for the Southwest Hispanic Research Institute Colloquium Series on September 25 and was a panelist on Feminist Theories and Judging at a conference of the National Association of Women Judges on September 28.

Professor Barbara Bergman, Chair of the Amicus Curiae Committee for the New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, filed a brief in the Gordon House case with the New Mexico Court of Appeals.

Professor Ted Occhialino spoke at the U.S.-Mexico Law Institute in Santa Fe on September 21.

Professor Al Utton presented "Dividing the Waters of the Colorado: A Century of Achievement" at the 41st Annual New Mexico Water Conference on September 19. Professor Chuck DuMars moderated a panel discussion at this Conference also.

Professor Michael Browde will explain the seven proposed amendments on the November 5 ballot at a meeting of the Good Government Group on October 24.

Professor Ted Occhialino will speak on "When to Compare: Negligent vs. Intentional Conduct Plus Update on Expanding the Pockets of Joint Liability" and Professor Robert Desiderio will speak on "The Selection of the Cause of Action Does Matter After All: How to Select the Proper Cause of Action To Maximize Damages" at the Damages Seminar for the New Mexico Trial Lawyers Foundation on October 11.

Professor Alfred Mathewson will speak on "Nobody Knows Her Name: The Black American Sportswoman" at the conference of the North American Society of the Sociology of Sport in Birmingham, Alabama, on November 16.

Dean Search:

Dean Romero reported that he had called Provost Gordon's office to ask about the current status of the Dean Search Committee for the Law School. Dr. Gordon has appointed Dr. Chris Garcia as the Chair of the Search Committee, and the Committee list is set except for one member. The Provost's office is working on four dean searches at the moment, but will try to get the Committee in place as soon as possible.

Grading System for Clinical Courses:

Professor Jose Martinez reported that the clinical faculty had met on September 27 to discuss the student petition regarding the application of the mandatory grading curve to the class of 1997. At this meeting the clinical faculty reached a consensus that the petition merited relief, because a substantial percentage of the class of 1997 had gone through a clinic under a different grading system. After discussion, a motion was made by Professor Dick Gonzales to amend the grading policy so that the seminar curve (3.2 to 3.4 with a midpoint grade of B+) would apply to clinical courses beginning this semester forward. The motion was seconded by Professor Margaret Montoya and when voted on, the motion carried.

Clinical Extern Report:

Professor Jose Martinez stressed the importance of the program and read excerpts from reports he had received from students who were in the program this summer. He reported that there were 15 students in the Fall '95 program (12 in law office positions, 3 in judicial positions), 27 students in the Spring '96 program (21 in law office positions, 6 in judicial positions), and 38 in the Summer '96 program (30 in law office positions, 8 in judicial positions). One student served an externship in Canada and another in England. Law students are limited to two externships and a total of three credit hours during their law school program.

Indian Law Convocation:

Dean Romero announced that the third annual Indian Law Convocation to welcome the Indian law students to the Law School community will be held on October 8 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 2401. All faculty are invited to attend. The speaker will be Robert Bennett, director of the American Indian Law Center from 1970 - 1972 and Commissioner of Indian Affairs under President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Development Report:

Jan Hosea, Director of Development for the School of Law, reported that during the 1995-96 fiscal year \$332,446 had been received by the Development Office. Although this amount is less than 1994-95, Ms. Hosea pointed out that last year was an unusual year because of the two very large endowed gifts received. Ms. Hosea reported on events planned by her office for the coming year, which include the Hatton W. Sumners Foundation Symposia and speaking trips around the state with Professor John Lowe. Ms. Hosea reminded the faculty of the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award Dinner honoring Professor Al Utton and Felix Briones, and urged all faculty to attend. Ms. Hosea reported on the status of the University's proposal to the Ford Foundation. Although the original draft listed several projects to be considered for funding, now the entire proposal will focus on the Indian Law Program here at the Law School. Ms. Hosea also thanked the faculty for keeping her advised of happenings in the legal community.

Guanajuato Report:

Professor Bill MacPherson reported on the summer law program in Guanajuato, which is sponsored by a consortium which includes law schools from UNM, Texas Tech, Southwestern University, and the Universidad de Guanajuato. The program received 103 applications and accepted 93 students. Of the students who attended the program this summer, 14 were from UNM, 23 from Texas Tech, 9 from Southwestern, 4 from the Universidad de Guanajuato, along with 44 students from other law schools. Representatives from the Consortium will be meeting here at the Law School on Monday, October 7, to close the books on the finances for this year and to plan for next year. Professor MacPherson encouraged faculty members to consider teaching a class next summer in Guanajuato.

NAFTA Student Exchange:

Professor Franklin Gill reported that in 1995 the consortium, which includes the UNM School of Law, Case Western Reserve University, and American University, received a grant of \$110,000 for three years to support 10 students from each school who spend one semester at one of three law schools in Mexico or one of three in Canada over the three years of the program (through July 1999). The UNM School of Law's second-year student, Trena Klohe, will attend the University of Guanajuato in the spring semester. There are two students in the program attending the UNM School of Law this semester, Isabelle Mercier from the University of Montreal and Jay Sokoloff from the University of Ottawa.

Computing Report:

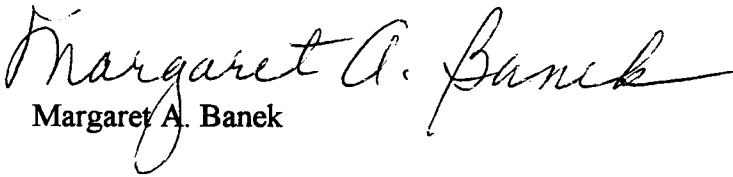
Because of the lateness of the hour, Professor Norwood requested that his report be postponed until the next faculty meeting.

Order of the Coif:

Because the December 1995 graduates were not included in the Class of '96 list previously voted on by the faculty, a new motion for awarding Order of the Coif was requested. Professor Mike Norwood moved that the top twelve students in the class be awarded Order of the Coif. The motion was seconded by Professor Bill MacPherson, and when voted on, the motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret A. Banek". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Margaret A. Banek

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