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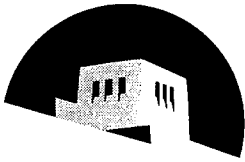
**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Law School Faculty  
**FROM:** Leo M. Romero, Dean  
**DATE:** October 3, 1996

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The faculty meeting scheduled for Monday, October 7, has been canceled. Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 21.


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**TO:** LAW FACULTY  
**FROM:** LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN   
**DATE:** October 17, 1996  
**SUBJECT:** FACULTY MEETING

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**Faculty Meeting Agenda  
Monday, October 21, 1996  
Dean's Conference Room  
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of September 30, 1996, Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Computing Report - Mike Norwood
4. Annual Reviews of Faculty - Discussion
5. New Business

**At 5:00 p.m., the meeting will adjourn so we can attend the reception for John Lowe.**

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October 21, 1996

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

**PRESENT:** Browde, Creel, Fritz, Gill, Gonzales, Hermann, Kelly, Mathewson, Montoya, Norwood, Occhialino, Parnall, Rapaport, Romero, Taylor, Utton, Valencia-Weber, Zuni

Student Representatives: Dylan O'Reilly, Arianne Mesco, Nikayla Nail

**ABSENT:** Anspach, Bergman, Blumenfeld, Burr, Desiderio, DuMars, Ellis, Fort, Hart, Kovnat, MacPherson, Martinez, Moore, Subin, Winograd

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the September 30, 1996, faculty meeting were approved as distributed.

**Dean's Report:**

Dean Romero announced that immediately following the faculty meeting there would be a reception in the Forum for Professor John Lowe, Judge Leon Karelitz Chair in Oil and Gas Law.

The Internet Legal Resource Guide lists the top twenty law schools in the United States based on the composite index and ranks the UNM School of Law number 19.

Dean Romero reminded the faculty of the Distinguished Achievement Award dinner to be held on Saturday, November 2, honoring Felix Briones and Professor Al Utton, and urged all faculty to attend.

Dean Romero reported that he had received a memo from Max Kerlin including the Law School Technology Center minor capital project request (\$77,500) among those funded by the Office of the Provost.

Dean Romero reported that for the second year in a row, UNM School of Law graduates taking the bar exam scored lower than the average of all first-time test takers.

Professor Margaret Montoya's introduction for the Border Crossings Symposium, "Border Crossings in an Age of Border Patrols: Cruzando Fronteras Metaforicas," was published in the Winter, 1996, issue of the New Mexico Law Review. Professor Montoya also taught a class entitled "Woman and the Law" for Anderson Schools and gave one of the banquet speeches at the University of Michigan conference "Latino/a Voices: Moving Beyond the Black/White Binary" and participated on two panels.

Professor Margaret Montoya and Professor Christine Zuni will present "Civility and Multiculturalism" for the School of Justice Studies at Arizona State University on Friday, October 25, 1996.

Professor Liz Rapaport's article, "Capital Murder and the Domestic Discount: A Study of Capital Domestic Murder in the Post-Furman Era" was published in the July-August 1996 issue of the SMU Law Review.

Professor Al Utton presented "Legal Framework of Transboundary Waters," at the Instituto Matias Romero de Estudios Diplomaticos (IMRED) in Mexico on October 7, 1996.

Professor Ted Parnall will speak on "Painful Problems of Law and Development in Indonesia" at the Albuquerque Bar Association luncheon on November 5, 1996.

Professor Suedeen Kelly will be speaking on "The Municipalization Option" at the Special Institute on The Electric Industry sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation in Salt Lake City, Utah, November 19, 1996.

Professor Scott Taylor's article "Teaching a Law Seminar over the Internet" was published September 30, 1996, in the Journal of Information, Law and Technology (JILT).

#### **Computing Report:**

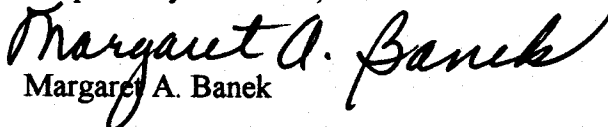
Professor Mike Norwood gave a summary of the computer projects in the pipeline for the Law School. He reported that most of the faculty now have their PCs and that the CATS staff will be coming back around to the PCs given out before fall to put in new software. There are now 10 PCs in the Westlaw room for students, which are heavily used. Twelve more PCs should be available for student use by the end of this academic year. Funding for student computers comes from the student computer fee. There will be 40 new PCs installed in the clinic next summer. At present, 6 library carrels are wired for laptop computer use with network access. Professor Norwood estimated that by the fall of 1998 the Law School may be able to require laptops of entering students, as by that time the infrastructure should be robust enough to support heavy use. Professor Norwood reported that 1Ls and faculty and staff who have received new PCs have been given training, but that faculty should consider taking advantage of further training opportunities given on and off campus. Training and support is an ongoing need.

Dean Romero reported that he had met with Ken Clement, a computer consultant hired by the Law School to come in and advise the Law School on our system. Mr. Clement believes the Law School is going in the right direction with the conversion from the VAX system to the PC-based system, and emphasized the importance of communicating realistic expectations to faculty, staff and students, as changes and improvements do not happen easily or immediately.

The faculty expressed their appreciation to Professor Norwood and to the CATS staff for all their support and help.

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Margaret A. Banek