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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** LAW FACULTY  
**FROM:** LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN   
**DATE:** November 14, 1996  
**SUBJECT:** FACULTY MEETING

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**Faculty Meeting Agenda  
Monday, November 18, 1996  
Dean's Conference Room  
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of November 4, 1996, Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. IPL Report - Paul Nathanson
4. Retroactivity of Honors Policy Amendment
5. Annual Reviews of Faculty - Discussion Item
6. New Business

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November 18, 1996

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

**PRESENT:** Browde, Burr, Fort, Gill, Gonzales, Kovnat, Mathewson, Montoya, Moore, Occhialino, Parnall, Rapaport, Romero, Utton, Valencia-Weber, Zuni

**Student Representatives:** Dylan O'Reilly, Arianne Mesco

**ABSENT:** Anspach, Bergman, Blumenfeld, Creel, Desiderio, DuMars, Ellis, Fritz, Hart, Hermann, Kelly, MacPherson, Martinez, Norwood, Subin, Taylor, Winograd

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the November 4, 1996, faculty meeting were approved as distributed.

**Dean's Report:**

Dean Romero announced that the first meeting of the Dean Search Committee for the School of Law will be Friday, November 22, at 8:00 a.m. in Scholes Hall. He encouraged the faculty to consider nominating their colleagues to the Committee.

Rodney Barker, author of Dancing with the Devil and The Broken Circle, will present two lectures at the Law School on Tuesday, November 19, 1996, in the moot court room.

Professors Ted Occhialino and Liz Rapaport presented a CLE program to the Chaves County Bar Association in Roswell on November 8, 1996. Professor Rapaport's topic was "Disqualification of Judges: Ethical Issues for Lawyers and Judges," and Professor Occhialino spoke on "Recent Developments in New Mexico Civil Procedure."

Professor Chuck DuMars taught a Natural Resource Law course for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Education and Training Center October 29-31, 1996.

The Law School Board of Visitors met on Friday, November 15, and Dean Romero reported that their discussions were interesting and provocative. He thanked Professors Ted Occhialino, Barbara Blumenfeld, Judy Anspach and Mary Custy for their participation in the legal writing session and Professors Browde and Rapaport for their participation in the legal ethics session.

**IPL Report:**

Dean Romero announced that the IPL Report will be postponed until the next faculty meeting.

**Retroactivity of Honors Policy Amendment:**

Dean Romero requested clarification from the faculty regarding the retroactive application of the Honors Policy amendment approved at the last meeting. A motion was made by Professor Michael Browde and seconded by Professor Ruth Kovnat to award honors retroactively to students in the same circumstances as the one who brought the matter to the faculty's attention. When voted on, the motion carried.

**Annual Reviews of Faculty:**

Dean Romero distributed an Annual Review policy for tenured faculty and asked for discussion on how this could be done effectively at the law school without becoming an onerous and burdensome process. After discussion by the faculty on various ways to proceed on this issue, including faculty self-evaluations, brief individual meetings with the dean, or one- or two-page memos to the dean listing accomplishments and goals, Dean Romero said that after considering the suggestions, he would draft a policy, circulate it for comments from the faculty, and bring it back to a future meeting for a vote.

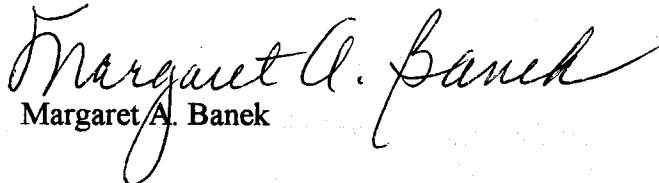
**New Business:**

Dean Romero announced that William S. Dixon will present a faculty colloquium on "The Nicaraguan Election: Observations in the Cloud Forest," on Monday, November 25, and Professor John Lowe will present a faculty colloquium on "What Every Law Professor Needs to Know About Oil and Gas Contracts" on Tuesday, December 3. Both will be held in the Dean's Conference Room at 4:00 p.m. A CLE credit can be earned by attending Professor Lowe's presentation.

Dylan O'Reilly asked the faculty about the status of the ADR classes. Dean Romero reported that the regularly scheduled semester-long ADR class would be taught next semester as planned, but that because Mark Bennett is not available to teach the weekend mediation workshops, we are hoping to find someone to teach those workshops.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Margaret A. Banek