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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN 
DATE: February 6, 1997
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING

**Faculty Meeting Agenda
Monday, February 10, 1997
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of December 16, 1996, Faculty Meeting
2. Letter of Support for U. Of Belgrade (Attached)
3. Faculty Appointments Committee Report - Ted Parnall
4. Faculty Senate Elections
5. New Deadline Extension Procedure for Incomplete Papers (Attached)
6. Budget Update
7. New Business

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Attachments

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

PRESENT: Anspach, Blumenfeld, Burr, Desiderio, Fort, Gonzales, Hall, Kelly, Kovnat, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya, Norwood, Occhialino, Parnall, Rapaport, Roberts, Romero, Sedillo Lopez, Subin, Taylor, Utton, Valencia-Weber, Zuni

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

Others: Pat Trainor

ABSENT: Browde, Creel, DuMars, Ellis, Gill, Hart, Hermann, MacPherson, Moore, Winograd

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

A motion was made by Professor Sherri Burr and seconded by Professor Ruth Kovnat to approve the minutes of the December 16, 1996, faculty meeting as distributed. When voted on, the motion carried.

New Deadline Extension Procedure for Incomplete Papers:

Dean Romero stated that the administration wishes to implement a new procedure regarding the policy on incomplete papers. Pat Trainor, Registrar, discussed the form distributed to the faculty with the faculty meeting agenda. All incompletes received before the Spring 1997 semester will be due May 15, 1997, and future incompletes (Spring 1997 semester and forward) will have specific due dates agreed upon by the instructor and the student. If an extension is requested, a new form is to be completed by the student and the professor. There is no change in the policy on incompletes, but this new procedure will formalize our policy and limit extensions to two terms.

Letter of Support for U. Of Belgrade:

Dean Romero asked for discussion of the letter from the law faculty of Loyola, New Orleans, supporting colleagues at the University of Belgrade in their desire to have the government of Yugoslavia respect the will of the voters as expressed in the recent local elections and endorsing the goals of the "University Initiative Committee for the Defense of Democracy." Dean Romero asked the UNM Law School faculty if they wished to write a letter of support. After discussion, it was the consensus of the faculty to have Dean Romero research the issue further and circulate a letter for signatures at a later time.

Faculty Senate Elections:

A motion was made by Professor Margaret Montoya and seconded by Professor Ruth Kovnat to renominate Professor Scott Taylor to serve on the Faculty Senate for another term. Professor Sherri Burr volunteered to act as an alternate when Professor Scott Taylor cannot attend. Professor Montoya moved nominations close, and the motion carried. The faculty then voted unanimously to elect Scott Taylor as the Law Faculty's representative to the Faculty Senate.

Dean's Report:

The AALS will send Robin Mills, Director of the Law Library at Emory University, for a site visit of our Law Library on Friday, March 14 to evaluate the impact of the Law Library's financial situation on the academic program and research.

The Law School Board of Visitors will be at the Law School for their semi-annual meeting on Friday, April 11.

Dean Romero announced that the Law School received three major gifts in late December, 1996--\$50,000 from Mrs. Jean Seth, \$50,000 from Don Dickason, and \$100,000 from Turner and Margaret Branch for the refurbishing of the Forum.

Professor Stanley Fish of Duke University will speak at the Law School on Wednesday, April 16, 1997, at 12:30 p.m. on the topic "Mission Impossible: Settling the Just Bounds Between Church and State."

Dean Romero announced that he has committed monies from the Dean's Fund for the New Mexico Law Review to put on a symposium during the 1997-98 academic year.

The second of the series of three symposia sponsored by the Hatton W. Sumners Foundation, the Water Law Symposium, was held in Santa Fe on February 7 and 8. With attendance of over 300, the symposium was a huge success. Dean Romero commended the work done by Professor Chuck DuMars, Professor Al Utton, Barbara Jacques and Delia Rojas. Professor Al Utton commended the work done by Elodie Collins and Cindy Nee from the Law School Copy Center to get the materials ready for the symposium. The third symposium, which will be coordinated by Professor Scott Taylor, will be on Indian Tax Law.

Dean Romero announced that he still needs one more faculty member to teach in the Instituto this summer.

Professor Dick Gonzales' student edition of *Examination of Witnesses* has been published.

The article coauthored by Margaret Montoya and Melissa Harrison has been published in the *Columbia Journal of Gender and Law*.

Professor Margaret Montoya spoke at the University of Colorado Law Review's symposium on Affirmative Action: Diversity of Opinions on February 8, 1997.

Dean Romero reported that he has issued a second invitation to Justice Breyer to be our Jurist in Residence during the 1997-98 academic year.

Budget Update:

Dean Romero reported that no new information on the budget situation was presented at the recent Deans' Council meeting.

Faculty Appointments Committee Report:

Dean Romero reported that he had requested an exemption to the hiring freeze imposed by the University for Michele Hermann's position. The request was denied.

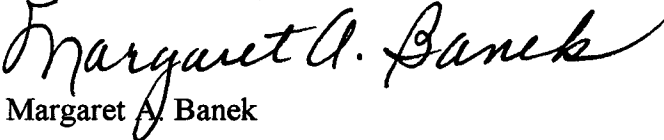
Professor Ted Parnall reported that the Faculty Appointments Committee had gone through over a thousand AALS forms and over 150 regular resumes, and has held telephone interviews with thirteen semi-finalists. The Committee unanimously recommends the following four candidates be invited to come to the campus for a visit/interview:

Nancy Bertalino
Placido Gomez
April Land
Phyllis Subin

Professor Jose Martinez seconded the motion, and when voted on, the motion carried. Professor Scott Taylor commended Professor Parnall for his work as chair of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret A. Banek

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