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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN 
DATE: February 25, 1997
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING

**Faculty Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, February 26, 1997
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Dean's Report
2. Admissions Committee Report - Michael Browde
3. Faculty Hiring

The Committee on Tenure, Promotion and Reappointment will meet following the Faculty Meeting.

Please plan on attending these important meetings and staying late, if necessary.

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February 26, 1997

Faculty Meeting Minutes

School of Law

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

Present: Anspach, Browde, Desiderio, DuMars, Ellis, Hall, Hart, Kelly, Kovnat, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya, Moore, Norwood, Occhialino, Parnall, Rapaport, Romero, Roberts, Sedillo Lopez, Taylor, Valencia-Weber, Winograd, Zuni

Student Representatives: Arianne Mesco

Others: Peggy Garves, Peggy Lovato

Absent: Blumenfeld, Burr, Creel, Fort, Fritz, Gill, Gonzales, MacPherson, Subin, Utton

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

Dean's Report:

Dean Romero announced that there were two bills pending in the New Mexico Legislature which directly impact the Law School—a bill in the Senate to fund a \$2.8 million addition to the Law School and a bill in the House for \$200,000 for the Law Library.

Dean Romero reported that the budget reduction for to the Law School for 1997-98 is 2.59%, or \$133,000.

The faculty joined Dean Romero in congratulating Professors Gloria Valencia-Weber and Liz Rapaport on the unanimous recommendation by the Committee on Tenure, Promotion and Reappointment that they be granted tenure and promoted to Professor.

Admissions Committee Report:

Professor Michael Browde, Chair of the Admission Committee, reported that applications for admission are down about 10%, which is in the range of what is happening in law schools around the country. In order for the UNM School of Law to remain competitive, the Committee is requesting an increase in the funding for merit scholarships from \$12,000 to \$25,000 and to be allowed more flexibility in the awarding of these scholarships.

A motion was made by Professor Jim Ellis and seconded by Professor Ruth Kovnat to increase the amount available for merit scholarships to \$25,000 and to remove the \$1,000 cap on these scholarships, thus giving the Admission Committee the flexibility to award scholarships up to the amount of in-state tuition. When voted on, the motion failed, with eight votes in favor and twelve votes against. The faculty then considered separately the

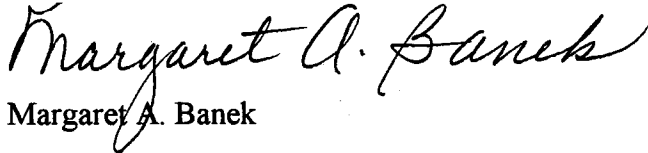
second part of the motion, that is, removing the \$1,000 cap on the scholarships and allowing the Admission Committee to award the scholarships up to the amount of resident tuition. When voted on, the motion carried.

Faculty Hiring:

The Faculty Appointments Committee presented the results of the reference checks on the four finalists (Nancy Bertolino, Placido Gomez, April Land, and Phyllis Subin) for the visiting faculty position. After discussion and a number of straw ballots, the faculty voted to extend an offer to April Land to join us as a Visiting Assistant Professor for the 1997-98 academic year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 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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