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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** LAW FACULTY  
**FROM:** LEO M. ROMERO, DEAN *LMR*  
**DATE:** April 17, 1997  
**SUBJECT:** FACULTY MEETING

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**Faculty Meeting Agenda  
Monday, April 21, 1997  
Dean's Conference Room  
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of March 24 and April 7, 1997, Faculty Meetings
2. Dean's Report
3. 1995-96 Thesis Honors
4. Report on Class Scheduling
5. Advisement Week
6. Use of Word Processor and Memory Typewriters for Take-Home Exams
7. Report on Budget
8. Report on Dean Search
9. Report on Law Librarian Search
10. New Business

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April 21, 1997

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

Present: Bobroff, Burr, Desiderio, DuMars, Gill, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Martinez, Montoya, Moore, Norwood, Occhialino, Parnall, Romero, Scales, Taylor, Utton, Valencia-Weber, Winograd, Zuni

Student Representatives: Nail, Mesco, O'Reilly

Absent: Anspach, Blumenfeld, Browde, Creel, Ellis, Fort, Hermann, Kelly, Kovnat, MacPherson, Mathewson, Rapaport, Roberts, Subin

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

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the March 24, 1997, and April 7, 1997, faculty meetings were approved as distributed.

**Dean's Report:**

Dean Romero welcomed Kip Bobroff to the faculty meeting. Professor Bobroff will join the faculty in the fall of the 1997-98 academic year.

Dean Romero also welcomed back Professor Fred Hart, who has been on leave this semester.

Dean Romero announced that Governor Gary Johnson has appointed Donavon Roberts, clinical fellow at the Law School, to one of the two vacancies on the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court. Both Donavon Roberts and Denise Barela Shepherd, who was appointed to the other vacancy, are graduates of the UNM Law School. The faculty asked Dean Romero to express their congratulations to Donavon on his judicial appointment.

Professor Mike Norwood announced that Leslie Mansfield and Aliza Organick have been awarded an echoing green Graduate Public Service Fellowship for next year. Their proposal was among the 31 chosen out of 300 applicants. The faculty expressed their congratulations to Leslie and Aliza on receiving this fellowship to continue their work on the Black Lung Project.

### **1995-96 Thesis Honors:**

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd reported that the judges of the 1995-96 Writing Contest have recommended the paper submitted by Allison Bailey entitled "From the Closet to the House-Tops: The Law and Ethics of Media 'Outing,'" for thesis honors. A motion was made by Professor Ted Parnall and seconded by Professor Ann Scales to approve Ms. Bailey's paper for thesis honors. When voted on, the motion carried. Dean Winograd announced that the deadline for the 1996-97 writing competition will be June 30, 1997.

### **Report on Class Scheduling:**

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd reported that he is receiving more and more special requests from the faculty regarding the scheduling of classes, such as requests for no Fridays, no late afternoons, no 8:30's, etc. It is very difficult or nearly impossible to do the schedule and accommodate these requests, and Dean Winograd asked that the faculty consider this issue at a faculty meeting in the fall.

### **Advisement Week:**

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd announced that Advisement Week has been scheduled for April 23-30, 1997. A notice and a copy of the class schedule will be in faculty and student mailboxes. Professor Scott Taylor suggested that professors be assigned their first-year advisees in the fall so that student/professor relationships can begin in the first semester.

### **Order of the Coif Lecture:**

Dean Gregory Williams of the Ohio State College of Law will present the Order of the Coif Lecture on Friday, April 25, 1997, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 2401. Dean Romero urged the faculty to attend the Faculty Lunch, the Lecture and Reception with Dean Williams.

### **Use of Word Processor and Memory Typewriters for Take-Home Exams:**

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd distributed copies of the policy regarding use of word processors and memory typewriters for take-home exams. A request has been made by Janet Cox to change part three of the policy to read: *Word processors and memory typewriters not within this definition may be used for papers, including take-home examinations, but not for in-house examinations.* A motion was made by Professor Chuck DuMars and seconded by Professor Margaret Montoya to approve this change of policy. Professor Gloria Valencia-Weber urged the faculty to seriously consider requiring laptop computers when students enter law school in order that it can be included in their financial aid budget. Professor Mike Norwood reminded the faculty that before laptop computers can be made a requirement, the infrastructure and CATS staff must be able to support them. The question was called, and when voted on, the motion carried.

**Report on Budget:**

Dean Romero reported that the Law School did receive the tuition differential money from the Provost's office and plans to use it for law library acquisitions. The Provost turned down Dean Romero's request to give faculty and staff raises if the funds were available, because other University departments do not have the funds to give raises.

**Report on Dean Search:**

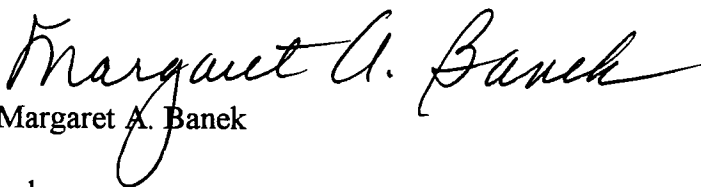
Dean Romero urged the faculty to sign up on the schedule to meet with the four dean candidates. Dean Winograd asked the faculty if they wanted the candidates to give a presentation at the luncheon for the faculty. After discussion, it was the consensus of the faculty that they would like the candidates to each give a presentation on why they are interested in the position, why they would like to come to UNM, their vision for the law school, and the role of the dean in the law school. The faculty also agreed to a special faculty meeting for next Monday, April 28, in order to discuss what the faculty is looking for in a dean.

**Report on Law Librarian Search:**

Professor Al Utton, Chair of the Search Committee, reported that they have narrowed the field of 26 candidates down to seven finalists, and hope to indicate to Dean Romero the top three candidates sometime this week. The Committee would like to have the candidates here to interview before graduation.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Margaret A. Banek

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April 28, 1997

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

Present: Anspach, Browde, Burr, Fort, Gill, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Kelly, Kovnat, Mathewson, Montoya, Moore, Norwood, Occhialino, Parnall, Rapaport, Romero, Scales, Sedillo Lopez, Taylor, Utton, Valencia-Weber, Winograd

Student Representatives: O'Reilly, Mesco

Absent: Blumenfeld, Creel, Desiderio, DuMars, Ellis, Hermann, MacPherson, Martinez, Subin, Zuni

The meeting was called to order by Dean Leo Romero.

Dean Romero welcomed Evalina Lopez, who accompanied Antoinette Sedillo Lopez to the faculty meeting.

Dean Romero expressed his appreciation to Professor Barbara Blumenfeld for her hard work in organizing and presenting the Advocacy tournament last week. He also expressed his thanks to all the faculty and tutors who assisted her in the tournament.

#### **Law Librarian Search Committee Report:**

Professor Al Utton reported that the Committee has recommended the following four finalists to Dean Romero for the Law Library Director position:

1. Marsha Baum
2. Scott Finet
3. Thomas Steele
4. Arturo Torres

Professor Utton stated that the candidates would be visiting the Law School in the latter part of May. Dean Romero urged the faculty to make time to visit with the candidates while they are here at the law school.

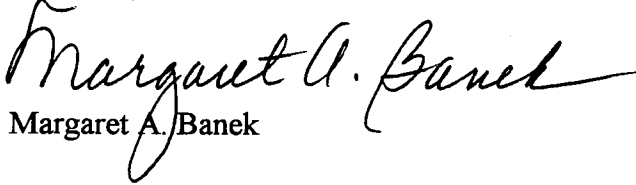
#### **Dean Search Discussion:**

It was the consensus of the faculty to have a special meeting on Wednesday, May 14, starting at 9:00 a.m., to discuss the dean candidates after their visits and to vote on who they wish to recommend to Provost Bill Gordon.

A discussion followed on what qualities the faculty will be looking for when they meet with the four candidates for the deanship position.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Margaret A. Banek in cursive script.

Margaret A. Banek

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