

June 10, 1997

**Faculty Meeting Minutes
School of Law
Dean's Conference Room, 12:00 Noon**

Present: Blumenfeld, Browde, Burr, Ellis, Gill, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Kovnat, Martinez, Norwood, Occhialino, Parnall, Rapaport, Romero, Scales

Others: Lorraine Lester, Steve Rollins

Dean Romero distributed copies of the memorandum from the Law Library Search Committee listing the candidates in ranked order and including a summary of the evaluations submitted to the Committee. He also distributed copies of memoranda from faculty who could not attend the meeting. Professor Ted Occhialino distributed copies of a memorandum from Mary Custy, Associate Law Library Director.

Steve Rollins, Acting Chair of the Search Committee in Al Utton's absence, and Lorraine Lester, Secretary of the Committee, reported on the Committee's work in gathering and summarizing the written evaluations from the Library Staff, Law School Faculty, and law students following the on-site interviews. They also answered questions about the candidates.

Following a discussion of the four candidates, Marsha Baum from the University of South Carolina, Scott Finet from Temple, Thomas Steele from Wake Forest, and Arturo Lopez Torres from Gonzaga, Professor Fred Hart moved to extend an offer to Marsha Baum. Professor Ted Parnall seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Professor Em Hall then moved to make the offer at the rank of Associate Professor. Professor Mike Norwood seconded this motion, and it was approved unanimously. After a discussion regarding the terms of the offer to Marsha Baum, with tenure or probationary, Professor Jim Ellis moved, with a second by Professor Ann Scales, to delegate to the dean the authority to negotiate the terms of a probationary contract in view of the discussion favoring a period of two years before the tenure evaluation in the third year. This motion was approved with one vote against it.

Professor Ted Occhialino then moved, with a second by Professor Fred Hart, to offer the Law Library Director position to Arturo Lopez Torres if Marsha Baum declines. This motion was approved unanimously. Professor Hart then moved to make the offer to him at the rank of full Professor. Professor Norwood seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. A discussion followed regarding tenure status for Arturo Torres if an offer to him is made, but no motion was made.

Other Announcements:

José Martinez reported that Gudmundur Eiriksson, former visiting law professor at UNM, would be at the Law School for the next six weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.