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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** LAW FACULTY  
**FROM:** ROBERT J. DESIDERIO, DEAN   
**DATE:** September 12, 1997  
**SUBJECT:** FACULTY MEETING

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**Faculty Meeting Agenda  
Monday, September 15, 1997  
Dean's Conference Room  
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of August 25, 1997, Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Review of Committee Charges
4. Issues Relating to Search for Director of Writing Program Position - Associate Dean  
Alfred Mathewson
5. Grading Review - Report Item
6. New Business

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September 15, 1997

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

Present: Bergman, Bobroff, Browde, Desiderio, DuMars, Fort, Fritz, Gill,  
Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Kelly, Kovnat, Land, Martinez, Mathewson, Moore,  
Norwood, Parnall, Rapaport, Sedillo Lopez, Utton, Valencia-Weber,  
Winograd

Student Representatives: O'Reilly

Absent: Blumenfeld, Burr, Creel, Ellis, MacPherson, Montoya, Scales, Schwartz,  
Taylor

The meeting was called to order by Dean Robert Desiderio.

A motion was made by Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd and seconded by Professor Ted Parnall to approve the minutes of the August 25, 1997, faculty meeting as distributed. When voted on, the motion carried.

**Dean's Report:**

Dean Desiderio announced that Professor Jenny Moore's case book on Refugee Law has been published and passed around a copy for the faculty to view.

Dean Desiderio announced that the Presidential Search Committee will be made up of ten members, with Regent David Archuleta as Chair. The Committee will include three members of the Board of Regents—Regent Archuleta, Regent Barbara Brazil (who will serve as Vice Chair), and Regent Larry Willard; three faculty members (including one dean); two students (one undergraduate, one graduate/professional); one staff member; and one alumnus(a)/community leader. The actual members will be named at a special meeting on September 23. The Committee will hold their first meeting on September 30 and hope to have a list of semi-finalists to the Board of Regents in February or early March.

In order to bring the University into compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, 1800 employees have been reclassified from exempt to non-exempt through the UNMPact process. Each division has now been asked to go back and look at the period from May 30, 1995 to December 31, 1996, to see if any overtime pay or other compensation is due their employees.

Dean Desiderio reported that Professor Glenn-Peter Ahlers, Law Library Director at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, is at the law school today as an ABA fact finder to report on the status of our space needs. Dean Desiderio has asked Professor Fred Hart to serve as the Law School Building Liaison. Dean Desiderio and Professor Hart went before a CHE subcommittee on September 10 to make a formal request for a \$4.2 million, 25,000 square foot addition to the Law School. Dean Desiderio expressed his confidence that the request will be approved by the University and the Commission on Higher Education to go to the Legislature for funding.

Dean Desiderio reported that he had received a phone call from Representative David Pederson informing Dean Desiderio that he will recommend to the Legislature that both the Law Library and the U.S.-Mexico Program receive funding next year.

Dean Desiderio reminded the faculty of the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award dinner on Friday, October 17, honoring Judge E.L. Mechem, Judge Joe Wood, and D. Russell Moore and encouraged the faculty to attend.

Dean Desiderio announced that Jan Hosea has resigned and will be on half-time status until October 31. A committee has been formed to begin a search for a new Director of Development.

Dean Desiderio thanked and commended Professors Al Utton and José Martinez for their efforts in putting together the seminar "Recent Developments in Spanish Law" featuring members of the law faculty of the Universidad de Granada on September 9 and 10 here at the Law School. The seminars were very well attended, and the U. of Granada and UNM are interested in publishing the proceedings.

Dean Desiderio announced that the Indian Law Convocation will be held at the Law School on October 9 at 4:00 p.m. and encouraged the faculty to attend. The Convocation will celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the summer pre-law program (PLSI).

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the U.S.-Mexico Law Institute will be held September 25-27 at Rancho Encantado in Santa Fe.

The State Bar Convention will be held September 25-27 in Farmington.

Associate Dean Alfred Mathewson announced a Faculty Colloquia on Thursday, September 18, at 12:30 with Professor Stephan Terblanche, Department of Criminal Law and Procedure, University of South Africa as the featured speaker.

#### **Review of Committee Charges:**

Dean Desiderio has distributed the 1997-98 Faculty Committees list. He plans to meet with each committee chair and will then prepare a formal charge to each committee. Dean Desiderio asked the committees to have their first meeting as soon as possible and set up a

meeting schedule so that recommendations from the committees can be brought forward to the faculty. Law School business will be transacted through these faculty committees, and Dean Desiderio asked the faculty to give the committees the deference entitled to them.

The Curriculum Committee, chaired by Associate Dean Alfred Mathewson, will be assigned the following tasks: (1) Develop the curriculum for next year (1998-99), (2) Propose the tentative curriculum for 1999-2000, and (3) Take a thorough look at the curriculum in general, e.g., methodology, pedagogy.

The Faculty Appointments Committee, chaired by Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, will be extremely busy this year, as three early retirement applications have been received in the Dean's office. There is also the Michele Hermann position, which was frozen by the Provost last year. Dean Desiderio has informed the Provost by memo of the situation, and will meet with him to discuss these vacancies next week. Professor Sedillo Lopez asked the faculty for nominations and any other input they may have regarding the positions to be filled.

The Subcommittee on Promotion, Tenure and Reappointment, chaired by Professor Rob Schwartz, has two faculty tenure reviews this year: Professor Denise Fort and Professor Margaret Montoya. Professor Jenny Moore is scheduled for her third-year review. There will also be annual reviews for Professors Christine Zuni-Cruz, Kip Bobroff, and April Land.

Dean Desiderio asked the Faculty Leaves Committee, chaired by Professor Fred Hart, to bring to the faculty ideas, thoughts and proposals for policies for faculty release time.

Dean Desiderio requested that the Student Affairs Committee, chaired by Jenny Moore, bring to the faculty recommendations to enrich the learning experience of our students, e.g., speakers and seminars.

Dean Desiderio stated that until Marsha Baum arrives November 1, the Library Committee, chaired by Chris Fritz, will have limited responsibilities.

Dean Desiderio asked the Computer Committee, chaired by Professor Mike Norwood, to focus on how computers contribute to legal education and to service and to plan a budget for obsolescence.

#### **Issues Relating to Search for Director of Writing Program Position:**

Associate Dean Alfred Mathewson reminded the faculty that it has been three years since Barbara Blumenfeld was hired as a visitor to fill the writing instructor position. Dean Mathewson asked the faculty to be prepared to make a decision on whether to make the legal writing position a tenured position or not at the October 6 faculty meeting.

Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez requested that Barbara Blumenfeld communicate with the faculty in writing or by a presentation what the position should entail before the October 6 meeting.

**Grading Review:**

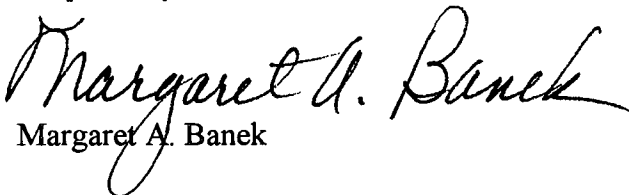
Associate Dean Alfred Mathewson has requested that the Curriculum Committee review our policy regarding the grading curve and how it is working.

**School of Law Class of 2000:**

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd reported that the first year class began with 118 students and as of this date has 115 members. Of the 118 who enrolled, 102 were New Mexico residents. The ethnic breakdown of the class is three African Americans, ten American Indians, one Asian, and thirty-two Hispanics. There are 48 male and 67 female students in the class of 2000. The average LSAT score for the entering class was 156 and the average GPA was 3.15.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Margaret A. Banek

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