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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: ROBERT J. DESIDERIO, DEAN *RJD*
DATE: October 3, 1997
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING

**Faculty Meeting Agenda
Monday, October 6, 1997
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of September 15, 1997, Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Legal Writing Position - Associate Dean Alfred Mathewson
4. Order of the Coif
5. New Business

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October 6, 1997

Faculty Meeting Minutes

School of Law

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

Present: Baum, Bergman, Bobroff, Browde, Burr, Desiderio, DuMars, Fort, Fritz, Gill, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Kelly, Sedillo Lopez, MacPherson, Mathewson, Montoya, Moore, Norwood, Parnall, Rapaport, Schwartz, Taylor, Valencia-Weber

Student Representatives: Singer Mesco, O'Reilly

Absent: Blumenfeld, Creel, Ellis, Kovnat, Land, Martinez, Winograd

The meeting was called to order by Dean Robert Desiderio.

Dean Desiderio reported two corrections to the minutes of the September 15 faculty meeting.

Dean Desiderio welcomed Marsha Baum, Law Library Director, to the faculty meeting and to the law faculty.

Dean Desiderio shared a letter from Ismael Camacho-López commending Professor Margaret Montoya for her class "Lawyering for Social Change" and offering a \$250 scholarship to a law student who takes this class.

Professor Denise Fort reported that the Commission on Water Resources has completed their draft report.

Dean Desiderio commended Professor Frank Gill and Claire Conrad on a successful 6th Annual Conference of the U.S.-Mexico Law Institute.

Dean Desiderio announced the Indian Law Convocation would be held Thursday, October 9, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. There will be a reception in the Forum following the Convocation. The Convocation celebrates the 30th anniversary of the pre-law summer institute, and Professor Fred Hart and Sam Deloria will be speaking.

Dean Desiderio announced that the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award dinner will be held Friday, October 17, and urged the faculty to attend. There are only 200 reservations as of this date and the attendance goal is 500.

President Peck and Dean Desiderio have now received the report of ABA fact finder Glenn-Peter Ahlers. Dean Desiderio will distribute copies of the report to the law faculty and will be formulating a response to be sent to the ABA by the end of the month.

On September 26 a letter from a JAG recruiter was placed in the student mail boxes. The letter was not distributed by anyone at the law school. Dean Winograd, on the advice of the University Counsel's office, did not remove the notices from the mailboxes. Dean Desiderio has asked Professor Michael Browde and attorney Bill Dixon to search the law with respect to limiting the distribution and posting of materials to students at the law school. Professor Mike Norwood suggested that e-mail be included in the written policy. Dean Desiderio reaffirmed that there has been no change in the policy toward military recruiting at the law school.

Dean Desiderio reported that he had met with Provost Bill Gordon since the last faculty meeting and the freeze on the Michele Hermann position has not been lifted. The Provost agreed that the law school can use the money from the three retiring professors to move April Land to a tenure track position plus hire three other professors, if we choose to do so. Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez reported that the Faculty Appointments Committee had met and recommends that April Land be moved from a visiting to a tenure track position. This would mean that the 1997-98 academic year would be the first year of her three-year review process. Professor Ted Parnall seconded the motion, and when voted on, the motion carried.

Legal Writing Position:

Associate Dean Alfred Mathewson requested a faculty decision on the legal writing position—should the position be a year-to-year, non-tenure track position, a visitorship, or a tenure track faculty position. After extensive discussion, a motion was made by Professor Mike Norwood to advertise the position as a Lecturer position. Professor Ted Parnall seconded the motion. Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez recommended a review of the program by the Curriculum Committee. Dean Desiderio stated that he would find out the University policy on multi-year contracts. When voted on, the motion carried.

Order of the Coif:

A motion was made by Dean Robert Desiderio and seconded by Professor Liz Rapaport that the top eleven students in the class be awarded Order of the Coif. When voted on, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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