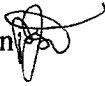


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Law Faculty

FROM: Robert J. Desiderio, Dean 

DATE: August 4, 1998

SUBJECT: Fall Semester 1998 Faculty Meeting Schedule

I am scheduling the following dates for regular faculty meetings:

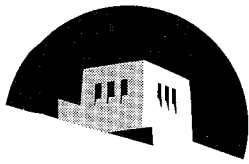
Monday, August 24
Monday, September 14
Monday, October 5
Monday, October 26
Monday, November 16
Monday, December 7

I may have to schedule some special meetings as well.

All meetings will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Conference Room.

It is essential that all faculty attend faculty meetings and remain at meetings until they are adjourned. Governance of the Law School requires the dissemination of information and open discussion and debate in which all of us participate. Faculty meetings, although not the only forum for this discourse, are the primary forum. I will do my best to end meetings by 5:30 p.m. I would also appreciate it if we could begin meetings promptly at 4:00 p.m.

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TO: LAW FACULTY

FROM: ROBERT J. DESIDERIO, DEAN 

DATE: AUGUST 21, 1998

SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING

**Faculty Meeting Agenda
Monday, August 24, 1998
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of May 11, 1998 Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Admissions Report
4. Fall 1998 Faculty Retreat – Professors Ted Occhialino and Margaret Montoya
5. Election of Faculty Senate Representative
6. Election of Faculty Representative to AALS House of Representatives
7. New Business

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August 24, 1998

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

Present: Baum, Bergman, Blumenfeld, Bobroff, Browde, Canova, Desiderio, Dratler, DuMars, Ellis, Fritz, Gill, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Land, Lopez, Martin, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya, Moore, Norwood, Occhialino, Romero, Schwartz, Valencia-Weber, Winograd, Wolf, Zuni-Cruz

Student Representatives: O'Reilly

Absent: Creel, Kelly, Rapaport

Dean Robert Desiderio called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Professor Margaret Montoya to approve the minutes of the May 11, 1998, faculty meeting as distributed. The motion was seconded by Associate Dean Alfred Mathewson, and when voted on, the motion carried.

Dean's Report:

Dean Robert Desiderio reported that Professors Denise Fort and Margaret Montoya have received tenure and have been promoted to the rank of Professor.

Dean Desiderio and the faculty welcomed Professors Leo Romero and Michael Browde back from their sabbatical leave. Professor Romero is serving as President of the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) again this year.

Dean Desiderio and the faculty welcomed two new faculty members to the Law School, Professors Tim Canova and Nathalie Martin.

Dean Desiderio announced the Professor Lee Teitelbaum will be in residence this semester as a visiting distinguished scholar. Professors Teitelbaum and Jim Ellis will give a series of colloquia on family law issues during the fall semester.

Professor Dorrie Shaw from Franklin Pierce Law Center will teach Alternative Dispute Resolution at UNM in the spring semester.

Barbara Creel will be teaching as a Visiting Assistant Professor in the clinic. Lisa Waggoner will oversee the D.A. clinic.

Professor Scott Taylor is visiting at U.C. Davis this fall. Professor Bill MacPherson is on sabbatical leave this semester. Professor Dick Gonzales will be on sabbatical leave in the spring semester.

Professors Jenny Moore and Chuck DuMars are half-time this semester to accommodate their child care responsibilities, and Professor April Land is on maternity leave.

Professor Sherri Burr will be a visiting professor at the University of Hawaii again this year. Professor Burr and Professor Jay Dratler are participating in a faculty exchange, so he will be at UNM for the 1998-99 academic year.

Dean Desiderio reported on the Hiring Plan that he had submitted to the Provost's Office. The Law School will search for a full time ADR person this year, and also may seek a second person to fill other needs.

Dean Desiderio announced that in the next few months he will be spending a substantial amount of time overseeing the Law School building project. He will meet with the New Mexico Finance Authority on August 27 to finalize the funding arrangements, and then the University will put out a RFP for an architect. It is the intention of both Dean Desiderio and the Building Committee to end up with one integrated building, so he plans to ask the University for additional money to update and remodel our present building.

Dean Desiderio listed his four main goals for the 1998-99 academic year— (1) fundraising, (2) the building, (3) get ready for ABA inspection, and (4) define the Law School mission as we head into the year 2000.

Dean Desiderio reported that when he attends the ABA Committee on Clinical Legal Education meeting in Washington, D.C. he will tour the new law school buildings at American University, Georgetown, and Catholic University of America. He will also host an alumni reception in the Russell Senate Office Building for our Law School graduates currently living and working in the D.C. area. The New Mexico Congressional Delegation as well as Secretary Bill Richardson have also been invited to the reception.

The Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 21, at the Marriott Hotel. The Law School will honor N.M. Supreme Court Justice Richard Ransom (retired), Gene Gallegos, and Congressman Steve Schiff (posthumously).

Admissions Report:

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd reported that 114 first year law students were in attendance for orientation. The class of 2001 is made up of 49 men and 65 women, of which 103 are residents and 11 non-residents. The median age is 29. The top LSAT score was 169 and the high GPA was 3.96 for the entering class. There are three African-Americans, seven American Indians, four Asians, and 29 Hispanic students in the first year class.

Associate Dean Winograd commented briefly on the drop in law school applications at UNM as well as nationwide, and stated that he may ask faculty to become more involved in the recruiting process.

The Law School has one NAFTA exchange student from the University of Montreal this year, and two UNM students are participating in the program—Fred Gooding at the Universidad de Guanajuato and Margaret Keen at the University of Ottawa.

Fall 1998 Faculty Retreat:

Professors Margaret Montoya and Ted Occhialino asked the faculty for their input and suggestions for the faculty retreat. They would like to hear from the faculty regarding content and process, discussion items, the timetable, and who should present the various topics at the retreat. One item for discussion will be the Law School Mission and Vision Statement.

Election of Faculty Senate Representative:

Because Professor Scott Taylor is on leave this semester, Dean Desiderio asked for nominations from the faculty for a Faculty Senate Representative from the Law School. Professor Chuck DuMars nominated Professor Dick Gonzales, and he was elected by acclamation.

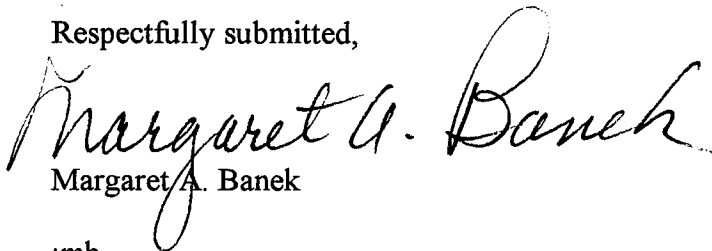
Election of Faculty Representative to AALS House of Representatives:

Dean Desiderio asked for a volunteer or nominations for a representative and an alternate from the faculty to the AALS House of Representatives. Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd volunteered to serve again this year, and was elected by acclamation. Professor Margaret Montoya volunteered to serve as the alternate, and was also elected by acclamation.

Associate Dean Alfred Mathewson announced that Professor Ken Gormley, author of "Archibald Cox: Conscience of a Nation," will speak at the Law School on September 17. Professor Michael Gordon will speak on Cuba at the Law School on September 28.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret A. Banek

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