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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY

FROM: ROBERT J. DESIDERIO, DEAN *RJD*

DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 1998

SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING

**Faculty Meeting Agenda
Monday, September 14, 1998
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of August 24, 1998 Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Policy Against Recruitment by Military
4. Exit Interviews of Graduates – Professor Ted Occhialino
5. Report of Retreat Committee
6. New Business

Meeting of the Order of the Coif

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September 14, 1998

Faculty Meeting Minutes

School of Law

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

Present: Bergman, Browde, Canova, Creel, Desiderio, DuMars, Ellis, Fritz, Gill, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Kelly, Sedillo Lopez, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya, Moore, Occhialino, Rapaport, Romero, Schwartz, Valencia-Weber, Winograd, Wolf, Zuni Cruz

Student Representatives: Berkheimer, O'Reilly

Others: Cindy Thomas

Absent: Baum, Blumenfeld, Bobroff, Martin, Norwood

Dean Robert Desiderio called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the August 24, 1998, faculty meeting were approved as distributed.

Dean's Report:

Dean Desiderio reported that he had attended a meeting of the AALS Committee on Clinical Education in Washington, D.C. on September 10 and 11. Among the topics of discussion at the meeting were the Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XX, which is very restrictive of student practice in Louisiana, and the question of whether the ABA House of Delegates should remain the final accrediting authority for law schools. Dean Desiderio also hosted a reception for our alumni in the Washington, D.C. area in the Russell Senate Office Building. Senator Domenici's office assisted with the arrangements. There were 32 alumni/ae and guests in attendance. Dean Desiderio also visited three law schools which had recently completed building projects—American University, Georgetown University, and Catholic University.

Dean Desiderio reported that the RFP for the addition to and renovation of the law school building has been published and distributed copies. He has appointed a Building Committee Executive Committee—Professors Fred Hart and Rob Schwartz, Dean Desiderio, Peggy Lovato and Steve Borbas—to sort through the recommendations and prioritize them.

Dean Desiderio is working on the final draft of the committee assignments and expects to distribute it early this week.

Associate Dean Winograd reported on the Development Director Search. The three finalists will be coming in to interview in the next two weeks, and Dean Winograd encouraged the faculty to meet with and evaluate these candidates.

Associate Dean Alfred Mathewson reminded the faculty of the public lecture by Professor Ken Gormley of the Duquesne University School of Law to be held in Room 2401 at 7:00 p.m. on September 17. Professor Gormley's topic is "Archibald Cox: Conscience of a Nation" plus "The Future of Independent Counsels after Whitewater."

Policy Against Recruitment by Military:

Dean Desiderio reported that last year he had received a letter from the Navy JAG Recruiting Office requesting equal access to Law School facilities to interview students for legal positions. If they are not given equal access, the Law School may lose Department of Education funding such as Perkins loans and workstudy monies. After extensive discussion, the topic was tabled until Dean Desiderio meets with Professor Jenny Moore, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, and Michael Aragon, SBA President, to discuss the subject.

Exit Interviews of Graduates:

A motion was brought to the faculty by Professor Ted Occhialino stating that the Law School administration, in consultation with the Law School faculty, prepare a form for an "exit interview" of all graduating students; that a draft of the form be presented to the faculty at the first faculty meeting in the Spring Semester, 1998-99 (i.e., January 1999) for comments and possible revision and for discussion of the method of administering the interview; that by no later than March 30, 1999, the faculty give final approval to the form for the "exit interview" and the procedure for administering the interview; that the initial "exit interview" be conducted with current third-year students before they graduate and annually thereafter. The motion was seconded by Professor Chuck DuMars, and when voted on, the motion carried.

Report of Retreat Committee:

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd asked the faculty to respond soon to Edith Dunnington regarding their attendance at the Faculty Retreat in Taos October 23-25, 1998.

Professors Margaret Montoya and Ted Occhialino distributed the current University of New Mexico School of Law Mission Statement for consideration and input by the faculty. The Retreat Committee will meet on Friday, September 18, at 3:00 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge, and invites the faculty to participate in the discussion of whether to affirm or modify the current document.

Dean Desiderio will check into renting buses as an option to everyone driving to Taos in separate cars. Professor Ted Occhialino emphasized the social aspects of bus transportation.

Ford Foundation Proposal:

Professor Gloria Valencia-Weber distributed a draft proposal to the Ford Foundation for Indian program funding and asked for suggestions and input from the faculty.

UNM Presidential Search:

Dean Robert Desiderio reported that the Law School may nominate a faculty representative to stand for election to serve on the UNM Presidential Search Committee. He asked the faculty to send nominations to him via e-mail.

Meeting of the Order of the Coif:

Dean Robert Desiderio distributed the list of students who are eligible for election to the Order of the Coif. A motion was made by Professor Suedeem Kelly and seconded by Professor Leo Romero to elect the following students to the Order of the Coif:

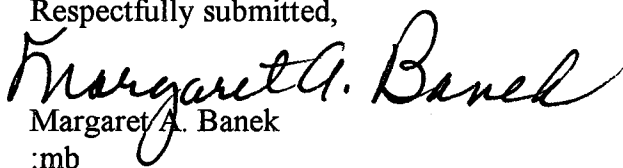
John Appel
Jennifer Cutcliffe
Patti Hennessy
Trena Khloe
Eric Knapp
Brian Matisse
Brett Olsen
Vicki Plevin
Thomas Smidt III
Marie Ward
Whitney Warner

When voted on, the motion carried.

Professor Margaret Montoya made a motion to award the Order of the Coif to John Cooney, Esq. ('65). The motion was seconded by Professor Ted Occhialino and when voted on, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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