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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: ROBERT J. DESIDERIO, DEAN *RJD*
DATE: October 1, 1998
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING

**Faculty Meeting Agenda
Monday, October 5, 1998
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of September 14, 1998 Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Report of Faculty Retreat Committee – Professors Margaret Montoya & Ted Occhialino
4. Report of Faculty Appointments Committee – Associate Dean Alfred Mathewson
5. Policy Against Recruitment by Military
6. New Business

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October 5, 1998

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

Present: Baum, Bobroff, Browde, Canova, Creel, Desiderio, DuMars, Ellis, Fritz, Gill, Gonzales, Hall, Kelly, Lopez, Martin, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya, Moore, Norwood, Occhialino, Rapaport, Romero, Schwartz, Valencia-Weber, Winograd

Student Representatives: O'Reilly, Berkheimer, Martinez

Others: Michael Aragon, Fred Lewis, Rob Stone

Absent: Bergman, Blumenfeld, Dratler, Hart, Wolf, Zuni Cruz

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

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the September 14, 1998 faculty meeting were approved as distributed.

Dean's Report:

Dean Desiderio welcomed Vincent Martinez, newly elected 1L student representative, to the faculty meeting.

Dean Desiderio read letters from UNM Interim President William C. Gordon (attached) and Mexican Consul Jaime Paz y Puente (attached) expressing their admiration and respect for Professor Al Utton.

Dean Desiderio reported that the funeral service for Professor Al Utton was very moving, and thanked Michael Browde, Ruth Singer, Jose Martinez, and Delia Rojas for their assistance with the arrangements.

Dean Desiderio also reported on a conversation he had while at the U.S.-Mexico Law Institute, where plans for the continuation of the Transboundary Water Institute and renaming it the Albert E. Utton Transboundary Water Institute were discussed.

Dean Desiderio reported that the U.S.-Mexico Law Institute in Santa Fe was very interesting and worthwhile. Professor Frank Gill thanked Professors Tim Canova, Dean Desiderio, Margaret Montoya and Antoinette Sedillo Lopez for their participation.

Dean Desiderio reported that the Guanajuato consortium (Southwestern, Texas Tech, and UNM law schools) met on Monday, September 28, to discuss the summer law program. Efforts will be made to recruit more students from Guanajuato and from around the U.S.

Professors Jim Ellis and Lee Teitelbaum will present a colloquium series entitled "Conversations About Children, Parents and the Law," which begins Tuesday, October 6, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 2401.

The Indian Law Convocation will be held on Wednesday, October 7, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 2401 with Yvonne Knight, the first Indian woman to graduate from the Law School, as the keynote speaker.

Dean Desiderio announced that all the architects' proposals for the addition to the Law School are in and that an architect will be chosen this month.

The two new high-resolution projectors and portable viewing screens donated by Jackson Akin are now in use at the Law School.

Policy Against Recruitment by the Military:

Professor Jenny Moore, Chair of the Student Affairs, Committee, reported that the Committee met on Friday, October 2, to discuss the Solomon amendment and the letter from the Navy JAG requesting equal access to recruit at the Law School. She reported that the students are aware of both the military's discriminatory policy and the financial issues in the case. The questions raised are: (1) will we grant access, and (2) if we grant access, what kind of ameliorative activities (mandated by the AALS) will the law school sponsor? After extensive discussion, Dean Desiderio volunteered to contact the ACLU and the University Counsel's office to see about fighting this. Dean Desiderio also volunteered to hold a student forum on the issue.

Report of Faculty Retreat Committee:

Professor Ted Occhialino reminded the faculty of the retreat scheduled for October 23-25. He announced that there would be a faculty lunch to discuss retreat topics on October 14, at which he and Margaret Montoya would be pleased to accept comments and suggestions. When the question of a recorder came up, Professor Ted Occhialino volunteered himself and Professor Montoya to serve in this capacity.

Report of Faculty Appointments Committee:

Associate Dean Alfred Mathewson reported that the ad for the ADR position has gone out and he will place a copy in each of the faculty boxes. When the question was raised as to how the second slot would be designated, Associate Dean Mathewson reported that the Committee had discussed it as a possible clinical position.

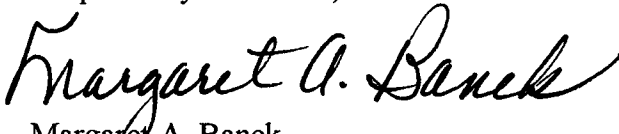
New Business:

Ted Parnall will be back in Albuquerque and will present a faculty colloquium on October 19.

Chris Berkheimer reported that there is a 2L student who may leave at the end of the semester because he feels he has been penalized for expressing a different political view from that of his professor. Dean Desiderio will hold a forum with students to discuss the issue. There may be a forum for faculty discussion of the issue as well.

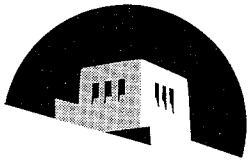
The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret A. Banek

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Attachments



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Robert Desiderio, Dean
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Bratton Hall, Room 2020

Dear Desi:

I hope you will convey to the faculty, staff and students in the Law School, my deepest sympathies on the loss of our friend and colleague, Al Utton. Al was so highly regarded and had so many friends throughout the University and the country, that the news of his passing has impacted our entire community. However, I am sure that for those of you in the School who knew Al for years and who worked and interacted with him daily, there is a particularly keen sense of loss at this time.

Al was not only one of the most distinguished members of our faculty, but was also a true gentleman whose concern for others touched the lives of countless people. His devotion to this University was enormous and the impact he had on our community was truly pronounced. To say that we will miss Al and his positive presence among us is an understatement. His loss will be felt by all of us for some time to come.

Again, I hope you will accept my sincere sympathies and if I can be of any service to the School during this difficult time, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

William C. Gordon
Interim President

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Albuquerque, New Mexico,
September 30, 1998

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**Mr. Robert Desiderio
Dean of The School of Law
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Dear Dean Desiderio:

Ambassador Miguel Angel González Félix, asked me to convey to you the following message:

"I would like to offer my condolences to the family, personnel and directors of the University of New Mexico, as well as the condolences of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of this Legal Advisor's Office and particularly, my sincere regrets for the loss of the distinguished professor and my dear friend, Dr. Albert Utton".

Sincerely,


Jaime Paz y Puente
Consul of Mexico