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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** LAW FACULTY

**FROM:** ROBERT J. DESIDERIO, DEAN 

**DATE:** October 28, 1998

**SUBJECT:** FACULTY MEETING

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**Faculty Meeting Agenda  
Monday, November 2, 1998  
Room 2402  
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of October 5, 1998 Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Additional Externship for Credit
4. Report of Curriculum Committee - Professor Jim Ellis, Chair
5. Explanation of Budget
6. New Business

**Note: The meeting will be in Room 2402.**

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November 2, 1998

Faculty Meeting Minutes  
School of Law  
Room 2402, 4:00 p.m.

Present: Baum, Bergman, Bobroff, Browde, Canova, Creel, Desiderio, DuMars, Ellis, Gill, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Kelly, Land, Lopez, Martin, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya, Moore, Norwood, Occhialino, Romero, Schwartz, Winograd, Wolf

Student Representatives: O'Reilly, Berkheimer, Martinez

Others: Perry Kohn

Absent: Blumenfeld, Dratler, Fritz, Rapaport, Valencia-Weber, Zuni-Cruz

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

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the October 5, 1998 faculty meeting were approved as distributed.

**Dean's Report:**

Dean Desiderio distributed a detailed action plan of issues which came out of the faculty retreat. Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd sent out a memo asking chairs of major committees to let him know if they needed support from a staff member or work study student to assist them in their committee work.

Dean Desiderio reported two staff resignations—Mary Custy, Law Library Associate Director, and Pat Woods, Managing Editor of the Natural Resources Journal.

The Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 21, at the Marriott Hotel. Tickets for faculty will be \$50 instead of \$55.

**Additional Externship for Credit:**

3L Student Representative Dylan O'Reilly and Perry Kohn (3L) presented a petition signed by over 260 students to the faculty, and asked them to vote to change the existing policy which limits externships for credit to one, and to increase the permissible limit to two externships (3 credit hours each) per student during the 3-year period of law school.

Discussion followed. Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd reported that the Curriculum Committee is currently considering a proposal to change the number of credit hours required for graduation. Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez expressed concern over

adequate supervision of these additional externships in order to ensure an excellent educational experience.

Dean Desiderio referred the issue to the Curriculum Committee for further study and a recommendation to the faculty. The Chair of the Curriculum Committee, Professor Jim Ellis, asked for input from the faculty on the issue.

**Report of Curriculum Committee:**

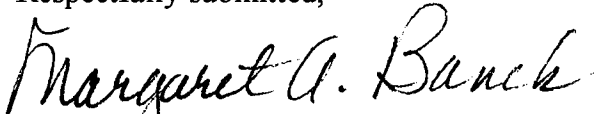
Professor Ellis reported that the Curriculum Committee has been meeting regularly on non-faculty meeting Mondays and invited the faculty to attend and/or provide input on any of the issues currently before the committee. In addition to the second externship issue, the Committee will consider a possible structural revision of the 1L curriculum and the setting up of a two-year rotating curriculum.

**Explanation of Budget:**

Dean Desiderio distributed budget reports to the faculty and displayed the account breakdowns and histories on an overhead screen. He then gave an explanation of the accounts and answered questions regarding the budget and the budget process.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Margaret A. Banek

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**FACULTY RETREAT ACTION PLAN**  
**October 24-26, 1998**  
**Taos, New Mexico**

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Whose Responsibility</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>
<b>Mission Statement</b>	Self Study	End of Academic Year
1. Teaching as paramount role of scholarship		
2. Service to each other/ law school		
3. Diversity	Alfred/Margaret/Rob	Faculty Forums 1/2 faculty - Nov. 9, 4:00-5:30 1/2 faculty - Nov. 13, 12:30-2:00 Full faculty - Nov. 23, 4:00-5:30
<b>Admissions</b>		
Strengthen pool	Admissions Committee	End of First Semester
Increase non-residents		
Native American policy residents/non-residents		
Transfer policy		
Financial aid ideas		
Marketing strategy		
<b>Governance</b>		
Lines of authority between faculty and dean	Desi	First Faculty Meeting of Next Semester
Authority of deans		
<del>Transparency of budget</del>	Desi	Report on November 2 ✓
<b>Committees: Empowering and Valuing</b>		
Record Keeping	Desi/Peter	
<del>Staff Support</del> ✓		
Master Calendar		
Bylaws - voting, agendas, policies, timelines	Ad Hoc Committee	To be named by November 16
Super majority vote to reverse committee recommendations		Committee recommendations at faculty meeting before March 20th
Block scheduling		
Review of standing committee		
<b>Educational Program</b>		
Thorough curricular review	Curriculum Committee/Jim Ellis	End of second semester
<b>Clinical Program</b>		
Review of strengths and challenges	Desi/Alfred/Jose/Jim Ellis	Faculty Retreat no later than January 18
Relationship to rest of curriculum		

Collaborations in teaching Retreat on Teaching Students - improving performance Inventory of innovations	Teaching Effectiveness Ted O.	Plan by first faculty meeting of next semester
<b>Relationships w/Main Campus</b> Dual-degree programs Cross-disciplinary	Ted O.	
<b>Relationships w/State Agencies and Judiciary</b>	Desi/Paul	
<b>Faculty Loads</b> Balancing/Trading Allocating equal amounts of \$\$ to each faculty member	Self-Study	Second to last faculty meeting of the year
IPL	Desi/Paul	Second mtg. of next semester
<b>Intellectual Life</b> In and out of classroom Student community projects involving bench, bar, and public	Desi/Alfred	Faculty Lunches/Forum
<b>Promotion/Tenure</b> Communication of Standards reality vs. written Revision of internal policies	Promotion & Tenure Committee Margaret	Report by end of year
Jeopardy from Main Campus	Desi	
<b>New Faculty</b> Mentoring Teaching Scholarship	Margaret/Jenny/Ted O.	Report by end of the year