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MEMORANDUM

TO:

LAW FACULTY

FROM:

ROBERT J. DESIDERIO, DEAN

DATE:

November 12, 1998

SUBJECT:

FACULTY MEETING

Faculty Meeting Agenda Monday, November 16, 1998 Dean's Conference Room 4:00 p.m.

- 1. Approval of Minutes of November 2, 1998 Faculty Meeting
- 2. Dean's Report
- 3. Curriculum Committee Interim Recommendation on Second Externship Professor Jim Ellis
- 4. Faculty Appointments Committee Report Associate Dean Alfred Mathewson
- 5. New Business

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November 16, 1998

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

Present: Baum, Browde, Desiderio, Dratler, Ellis, Fritz, Gill, Hall, Kelly, Land, Martin, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya, Moore, Occhialino, Rapaport, Romero, Schwartz, Wolf

Student Representatives: O'Reilly, Berkheimer, Martinez

Others: Perry Kohn

Absent: Bergman, Blumenfeld, Bobroff, Canova, Creel, DuMars, Gonzales, Hart, Lopez, Norwood, Valencia-Weber, Winograd, Zuni-Cruz

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

A motion was made by Professor Leo Romero and seconded by Professor Suedeen Kelly to approve the minutes of the November 2, 1998, faculty meeting as distributed. When voted on, the motion carried.

Dean's Report:

Dean Desiderio announced that Mazria and Associates of Santa Fe has been chosen as the architectural firm to design the addition and renovations to the law school. The contract with UNM is presently being negotiated, and Dean Desiderio reported that the project is moving ahead on schedule.

Dean Desiderio announced that the law school has hired Harvey D. Morse as our Director of Development to begin December 1. Mr. Morse will begin by organizing a celebration for the 50th anniversary of the law school.

The Albert E. Utton Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established with a current balance of \$8,000. The fund will be permanently endowed when the balance reaches \$10,000.

At the December 7 faculty meeting, the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee will make recommendations regarding our policy on non-residents and financial aid. Also, the Committee on Committees will be giving a report on December 7.

The faculty Diversity Forums are in the planning stages, and more information will be forthcoming.

Curriculum Committee Interim Recommendation on Second Externship:

Professor Jim Ellis, Chair, recommended the following interim proposal:

Starting in the spring semester of 1999, and with a three-semester maximum (expiring at the end of the Spring 2000 semester), students will be allowed to take three additional hours of credit for an approved externship if they:

- 1. submit a proposal for the externship to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and he permits an exemption be granted to the current policy (the proposal should detail the reasons for the additional externship and demonstrate its educational benefit);
- 2. secure a full-time faculty member willing to actively supervise the proposed externship; and
- 3. if the externship results in an academic written work product which will satisfy the supervising faculty member and guarantee an academic component.

A student is not to take a second externship during his semester of clinical practice. The Student Practice Rule applies to all externships. The clinic director will be available to consult throughout the program. The externship supervisors should meet with the students at the beginning of the semester and are responsible for collecting the externship papers at the end of the semester. If requested, the externship papers may be judged as to whether or not they meet the standard to fulfill the writing requirement.

When voted on, the recommendation passed with one dissenting vote.

Faculty Appointments Committee Report:

Associate Dean Alfred Mathewson reported that at the AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference in Washington, D.C., the Committee met with twenty potential candidates. The Committee has received approximately 40 applications—one-half (approximately 20) with an ADR focus, and the remaining half mostly clinicians, which will be held in abeyance until a decision is made on the possible second hire. The application period will close December 16. Associate Dean Mathewson will be scheduling applicants for campus visits beginning in the middle of January. He encouraged faculty members to attend the Faculty Appointments Committee meetings on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. in the Dean's Conference Room.

Law Library Report:

Law Library Director Marsha Baum reported on the status of staffing in the library. Rob Mead will be taking over the Faculty Research Pool, and Marsha, along with Eileen Cohen and Lorraine Lester, will be staffing the research desk.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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