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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** LAW FACULTY

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

**DATE:** February 11, 1999

**SUBJECT:** FACULTY MEETING

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**Faculty Meeting Agenda  
Monday, February 15, 1999  
Dean's Conference Room  
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of December 7, 1998 and January 25, 1999 Faculty Meetings
2. Dean's Report
3. Faculty Appointments Committee Report – Associate Dean Alfred Mathewson
4. New Business

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February 17, 1999

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

Present: Baum, Bobroff, Browde, Canova, Deloria, Desiderio, DuMars, Fritz, Gill, Gonzales, Kovnat, Hall, Hart, Kelly, Land, Lopez, Martin, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya, Occhialino, Romero, Valencia-Weber, Wolf, Zuni-Cruz

Student Representatives: Becker, O'Reilly, Ramos

Others: Peggy Garves, Peggy Lovato

Absent: Bergman, Blumenfeld, Creel, Dratler, Ellis, Moore, Norwood, Schwartz, Winograd

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

A motion was made by Professor Ruth Kovnat and seconded by Professor April Land to approve the minutes of the December 7 faculty meeting with one correction (in the Curriculum Committee Report section, the first sentence in the second paragraph should read, "After discussion, the faculty amended the proposal to include first-year electives from the ungraded option, and to allow instructors to grant permission wholesale.") and to approve the minutes of the January 25 faculty meeting as distributed. When voted on, the motion carried.

**Dean's Report:**

Dean Desiderio introduced and welcomed new second-year student representatives, Bidtah Becker and Carolyn Ramos.

Dean Desiderio reported that the formal building planning process is about to begin, and that the architect, the educational consultant, and a technology consultant will be spending a day at the law school meeting with small groups of people in defined areas (clinic, administration, etc.). Dean Desiderio and Peggy Lovato will also be meeting with Bob Meyer of Facility Planning to discuss the problems with the mechanical systems in our building. The Dean also is starting the fundraising process by contacting private and foundation sources for the additional money needed for our building project.

Dean Desiderio reported that the Utton Transboundary Resources Center retreat held the last weekend in January was very successful. A report on the retreat is forthcoming and will be distributed to the faculty. Dean Desiderio and Professor Chuck DuMars will be

traveling to Washington, D.C. to meet with the New Mexico congressional delegation regarding funding strategies.

The UNM Law Jessup Moot Court team did very well in their competition at BYU—Pilar Vaile received the top oralist award and Jennifer Foote received an honorable mention.

Professor José Martinez, Clinic Director, encouraged the faculty to sign up to teach in the clinic during 1999-2000.

Associate Dean Alfred Mathewson gave an update to the faculty on the proposed mandatory summer program for students who have completed their first year with a cumulative GPA below 2.0. Dean Mathewson is still conferring with other academic affairs professionals as to the design of the program. Since the program is not yet in place, he recommends delaying the implementation of the mandatory aspect of the program until summer 2000. There are plans for a summer program in 1999, but it will be optional.

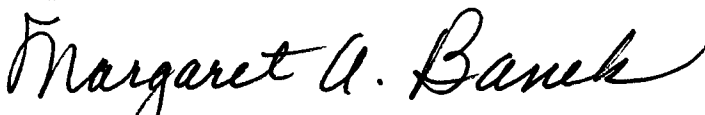
Dean Desiderio announced that Chief Justice Pamela B. Minzner of the New Mexico Supreme Court will be the 1999 Commencement speaker.

#### **Faculty Appointments Committee Report: (by Peggy Lovato)**

The Faculty Appointments Committee reported on the results of reference checks on the four candidates interviewed for the tenure-track ADR position: Scott Hughes, Judith Kilpatrick, Richard Reuben, and Dorie Shaw. After extensive discussion, Professor Sherry Wolf moved that we should not invite additional candidates for interviews and that we should hire from among the four candidates. Professor Em Hall seconded the motion, which carried. The faculty then voted to offer none of the four candidates a tenure-track position. Professor Sherry Wolf moved to rank the top two candidates, Kilpatrick and Hughes, for a look-see, one-year visitorship. Following discussion, Professor Margaret Montoya moved that the last motion be tabled. The motion was seconded and, when voted on, carried. A hiring decision was deferred until the next faculty meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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