




*Faculty Meetings*

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** LAW FACULTY  
**FROM:** ROBERT J. DESIDERIO, DEAN   
**DATE:** March 5, 1999  
**SUBJECT:** FACULTY MEETING

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**Faculty Meeting Agenda  
Monday, March 8, 1999  
Dean's Conference Room  
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of February 17, 1999 Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Curriculum Committee Report - Professor Ruth Kovnat
4. New Business

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March 8, 1999

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

Present: Baum, Bergman, Bobroff, Browde, Canova, Creel, Desiderio, Fritz, Gill, Hall, Kelly, Kovnat, Land, Lopez, Martin, Mathewson, Montoya, Moore, Norwood, Schwartz, Valencia-Weber, Winograd, Wolf, Zuni-Cruz.

Student Representatives: Becker, Martinez, Ramos

Absent: Blumenfeld, Dratler, DuMars, Ellis, Hart, MacPherson, Martinez, Occhialino, Romero.

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

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the February 17, 1999 faculty meeting were approved as distributed.

**Dean's Report:**

Dean Desiderio announced that the NALSA moot court team, coached by Kevin Washburn, did very well in their competition over the weekend in Oklahoma City. The team of Bernice Delorma and Tara Hague won a third-place trophy and Lisa Cook Gambler and Melissa Stephenson were awarded best brief.

Professor Scott Hughes has accepted the ADR position and will arrive at the law school sometime during the summer.

Dean Desiderio reported that he met with the New Mexico congressional delegation members on March 3 & 4, and that Senator Pete Dominici has put a request for \$1,000,000 in the appropriations bill for the Transboundary Resources Center. A motion was then made by Professor Antoinette Sedillo-Lopez and seconded by Barbara Bergman to request permission from the University to rename the center the Utton Transboundary Resources Center. When voted on, the motion carried unanimously.

Dean Desiderio reported on the status of the law school building and remodeling project. The project is currently in the pre-design activity phase – the architects have scheduled the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> for meetings with law school representatives and we are on schedule at this point. Dean Desiderio has begun his fund raising efforts to raise \$2,000,000 to complete the project. He will be contacting faculty members both to make personal contributions and to ask them to assist in making phone calls to private donors. He also announced that the ABA site visit scheduled for 2000 has been postponed until 2001 in order to allow for the completion of the project.

Dean Desiderio reported that due to health problems, Professor Scott Taylor will not teach in the clinic this summer. He indicated that, like last summer, clinic classes will be taught by adjuncts.

Marsha Baum reported that three of the library staff vacancies have been filled, and that the interviews will begin this week to fill the Access Services Librarian vacancy. She also requested that faculty members notify her if they want to be put on a contact list so when they receive a fax they can pick it up or have it delivered to their office rather than to their mailbox.

Dean Desiderio reported that there are three bills before the legislature for higher ed funding – HB2, Senate Bill 2, and a bill put forward by Governor Johnson.

Professor Kip Bobroff reported on the efforts put forward by the law school to be more competitive in recruiting Native American students. He reported that Harvey Morse is currently working on the Ford Foundation proposal, and that a scholarship may be funded by a donor for two students a year for three years.

#### **Curriculum Committee Report:**

Professor Ruth Kovnat, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, distributed copies of the draft 1999-2000 curriculum and announced that the draft 2000-2001 curriculum would be distributed to the faculty for their comments on Tuesday. The work on a master curriculum is nearly complete – the curriculum committee has approved the list of courses and their frequency.

The Curriculum Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 9, to evaluate credit allowed and financing given to the eight moot court teams currently at the law school.

The Curriculum Committee will meet regarding the clinic and its programs in April.

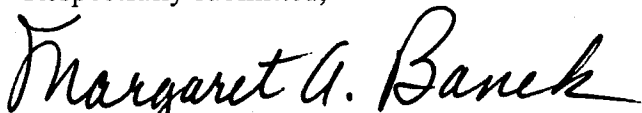
#### **Admissions and Financial Aid:**

Professor Barbara Bergman, Chair of the Committee, reported that the law school has started admitting students and asked faculty members to make personal phone calls to accepted students to tell them we are excited they are coming and to see if they have any questions.

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd announced that there will be an Accepted Applicants Day on Monday, March 29, and encouraged faculty to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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