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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Law Faculty

**FROM:** Robert J. Desiderio, Dean 

**DATE:** March 25, 1999

**RE:** **FACULTY MEETING**

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**Faculty Meeting Agenda  
Monday, March 29, 1999  
Dean's Conference Room  
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of February 22, 1999 Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Curriculum Committee Report – Professor Ruth Kovnat
4. Honors and Awards Committee Report – Professor Sherry Wolf
5. New Business

March 29, 1999

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

Present: Bobroff, Browde, Desiderio, DuMars, Fritz, Gill, Hall, Land, Lopez, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya, Moore, Norwood, Occhialino, Romero, Schwartz, Valencia-Weber, Winograd, Wolf, Zuni-Cruz

Student Representatives: Becker

Absent: Baum, Bergman, Blumenfeld, Canova, Creel, Kelly

Dean Robert Desiderio called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Professor Leo Romero and seconded by Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez to approve the minutes of the February 22, 1999 faculty meeting on hiring as distributed. When voted on, the motion carried.

**Dean's Report:**

Dean Desiderio reminded the faculty that there was a reception for President William C. Gordon at University House on Wednesday, March 31, from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. All faculty are invited to attend.

Dean Desiderio then explained the present status of the budget. He indicated that at this point the budget for the state of New Mexico is questionable. It looks as if a special legislative session will be held sometime in late April or early May.

Dean Desiderio also indicated he would provide Summer Research Grants this year. He indicated that he would be sending a memorandum to everyone with respect to Summer Research Grants. He also stated that he would send out a report so that faculty can report on their activities for the past year.

Dean Desiderio then distributed a schedule of the next round of architect's meetings. The architects will be here on April 5 and 6 to confirm facts that they gathered from faculty and to discuss specific aspects of the law school with particular units. Dean Desiderio asked those faculty who were interested in coming to discussions about faculty offices and classrooms to let him know as soon as possible.

Dean Desiderio then proposed that the new law school building be named in honor of Professor Fred Hart. He also indicated that he was commencing a capital drive to help finance any

additional costs for the building. Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez then made the motion to name the new building in honor of Professor Fred Hart. The motion was seconded by Margaret Montoya, and when voted on, it passed unanimously. The faculty stressed that they were doing so to honor the person who has given and contributed so much to this law school.

Professor Margaret Montoya then explained to the faculty the present situation with respect to the Solomon amendment. She indicated that Congressman Barney Frank has introduced legislation to repeal the Solomon amendment. She further stated that a letter-writing campaign was commencing around the country from law schools to urge each state's congressional delegation to support the repeal of the Solomon amendment. She asked faculty to participate in this letter-writing campaign. Professors Margaret Montoya and Jenny Moore indicated that they would provide materials with respect to the letter-writing campaign.

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

Associate Dean Alfred Mathewson reported for the Curriculum Committee, distributing the recommended curriculum for next year. Dean Mathewson indicated that there were a few areas that still had to be completed before the curriculum would be final, but that completion would occur in the next few days. The faculty unanimously approved the curriculum.

Professor Gloria Valencia-Weber then announced that Patricia Monture-Angus would be here on Wednesday, April 7, and encouraged everyone to attend and invite guests to hear her speak.

#### **Honors and Awards and Thesis Honors Committee Report:**

Associate Dean Winograd distributed the attached list of students who were recommended to receive thesis honors. The faculty approved the list unanimously.

Professor Sherry Wolf presented the recommendation of the honors and awards committee for the student honors and awards for the current academic year. A copy of that report is attached. The faculty unanimously approved the report.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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Attachments