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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: ROBERT J. DESIDERIO, DEAN *Desi*
DATE: NOVEMBER 11, 1999
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING

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

1. Approval of Minutes of November 1, 1999 Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Legal Writing Program
4. New Business

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November 15, 1999

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

PRESENT: Baum, Bergman, Blumenfeld, Bobroff, Browde, Burr, Canova, Desiderio, Fort, Fritz, Gill, Hall, Hart, Hughes, Land, Lopez, MacPherson, Martin, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya, Moore, Norwood, Schwartz, Taylor, Winograd, Wolf, Zuni Cruz

Student Representative: Bryan Davis

ABSENT: DuMars, Ellis, Goble, Gonzales

Dean Robert Desiderio called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the November 1, 1999, faculty meeting were approved with one correction by Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez. Under the section Mandatory Academic Workshop for Students on Probation, the last sentence of the first paragraph of the motion should read: Students with a GPA of 2.0 to 2.2 *may* be invited and encouraged to attend for their own benefit.

Dean's Report:

Hope Eckert's writing requirement, done under the guidance of Professor Mike Norwood, titled, "The First Amendment in Cyberspace: No Place for Analogies" has been accepted for publication in the December issue of the *West Virginia Journal of Law and Technology* and other journals.

There will be an Americans with Disabilities Act training session for faculty at a special faculty meeting on Monday, November 22, with Anne Thomas.

Associate Dean Alfred Mathewson announced that a table had been reserved for the faculty for the New Mexico Drug Policy Foundation breakfast meeting on November 16 at the Radisson Hotel. California Superior Court Judge James P. Gray will speak on the failure of the federal drug war policy.

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd reminded the faculty to turn their exams in on time to Janet Cox.

Professor April Land reminded the faculty of the National AIDS Brigade First Annual 5K Run/Walk at the UNM North Golf Course on Sunday, November 21, starting at 8:30 a.m.

Following the Run/Walk will be a drug policy forum hosted by the UNM School of Law and the ACLU, featuring Governor Gary Johnson, U.S. Attorney John Kelly, New Mexico Health Secretary Alex Valdez and Carol Miller, co-chair of the state Green Party.

Professor Christine Zuni Cruz announced that Principal Chief Chad Smith of the Cherokee Nation will speak at the Law School on Sunday, November 21, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2401.

The first lecture in the series on Community Lawyering in Indigenous Communities titled "Traditional Elders and Grassroots Activists: Lawyering for Indigenous Peoples" will be given on November 23 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Moot Courtroom at the UNM School of Law.

Legal Writing Program:

Dean Desiderio took Professor Leo Romero's motion, which would rescind the Occhialino/Schwartz motion to hire two writing instructors to teach LRRW and Advocacy passed by the faculty on December 9, 1996, off the table. Dean Desiderio explained that if the Romero motion to rescind fails, the 1996 decision is in effect. If the motion to rescind passes, the faculty will be starting again at ground zero to make a decision on the writing program.

Dean Desiderio then called the motion, which passed with eleven votes for and nine against.

Professor Sheryl Wolf then moved to adopt the following proposal brought to the faculty by Dean Desiderio: To hire one writing instructor to teach up to two sections of LRRW and Advocacy. If five faculty members each semester are enthusiastically willing to teach LRRW and Advocacy, we will not need the writing instructor to participate. If fewer than five faculty want to teach in either course, the writing instructor would teach in LRRW and Advocacy. The writing instructor could also work with Legal Writing Director Barbara Blumenfeld in developing problems, with students who need special help, with upperclass students who are having difficulty completing their writing requirements, or in other similar tasks.

The motion was seconded by Professor Margaret Montoya, who then asked to add a friendly amendment to evaluate the current writing program before putting the Desiderio proposal into effect. Professor Wolf objected to the amendment, and discussion followed.

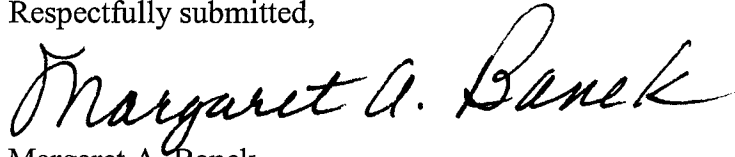
Professor Barbara Blumenfeld requested clarification on one point--that it would be a national search for a professional legal writing instructor. Dean Desiderio confirmed that it would be a national search.

When voted on, the motion carried, with only two votes against.

Associate Deans Winograd and Mathewson will decide and let the faculty know if there will to be a faculty meeting on December 6.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret A. Banek". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Margaret A. Banek

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