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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: ROBERT J. DESIDERIO, DEAN 
DATE: JANUARY 19, 2000
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING

**Faculty Meeting Agenda
Monday, January 24, 2000
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of November 15, 1999 Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Committee Reports
 - Curriculum
 - Self Study
4. Computer and Technical Services Report - Cyndi Dean
5. Proposal for Tribal Law Journal - Bidtah Becker
6. New Business

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January 24, 2000

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

PRESENT: Baum, Bergman, Blumenfeld, Bobroff, Burr, Canova, Desiderio, DuMars, Fritz, Gill, Gonzales, Hughes, Land, Lopez, Martin, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya, Moore, Norwood, Occhialino, Romero, Schwartz, Taylor, Winograd, Wolf, Zuni Cruz

Student Representatives: Chris Berkheimer, Charles Lakin, Bryan Davis

Other Students Present: Bidtah Becker, Bernice Delorme, Edward Garcia, Regina Holyan, Lisa Lang, Paul Spruhan

ABSENT: Browde, Ellis, Fort, Hart, MacPherson

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

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the November 15, 1999 faculty meeting were approved as distributed.

Dean's Report:

Dean Desiderio expressed his appreciation to the faculty for their cards, calls, visits and other expressions of care and concern during his recent recovery period from surgery.

Dean Desiderio welcomed Professors Chris Fritz and Leo Romero back from their sabbatical leaves. He announced that Professors Em Hall, Suedeem Kelly, and Gloria Valencia Weber are on sabbatical for the spring 2000 semester, and Professor Liz Rapaport is visiting at Duke. The UNM School of Law will host one visitor this semester--Professor Alberto Seckley, who will teach Business Associations II and Supreme Court Decision-Making.

University of New Mexico President William C. Gordon has named Dr. Brian L. Foster is the University's next Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Foster, who has served as the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Nebraska, will begin his UNM duties around April 1. Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, Richard Holder, is serving as interim Provost until Dr. Foster arrives.

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd reported that although grades have been coming in to Registrar Pat Trainor better than other years, there are still some faculty members who have not gotten their grades in yet and asked the faculty to complete their grading as soon as possible.

Monday and Tuesday, January 31 and February 1, Judith Wegner will be at the law school to interview students and faculty for the Carnegie Study on Professional Education. The UNM School of Law is one of fifteen law schools selected to participate.

On Thursday, February 3, the School of Law and the Simms Family will present the 2000 Simms Lecture with David Kendall at 7:30 p.m. in the Continuing Education Auditorium. The title of Mr. Kendall's presentation will be "Constitutional Vandalism." There will be a reception before the lecture beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the rest of Mr. Kendall's schedule will be distributed to the faculty this week. While Mr. Kendall is here, he will speak to an Ethics class and a LAP class.

There will be a conference on Race organized by Frederick Gooding at the law school on Thursday and Friday, March 9 and 10.

Professor Rob Schwartz passed around a volume published by the School of Medicine containing oaths written by the students and expressed his desire to see the law school do something similar.

Dean Desiderio reminded the faculty that the legislature is currently in session, and that he may be called on short notice to go to Santa Fe during the 30-day session. New Mexico budget revenues and gross receipts tax revenues are down this year, which will affect funding for higher education.

Dean Desiderio announced that since the Utton Transboundary Resources Center has now received funding, the law school will begin a national search for a Director. The Center will begin its work by focusing on interstate water resource activity.

Dean Desiderio reported that the building expansion is currently in the design development state--after the University approves the construction design, the project then goes out for bid (probably in late spring) and we are hoping to break ground on the project in early summer. The total cost of the project is approaching \$10 million. The Dean has put together a committee of attorneys from all over the state to fundraise for the law school. Dean Desiderio thanked the faculty for their gifts and reported that so far we have 50% participation among the faculty. The Dean hopes to have 100% participation from the faculty when he approaches the Kresge Foundation for a construction grant.

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd asked the faculty to please dismiss classes on time in order for students to get to their next class on time. Several faculty members mentioned that the clocks are not synchronized, and Dean Winograd asked Margaret Banek to ask Charles King to take care of this. Associate Dean Winograd also asked the faculty to use the library fax number, 277-0068, for their incoming faxes instead of the fax machine in the Dean's office.

Dean Desiderio announced that Harvey Morse, Director of Development at the School of Law, has accepted a new position at a venture capital firm and has resigned effective

January 31, 2000. The position announcement has been posted and Dean Desiderio will meet with Duffy Swan, Director of Development for the University of New Mexico, and ask him to assign an interim person at least part time to help us.

Report of the Curriculum Committee:

Professor Leo M. Romero, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the Committee has been studying a list of the courses which have been offered over the last ten years and categorizing them as to whether they should be offered every year, every other year, or occasionally in order to put together a Master Curriculum which will contract with our students and allow them to plan their program for their three years here. He also announced that the curriculum list for 2000-2001 year will be ready for a faculty vote at a faculty meeting in April.

The Curriculum Committee will also review the second externship program, which expires at the end of spring semester 2000.

The Curriculum Committee will also make a recommendation regarding a request to raise to 89 the number of credit hours required for graduation from the current 86.

Report of the Self-Study Committee:

Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Co-Chair of the Self-Study Committee, reported that she and her Co-Chair, Chris Fritz, have divided the Committee into subgroups for the various areas to be reviewed in the site visit and are drafting questionnaires to be distributed in February to faculty, students, and the New Mexico bar. By giving the respondents two weeks to return the questionnaire to the Committee, they should meet their deadlines for the ABA site visit. The report will be reviewed at the faculty retreat, which will be scheduled for early in the fall of 2000.

Computer and Technical Services Report:

Cyndi Dean, Computer Services Manager, demonstrated the law school web page currently under development and asked the faculty to provide their profiles and photos for the site. Ms. Dean also reported that she is installing a list serv, which faculty can subscribe to, that will speed up e-mail distribution. Ms. Dean also reminded the faculty to delete their e-mail attachments in Word periodically to free up space on the server.

Proposal for Tribal Law Journal:

Bidtah Becker (3L) brought to the faculty a proposal (attached) for an online Tribal Law Journal and requested credit for the student editors similar to other UNM law journals. An addendum (attached) listing other projected needs of the journal staff was distributed. A letter of support (attached) by NALSA was read by Bernice Delorme and given to Margaret Banek for inclusion in the written record of the meeting. The journal would be open to all students interested in Indian Law, not just Native American students.

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd questioned the procedure of presenting the proposal directly to the faculty and stated that perhaps it should have gone through the Curriculum Committee first.

After extensive discussion, a motion was made by Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez to approve the tribal law journal in principle, but to send it to the Curriculum Committee to determine the number of credits which would be allotted and to complete a thorough study of the details involved in publishing an online journal. The motion was seconded by Professor Sherry Wolf.

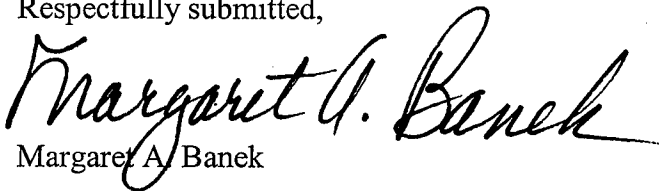
There was discussion on the motion. Professor Kip Bobroff asked for a clear date for a decision and a definitive list of what the students are to provide to the Curriculum Committee in the way of information.

An amendment to the motion was made by Professor Ted Occhialino to approve the Tribal Law Journal in principle, allowing the students to go forward with the articles they have been working on and to allow them to make a public announcement that UNM will go online with the Journal in the fall semester of 2000 or sooner. The Dean will appoint an ad hoc committee of faculty, with student representation, to ask questions and work out the details of putting the Journal online. They are to report back to the Dean on their findings in one month. The amended motion was then voted on and approved.

Attorney Steve Scholl reminded the faculty of the National Mock Trial Competition being held in Albuquerque on February 3, 4, and 5 at the Federal Courthouse. He asked the faculty to encourage law students in their classes to sign up as witnesses.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret A. Banek

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Attachments

Tribal Law Journal Proposal

to be considered at the UNM School of Law's faculty meeting on January 24, 2000

Purpose

The purpose of the tribal law journal is to promote indigenous self-determination by facilitating the discussion of the internal law of the world's indigenous nations. The internal law of indigenous nations encompasses traditional law, western law adopted by indigenous nations, and a blend of western and indigenous law. Underscoring this purpose is the recognition that traditional law and the blending of traditional and western law are sources of law.

A discussion of internal law includes listening to native peoples tell about their laws and reading scholarly articles about internal indigenous law. The discussion of internal law also provides practitioners and students an opportunity to contribute their works relating to internal indigenous law, including but not limited to, tribal court case comments and reflections on tribal systems, the development of tribal law, and the value of tribal law.

The forum for discussion will occur on-line. We have chosen the on-line forum in order to utilize the technology of today, to provide free access, and to provide an opportunity for comment and discussion about journal items. The editorial board reserves the right to edit comments for length, legality, and appropriateness of comment.

Our goal is to provide a reliable forum for the discussion of internal indigenous law which allows the creator of a piece to use a variety of media to best express the creator's work.

Format

The journal will have five sections. Because this is a web journal, the journal staff will be able to update each section independently of the others. Thus, the staff will not be creating a new journal issue each semester. Rather, each section will be updated as material for a section becomes available. This format allows for flexibility and will provide students the opportunity to complete journal work around their class and work schedules, instead of facing the dilemma of having all journal work concentrated at the end of the semester.

Following are the five sections:

1. A theme section.

Articles authored by non-students will be published in accordance with a theme which will always focus on some aspect of tribal law. The theme of the first issue is *incorporating traditional law into modern indigenous societies*. Our goal is to have a new theme in the fall and the spring.

2. A tribal profile section.

During the course, Law of Indigenous People, Professor Zuni Cruz assigned "a tribal profile" project. A tribal profile is a document which reviews the internal law of an indigenous nation. It is something more than an outline and something more than an exhaustive review of internal tribal law. It is meant to be a resource tool for an attorney who would be working with a tribe. This section will be updated as new tribal profiles are completed. It is anticipated that students will create the tribal profiles.

Managing coordinator

the point person for managing the journal's human resources and administrative concerns

Issue coordinator

the point person for managing the contents of the journal

Student Contributors

Student Contributors will edit articles, prepare tribal profiles, and conduct interviews with indigenous peoples.

Student Support Staff

The Support Staff will cite check, input data into the website, and help with administrative duties.

Editorial Advisory Board

The editorial advisory board is a board of six individuals currently working with and in tribal legal systems. Their duties are advisory. They will confer with the student working group to discuss journal themes, suggest authors, improvements, and to be tapped for submissions.

Academic Credit

We are seeking academic credit comparable with the current UNM Law journals.

For more information:

Contact Professor Christine Zuni Cruz, Bidtah Becker, 3L, or Randy Ash, 2L.

**TRIBAL LAW JOURNAL PROPOSAL
ADDENDUM
1/24/00**

The following is a list of our needs:

- one, preferably two, dedicated computers
The computers will need speakers, recording capacity, and bulletin board capability. We will utilize UNM Law's software, Frontpage. We will also need the ability to turn off frames for those readers who do not have frames.
- server space
There is currently sufficient server space. In the future, we will need more space for archived material & sound.
- work space / office
Work space includes space for the computer(s), filing cabinet space, telephone, and a mailbox.
- UNM letterhead & postage
We will need letterhead for soliciting advisory board, soliciting articles, and general correspondence with authors and others.
- Funding to print individual articles for authors.
- Part-time administrative help.
More than anything else, we will need help in keeping track of correspondence, telephone messages, and arranging a filing system.

January 24, 2000

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Re: UNM NALSA Support for the Tribal Law Journal

Dear UNM School of Law Faculty;

Please accept this Letter of Support for the Tribal Law Journal from the University of New Mexico Native American Law Student Association (UNM NALSA). UNM NALSA considers the Tribal Law Journal to be a cutting-edge concept that will achieve its stated purpose: ". . . to promote indigenous self-determination by facilitating the discussion of the internal law of the world's indigenous nations." NALSA supports the Journal in its intent to provide educational benefits and academic credit to interested students.

UNM NALSA has been excited by the prospect of this online journal and UNM's involvement in it. NALSA has witnessed first hand the hard work that has gone into the inception, planning, and implementation of the Journal by dedicated students demonstrating consistent commitment to its goals and objectives. NALSA believes that the Journal will be an important and respected source of indigenous law commentary and academic discussion in the legal community.

Sincerely,



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