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### MEMORANDUM

TO:

LAW FACULTY

FROM:

ROBERT J. DESIDERIO, DEAN

DATE:

FEBRUARY 3, 2000

**SUBJECT:** 

FACULTY MEETING

Faculty Meeting Agenda Monday, February 7, 2000 Dean's Conference Room 4:00 p.m.

- 1. Dean's Report
- 2. Student Affairs Committee Proposal Professor Jenny Moore (see attached)
- 3. Promotion & Tenure Committee Report Professor Margaret Montoya
- 4. New Business

RJD:mb Attachment February 7, 2000

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

PRESENT: Baum, Bergman, Browde, Burr, Canova, Desiderio, DuMars, Fritz, Fort, Gill, Gonzales, Hughes, Lopez, MacPherson, Martin, Martinez, Montoya, Moore, Norwood, Occhialino, Romero, Schwartz, Taylor, Winograd, Wolf, Zuni Cruz

Student Representatives: Lakin, Davis

ABSENT: Blumenfeld, Bobroff, Ellis, Land, Mathewson

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

# Dean's Report:

Dean Desiderio announced that on Wednesday, February 9, the Law School will receive a \$1 million gift from the estate of attorney Don Dickason for the purpose of establishing faculty professorships. This gift will be the third largest private gift ever received by the University of New Mexico.

Dean Desiderio also announced that former Governor Bruce King and his wife, Alice, will donate their papers to the Law Library. The Kings also have committed to help raise \$750,000 to donate to the Law Library to establish the King Reading Room.

Dean Desiderio reported that the School of Law will advertise a visiting position to fill Professor Barbara Bergman's vacancy next year. She will take a leave to serve as defense counsel for Terry Nichols, one of the Oklahoma City Bombing defendants.

Dean Desiderio and the entire faculty commended the UNM School of Law National Mock Trial Team, who advanced to the final round of the competition, losing by a split decision to the University of Colorado at Boulder. Members of the team included: Kimberly Bell, Devin Chapman, Hope Eckert, Steven Gonzales, Carlos Obrey-Espinoza, and Carolyn Ramos. The Dean and faculty also commended attorney Steve Scholl and Elias Barela for all their hard work in organizing the National Mock Trial Competition here in Albuquerque on February 2, 3 and 4.

Dean Desiderio reported that the Simms Lecture, given by David E. Kendall on February 3, 2000, was very successful and well attended. The text of the lecture will be published in an upcoming issue of the <u>New Mexico Law Review</u>. The Dean and the faculty commended Margaret Banek for her work in planning and coordinating the two-day event.

Professor Sherri Burr commended the work of Professor Bill MacPherson and Claire Conrad for their work in organizing the faculty exchange with the University Chihuahua February 3, 4 and 5. Representing UNM in the faculty exchange were Professors Burr and Franklin Gill and Justice Patricio Serna.

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd reported that the visit to the law school by Dean Judith Wegner and the team members for the Carnegie Study on Professional Education was very successful and that they were very impressed with UNM during their time here.

# **Student Affairs Committee Proposal:**

Professor Jenny Moore, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, distributed a proposed block class schedule for consideration by the faculty. This type of schedule had been suggested by Kathy Potter, Director of Career Counseling and Placement, as a way to open up a block of time during the week for seminars and presentations by her office.

After discussion, Professor Leo Romero moved to approve the schedule (attached) in concept and distribute it to the student body for comments. The motion was seconded by Professor Sherry Wolf, and carried with one dissenting vote.

# **Promotion and Tenure Committee Report:**

Professor Margaret Montoya, Chair of the Committee, reported that the Committee has been working on the three mid-term reviews and four annual reviews. The scholarly publications have been sent to the outside reviewers, and Professor Montoya expects to be able to finalize the reports on Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> in order to distribute them to the faculty by February 18<sup>th</sup> for review before the February 21<sup>st</sup> faculty meeting.

### **New Business:**

Professor Marsha Baum, Director of the Law Library, distributed a compact shelving proposal with diagrams to show how the shelving will be placed in the Library. The shelving and other library improvements, i.e. the Indian Law Reading Area and new chairs, will be purchased with the \$160,000 which is the Law Library share of the appropriation given to the UNM Libraries by the legislature last year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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Margaret Banek Respectfully submitted,

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Friday p.m. classes begin one-half (1/2) hour later than other weekdays

please note that the G block (12:30 - 1:30 on Friday) is reserved for four-credit courses which require an additional credit hour