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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: ROBERT J. DESIDERIO, DEAN
DATE: MARCH 23, 2000
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING

**Faculty Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 27, 2000
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of March 6, 2000 Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Student Affairs Committee Report (attached) - Professor Jenny Moore
4. Curriculum Committee Report - Professor Leo Romero
5. Faculty Appointments Committee Report - Associate Dean Alfred Mathewson
6. Honors and Awards Committee Report - Professor Sherri Burr
7. New Business

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Attachment

March 27, 2000

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

PRESENT: Baum, Bobroff, Burr, Canova, Desiderio, Fort, Fritz, Gonzales, Hart, Hughes, Land, Lopez, MacPherson, Martin, Martinez, Mathewson, Moore, Occhialino, Romero, Schwartz, Taylor, Winograd, Wolf

Student Representatives: Davis, Lakin

ABSENT: Bergman, Blumenfeld, Browde, DuMars, Ellis, Gill, Montoya, Norwood, Zuni-Cruz

Dean Robert Desiderio called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the March 6, 2000 faculty meeting were approved as distributed.

Dean's Report:

Dean Desiderio announced that the Hugh Muir Oath Project award ceremony will take place on Monday, April 3, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 2401. The oaths, written by the first-year students, have been bound and will be distributed at that time.

Ethics Week began today at the law school, with speakers on various topics each day during the 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. time period.

The architect's working model of the Frederick M. Hart addition to the law school has been on display in the Forum. The next step is construction design, and then the project will go out for bids. The dean expects that ground breaking will begin in approximately six months. The project cost is now \$11.3 million.

The Board of Visitors met on March 22 at the law school, and Dean Desiderio reported that board members were very impressed with the presentations, especially those of the Tribal Law Journal and the Hugh Muir Oath Project.

The dean reported that the law school has now purchased a "SmartBoard." A SmartBoard will allow our faculty and students to communicate from and to a board, like a blackboard, to a computer. Therefore, if a faculty member, during class, wrote notes or an outline on the board, this could immediately be transferred to a printer or to the student's computer.

Graduation will be held on Saturday, May 13, at 1:00 p.m. This year's commencement speaker will be the Reverend Jesse Jackson.

Student Affairs Committee Report:

Professor Jenny Moore, Chair of the Committee, recommended that a block schedule of classes for the 2Ls and 3Ls be adopted, and explained the differences between Option A and Option B distributed to the faculty with the agenda. After discussion, it was the consensus of the faculty to try Option B for one year, and to accept the recommendation from the students that the heavy case law courses be scheduled in 50-minute blocks. When Dean Desiderio called the question, the recommendation to go with the Option B block schedule was passed.

Faculty Appointments Committee Report:

Associate Dean Alfred Mathewson reported that the search for the legal writing instructor is proceeding along well. The law school received forty-five applications for the position.

Curriculum Committee Report:

Professor Leo Romero, Chair of the Committee, distributed material from the committee recommending an increase in the number of credit hours required for the J.D. degree from the current 86. The average number of credit hours for the J.D. degree for all law schools is 87.89. This increase would take effect with the class entering in the fall of 2000 (Class of 2003). After discussion by the faculty, Dean Desiderio tabled the recommendation until the next regularly scheduled faculty meeting. Dean Desiderio requested that the Committee consider proposing a cap on ungraded and "uncourse" credits.

Honors and Awards Committee Report:

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd and Professor Sherri Burr, Chair of the Committee, distributed the list of nominations for honors and awards for the third-year class. When the question was called, the nominations were approved as listed, with the caveat that more clinical award nominations will be added. When voted on, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret A. Banek

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To: Faculty

From: Student Affairs Committee

Re: Proposal for Revised Class Schedule

Date: March 20, 2000

The Student Affairs Committee proposes that the faculty adopt revised class schedule Model A (or B) on a one-year trial basis. This schedule utilizes 75-minute class blocks during the mornings and 50-minute class blocks during the afternoons, and creates a free period on Wednesday from 11:00 to 1:00. In general, an individual faculty member may indicate his or her preference for a course that utilizes 50-minute or 75-minute time blocks. However, where possible, upper level required courses (i.e., Constitutional Law and Ethics) and four-credit courses (i.e., Constitutional Rights and Civil Procedure II) will be scheduled within the 50-minute time blocks.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE (Option A/Mar. 2000)

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8:15 - 9:30	A	B	C	A	B	8:15 - 9:30	
9:45 - 11:00	C	D	E	D	E	9:45 - 11:00	
11:15 - 12:30	F	F	FREE (11:00-1:00)	F	F	11:15 - 12:30	
1:00 - 1:50	H	H	I	H	G	12:40 - 1:30	
2:00 - 2:50	J	I	J	J	I	1:40 - 2:30	
3:00 - 3:50	L	K	K	L	K	2:40 - 3:30	
4:00 - 6:00	SEMINARS					L	3:40 - 4:30
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- ⇒ one free block per week (Wed.)
- ⇒ Friday p.m. classes begin one-half (1/2) hour later than other weekdays
- ⇒ please note that the G block (12:40 - 1:30 on Friday) is reserved for four-credit courses which require an additional credit hour
- ⇒ teaching schedules for faculty will encompass a minimum of three days per week

PROPOSED SCHEDULE (Option B/Mar. 2000)

Mon. - Thurs.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	(Friday Hours. Only)	
8:30 - 9:45	A	B	C	A	B	8:30 - 9:45	
9:55 - 11:10	C	D	E	D	E	9:55 - 11:10	
11:20 - 12:35	F	F	FREE (11:00-1:00)	F	F	11:20 - 12:35	
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