



The University of New Mexico

School of Law
Office of the Dean
1117 Stanford NE
Albuquerque, NM 87131-1431
Telephone (505) 277-4700
FAX (505) 277-1597

MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: ROBERT J. DESIDERIO, DEAN *RJD*
DATE: APRIL 13, 2000
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING

**Faculty Meeting Agenda
Monday, April 17, 2000
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of March 27, 2000 Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Curriculum Committee Report - Professor Leo Romero
4. Technology Committee Report - Professor Michael Browde
5. New Business

RJD:mb

April 17, 2000

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

PRESENT: Bergman, Bobroff, Browde, Burr, Canova, Desiderio, Ellis, Fort, Fritz, Gill, Land, Lopez, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya, Moore, Occhialino, Romero, Schwartz, Winograd, Zuni Cruz

Student Representatives: Lakins, Davis

Others Present: Cyndi Dean

ABSENT: Baum, Blumenfeld, DuMars, Gonzales, Hart, Hughes, MacPherson, Martin, Norwood, Taylor, Wolf

Dean Robert Desiderio called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the March 27, 2000 faculty meeting were approved as distributed.

Dean's Report:

Dean Desiderio announced that he has filled two visiting positions: Aliza Organick will be teaching in the SILC program this summer and fall and Jeffrey Pokorak, Clinical Professor from St. Mary's, will teach Evidence/Trial Practice in the fall.

There will be an AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education in Albuquerque May 6-10, 2000. Four Palestinian law school deans will attend the conference and will visit UNM law school while they are in Albuquerque. The clinic will host a reception for the conference attendees on May 9, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., and Clinic Director Jose Martinez invited all faculty to attend.

Dean Desiderio announced that the UNM Board of Regents has raised tuition 15% across the board for 2000-01. He will confer with the deans of the medical school and pharmacy before he sets the law school tuition differential for next year.

Dean Desiderio announced that the Computer Usage and Duplicating Fee will be raised to \$225 for the 2000-01 academic year.

Dean Desiderio encouraged the faculty to attend the MALSA Fighting For Justice Award Banquet on April 29, 2000, at 6:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Old Town Hotel. The honorees are the Honorable Steve Herrera (posthumously) and Professor Placido Gomez. Faculty members who wish to sit at a faculty table may do by signing up with Margaret Banek.

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd reminded the faculty that third-year students must have their writing requirement turned in by May 12, 2000 (the day before Commencement).

The faculty applauded Professor Tim Canova's hard work and effort in organizing the economic globalization debate on Monday, April 17 at the law school. The debate was moderated by Professor Rob Schwartz.

Technology Committee Report:

Professor Michael Browde, Chair of the Technology Committee, reported on soaring paper costs at the law school due to the excessive amounts of paper used in the printers. Cyndi Dean, Computer Services Manager, is currently evaluating two software programs which would monitor paper usage. Professor Browde encouraged the faculty to use the duplex printing function whenever appropriate.

The faculty agreed that it would be possible to use duplex printing most of the time. Other suggestions that were made included setting printer defaults to duplex or that an "attention" message be programmed to come up on the print menu screen to offer duplex instead of single-sided printing.

Professor Browde reported on the e-mail problems that law school users are experiencing, such as inappropriate messages and even crashing the server. Even though the problems are systemic, Eudora will not fix them. Because of these difficulties, we are now in the process of changing from Eudora to Microsoft Outlook. Several faculty members have been testing this new program and believe it is a substantial improvement over Eudora. An additional feature of the program is a calendaring system with the availability of group scheduling. MicroSoft Outlook has virtually eliminated the server crashing problem and thus will provide greater stability for the system. CATS will also be installing a newer version of MicroSoft Office at the same time the new e-mail program is installed.

Curriculum Committee Report:

Professor Leo Romero, Chair of the Committee, distributed a memo to the faculty stating the following recommendation:

. . . that the faculty approve a requirement of 74 graded credits as part of the 90 credit hours required for graduation, assuming the faculty approves an increase in the number of credit hours from 86 to 90. If the faculty decides to stay with 86 hours for the J.D. degree, the Committee recommends that 70 hours be earned in graded courses. If the faculty chooses to increase the graduation requirement to 88 hours, the Committee recommends that 72 hours be earned in graded courses.

After discussion, Professor Ted Occhialino moved to increase to 90 the number of credit hours required for the J.D. degree, effective with the class entering in the fall of 2001.

Professor Sherri Burr moved to table the motion until the faculty retreat in September of 2000, and at that time to consider each part of the recommendation separately--the recommendation to increase the credit hours required for graduation and the recommendation regarding the number of graded credits required. The motion to table was seconded by Professor Rob Schwartz, and when voted on, the motion carried.

Professor Occhialino moved that Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd work out the language for the next law school catalog, stating that there is a proposal under consideration by the faculty to increase the number of credits required for graduation, which may be effective for their entering class. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret A. Banek". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Margaret A. Banek

:mb