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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: ROBERT J. DESIDERIO, DEAN
DATE: MAY 8, 2000
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING

**Faculty Meeting Agenda
Monday, May 8, 2000
Dean's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of April 17, 2000 Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Introduction of Provost Brian Foster
4. New Business

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May 8, 2000

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

PRESENT: Bobroff, Browde, Burr, Desiderio, Fritz, Gill, Hart, Lopez, Martin, Mathewson, Occhialino, Schwartz, Taylor, Valencia Weber, Winograd, Zuni Cruz

Others Present: Provost Brian Foster

ABSENT: Baum, Bergman, Blumenfeld, Canova, DuMars, Ellis, Fort, Gonzales, Hughes, Land, MacPherson, Martinez, Montoya, Moore, Norwood, Romero, Wolf

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

Dean Desiderio introduced Provost Brian Foster and asked him to say a few words about his vision for the University of New Mexico.

Dr. Foster commented on the many outstanding programs at UNM, and stated that he would like to see these programs used as a link between colleges and departments at UNM. He then asked to hear about joint programs that are already going on between the School of Law and other departments at the University.

Professors Rob Schwartz, Gloria Valencia Weber, and Kip Bobroff spoke about their joint programs with the School of Medicine and Native American Studies, and the Cohen Fellowship Program with the School of Architecture and Planning and Anderson Schools of Management. Our dual degree programs with the Latin American Studies department and Anderson Schools of Management were also discussed.

Professor Ted Occhialino suggested four ways to accomplish additional connections with the main campus: (1) invite law professors to teach undergraduate law courses on main campus; (2) reinvigorate our existing joint degree programs; (3) initiate an exchange of professors with main campus; and (4) award Summer Research Grants to develop joint programs.

Associate Dean Winograd reported on difficulties encountered in coordinating aspects of our joint degree programs because of the bureaucracy in the Office of Graduate Studies. Dr. Foster stated that a prime item on his agenda is to rethink the role of this Office. Dean Winograd assured the faculty that if he is notified early enough, he can avoid the law school/main campus scheduling problems for the joint degree students.

Before leaving the meeting, Provost Foster thanked the law faculty for their helpful comments and suggestions.

A motion was made by Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez to approve the minutes of the April 17 faculty meeting as distributed. The motion was seconded by Professor Rob Schwartz, and when voted on, the motion carried.

Dean Desiderio reminded the faculty that the law school Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 13, at 1:00 p.m. He also reminded the faculty of the Honors and Awards Banquet, which will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Friday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m.

Dean Desiderio reminded the faculty to turn in their grades as soon as possible.

Dean Desiderio announced that the Summer Research Grant Awards will be announced early next week.

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd reminded the faculty to put the Fall 2000 orientation dates of August 16-18 on their calendars, and announced that the memo regarding the fall semester orientation program dates and topics was distributed today.

Associate Dean Winograd also announced the list of thesis honors and writing prizes (attached). Professor Ted Occhialino made a motion to take out a half-page ad in the Bar Bulletin to congratulate the winners and make available copies of the papers to the general public at no cost. The motion was seconded by Professor Michael Browde, and when voted on, carried unanimously.

A written motion was distributed by Professor Ted Occhialino (attached) stating that the Dean use the School of Law's best efforts to fund the John Doe Fellowship program at the University of New Mexico School of Law, the program to be implemented on a gradual basis as funds become available, but in any event, that at least one John Doe Fellow be appointed each academic year beginning in the Fall of 2001. This motion and the following Fellowship requirements are to be tabled until the second faculty meeting in the Fall of 2000. The motion was seconded by Rob Schwartz, and when voted on, the motion carried.

Associate Dean Alfred Mathewson announced that three candidates for the legal writing position will be coming in for a campus visit during the next week--Timothy Covell, Raquel Montoya-Lewis, and Marjorie Martin.

The AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education is currently being held in Albuquerque. The UNM School of Law Clinical Law Program is hosting a reception for the conference attendees on Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the law school forum.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. Banek

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Attachments

**UNM LAW SCHOOL
OUTSTANDING STUDENT PAPERS
1999 - 2000**

The School of Law has selected the winners of this year's major prizes for outstanding student papers and has awarded Thesis Honors to an additional seven students in recognition of the excellence of their written work.

The School of Law is proud of the work of these students.

Don G. McCormick Prize

Jay Combs Voiding Surrogacy Contracts To Protect Children – A Blueprint For New Mexico

Raymond W. Schowers Prize

Dana Hardy Civil Commitment Of Pregnant Women As A Means Of Protecting Fetuses From Maternal Drug And Alcohol Abuse

Helen S. Carter Prize

Duane "Pete" Peterson Victim Of "Another B.I.A. Blunder:" Individual Indian Title And The General Allotment Act

Law Alumni/ae Association Prizes

Isela Molina The Grant Of Political Asylum Based On China's Population Control Policy

Paul Spruhan Indian Law And The Rhetoric Of Race: Uses Of Blood Quantum To Reorganization

THESIS HONORS

Cherylann Gunning Chemical Treatment Of Sex Offenders

Zachary Ives Feticide And Criminal Law: Is There An Acceptable Approach?

Merissa Kandalft The Overseas Refugee Program: Foreign Policy, Public Opinion, And Refugee Policy

Marc Lowry Grazing On National Forest Riparian Lands: Illegal Disruption Of Water Flow?

Jeanne Hetzel Miller 25 U.S.C. § 81 QUI TAM Proceedings: A Federal Statutory Remedy For Resolving Gaming Compact Disputes

Jeffrie Minier Conjunctive Management Of Stream-Aquifer Water Rights: The Hubbard Decision

Sue Umshler When Arsenic Is Safer In Your Cup Of Tea Than In Your Local Water Treatment Plant

These papers deserve wide dissemination. The School of Law is pleased to offer a complimentary copy of any paper which may be of interest to members of the Bar. If you would like to receive a copy of any of these papers, please call David Epstein at 277-9037 or e-mail your request to epsteinda@law.unm.edu. You will receive a copy of the paper by return mail. In addition, a copy of each paper is available for review at the front desk of the Law School Library.

Motion:

That the Dean use the School of Law's best efforts to fund the John Doe Fellowship program at the University of New Mexico School of Law, the program to be implemented on a gradual basis as funds become available, but in any event, that at least one John Doe Fellow be appointed each academic year beginning in the Fall of 2001

THE JOHN DOE FELLOWSHIPS AT THE UNIVERSITY
OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF LAW

INTRODUCTION

The John Doe Fellowships have been created to increase the number of law students with very high predicted law school grade averages at the University of New Mexico School of Law. The Fellowships were established to address a problem perceived by many members of the faculty: while University of New Mexico law students are, in some ways, more diverse than ever, and while current students bring a wide range of important attributes to the class, there are fewer and fewer truly brilliant law students with high predictors each year. This appears to be a result of the fact that such students are applying to this law school, and fewer academically outstanding applicants choose to attend the University of New Mexico School of Law, instead choosing to attend other law schools. Many faculty members believe that this decrease in academically outstanding students negatively affects the quality of the education available to every student at the law school. Classes as well as extracurricular activities have suffered because of the decrease in the number of top students at the law school.

SELECTION PROCESS

Each year a special committee of the University of New Mexico School of Law Faculty will select up to ten applicants to be awarded John Doe Fellowships. The committee will actively recruit appropriate candidates with the goal of increasing the pool of academically superior applicants, and the number of those applicants who actually attend this law school. The primary factors that will be considered in selecting John Doe Fellows will be the LSAT and undergraduate grade point average of the applicants, although other factors demonstrating outstanding academic achievement and potential may also be considered by the Committee. Under normal circumstances, applicants will be considered for John Doe Fellowships only if they have LSAT scores above 168, undergraduate grade averages above 3.7 or graduate school averages of 3.9 or above.

VALUE OF THE AWARD

Each John Doe Fellow will receive a grant equal to the full cost of tuition and fees, all required books, and \$500 per month for the first academic year and for each academic year thereafter if the Fellow's cumulative grade point average for the preceding academic year places the Fellow in the top 15% of the class for that academic year. The monthly stipend shall be in the form of a research assistantship which will be paid from available funds currently committed to student research assistants for faculty members. In addition, John Doe Fellows will be invited to participate in a special seminar program, and will be assigned to work with faculty mentors in their areas of special interest.

FINANCING OF THE AWARD

This fellowship program will be financed by annual grants or an endowment established by John Doe. Assuming 30 students (spread over the three years) are John Doe Fellows, and each one is supported with in-state tuition (about \$5000) and a nine month research assistantship (about \$4500), the total cost for the program will be \$285,000 (less, if existing money for student research is utilized for the assistantship) per year and would require a total endowment of about \$5,000,000 to cover the continuing cost of this program. Each named fellowship would thus require an endowment of approximately \$170,000.

UNM LAW SCHOOL WRITING PRIZES AND THESIS HONORS

Thesis Honors and/or writing prizes have been awarded University of New Mexico Law School students/ graduates for the following papers. Copies are on reserve for review in the Law School Library, 1117 Stanford, NE. Individual copies will be mailed upon request.

Title of Paper

Submitted By

Voiding Surrogacy Contracts To Protect Children –
A Blueprint For New Mexico (Don G. McCormick Prize)

Jay Combs

Chemical Treatment Of Sex Offenders

Cherylann Gunning

Feticide And Criminal Law: Is There An Acceptable Approach?

Zachary Ives

The Overseas Refugee Program: Foreign Policy, Public Opinion,
And Refugee Policy

Merissa Kandalaft

Grazing On National Forest Riparian Lands: Illegal Disruption
Of Water Flow?

Marc Lowry

25 U.S.C. § 81 QUI TAM Proceedings: A Federal
Statutory Remedy For Resolving Gaming Compact Disputes

Jeanne Hetzel Miller

Conjunctive Management Of Stream-Aquifer Water Rights:
The Hubbard Decision

Jeffrie Minier

The Grant Of Political Asylum Based On China's
Population Control Policy (Law Alumni/ae Association Prize)

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Victim Of "Another B.I.A. Blunder:" Individual Indian
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When Arsenic Is Safer In Your Cup Of Tea Than In Your
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Civil Commitment Of Pregnant Women As A Means Of Protecting
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No thesis honors