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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** LAW FACULTY  
**FROM:** ROBERT J. DESIDERIO, DEAN   
**DATE:** JULY 25, 2000  
**SUBJECT:** FALL SEMESTER 2000 FACULTY MEETING SCHEDULE

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I am scheduling the following dates for regular faculty meetings (**notice that meetings have been changed from Monday to Tuesday**):

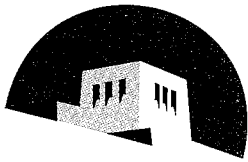
**TUESDAY, August 29, 2000**  
**TUESDAY, September 19, 2000**  
**TUESDAY, October 10, 2000**  
**TUESDAY, October 24, 2000 (tentative)**  
**TUESDAY, November 7, 2000**  
**TUESDAY, November 21, 2000**

I may have to schedule some special meetings as well.

All meetings will begin at **4:00 p.m.** We will meet on **August 29 in Room 2405**. I am anticipating moving faculty meetings from the Conference Room, but want to hold a meeting in a classroom to see how it works.

It is essential that all faculty attend faculty meetings and remain at meetings until they are adjourned. Governance of the Law School requires the dissemination of information and open discussion and debate in which all of us participate. Faculty meetings, although not the only forum for this discourse, are the primary forum. This is especially so this year as we engage in our self-study and prepare for the accreditation visit. I will do my best to end meetings by 5:30 p.m. I would also appreciate it if we could begin meetings promptly at 4:00 p.m.


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**Faculty Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, August 29, 2000  
Room 2405  
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of May 8, 2000 Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Report of Admissions Committee – Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd, Susan Mitchell
4. Report of Self-Study Committee – Professors Chris Fritz and Antoinette Sedillo Lopez
5. Report of Faculty Affairs Committee – Professor Leo M. Romero
6. New Business

***PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DAY (TUESDAY) AND PLACE (ROOM 2405).***

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August 29, 2000

Faculty Meeting Minutes  
School of Law  
Room 2405, 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Baum, Blumenfeld, Bobroff, Browde, Canova, Cruz, Desiderio, Fritz, Fort, Gill, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Hughes, Kelly, Lopez, MacPherson, Martin, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya-Lewis, Moore, Norwood, Occhialino, Rapaport, Romero, Winograd, Wolf

Student Representative Present: Bryan Davis

Others Present: Susan Mitchell, Herb Wright

ABSENT: Burr, Ellis, Land, Pokorak

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

After proper motion and second, the minutes of the May 8, 2000 faculty meeting were approved as distributed.

#### Dean's Report

Dean Desiderio introduced Herb Wright, new Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, and welcomed him to the law school.

Dean Desiderio welcomed Professors Raquel Montoya-Lewis, new legal writing instructor, and Jeff Pokorak, who is visiting from St. Mary's this semester.

Dean Desiderio welcomed Professors Gloria Valencia Weber and Suedeen Kelly back from sabbatical leave. He also welcomed Professor Liz Rapaport back from her leave. He announced that Professors DuMars, Montoya, and Schwartz will be on sabbatical leave during the fall semester and Professors Bergman and Taylor will be on leave for the academic year.

Dean Desiderio reported on the status of the Frederick M. Hart addition. We are now at the 50% construction design stage and the architect is working hard to complete it. When the construction design is completed, then the process of obtaining University approvals, Commission on Higher Education approval, and Board of Finance approval will begin (probably in October).

Dean Desiderio announced that we have raised \$8 million of the \$11.3 million total needed for the project. Governor and Mrs. Bruce King have committed to raise \$2 million for the Bruce King Reading Room, and a group of alums are working to raise funds for a classroom dedicated to Judge Mary C. Walters. There is a state-wide fundraising committee in place to raise the additional money needed.

Dean Desiderio reported that the Kresge Grant Proposal is almost finished. Herb Wright is currently working on the high-priority section of the document, which asks how the grant (if awarded) will assist in future fundraising.

Dean Desiderio stated that he prefers that matters come to the faculty meeting through law school committees, and asked the faculty to give deference to these Committees. He asked that the Committees hold regular meetings, put their meeting minutes on the intranet, and prepare recommendations for the faculty meetings. He indicated that the committee chairs should contact Peggy Lovato for staff support when needed.

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd reported that the law school is currently interviewing candidates for the position of Career Services Director. Although the 3Ls are understandably concerned and will likely seek placement advice and assistance from the faculty, Dean Winograd reported that, in actuality, there are more on-campus interviews scheduled this year than usual.

The practice exam is scheduled for Monday, October 23. Associate Dean Winograd asked the faculty to get their feedback to the students as quickly as possible, as the practice exam is scheduled later this year and students will be coming up to exam week shortly after.

Associate Dean Winograd asked the faculty to nominate students for the Rodey Scholarship (\$3,500) and the Judge Oliver Seth Scholarship (\$2,400).

The class of 1980 is planning a reunion on September 16 and invites faculty to attend.

Associate Dean Winograd reminded the faculty of the law school policy regarding incompletes—that students have two semesters only (including the summer semester) to complete their work. This policy is mandatory and there are to be no extensions.

Dean Desiderio will be in Washington for an AALS Committee on Legal Education meeting on September 7 and 8, 2000. While he is there, he and Jimmie Reyna of Williams, Mullen, Clark & Dobbins will host a reception for our alumni/ae in D.C.

#### Report of Admissions Committee

Susan Mitchell, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, distributed an admissions report of the class of 2003. The law school registered 104 students, of whom 94 are New Mexico residents. There are 63 women and 41 men in the class. The average age is 30. The average LSAT score was 154 and the average GPA was 3.15. There are 5 African-Americans, 6

American Indians, 3 Asians and 22 Hispanics. Ms. Mitchell intends to survey New Mexico residents as to their reasons for choosing UNM or another law school.

#### Report of Self-Study Committee

Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Co-Chair with Professor Chris Fritz, reported that the committee has been working on an agenda for the faculty retreat. The topics under consideration will be content of curriculum, curriculum process, substance of the curriculum, shape of the curriculum, and "who teaches what?"

The committee's teaching proposals will be in the agenda.

#### Report of Faculty Affairs Committee

Professor Leo Romero, chair of the committee, reminded the faculty that his committee is the combination of the former Faculty Appointments Committee, Faculty Leaves Committee, and the Promotion and Tenure Committee. He also reported that there are no faculty positions vacant this year. Should a position open up, it will be filled temporarily with a visitor.

Professor Romero is preparing an ad for visiting professorships in the areas of clinical law, tax law, and business law.

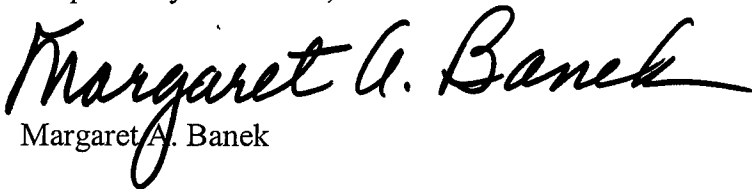
The Committee has decided to review the University and the law school promotion and tenure review policies. Eight faculty members are up for review; there is one promotion and tenure review, four mid-probationary reviews, and three annual reviews.

#### New Business

Professor Kip Bobroff announced that NALSA will present a continuing medical and continuing legal education seminar entitled "The Practice of Medicine and Medical Malpractice in Indian Country" on Saturday, September 9, at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Margaret A. Banek

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