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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: ROBERT J. DESIDERIO, DEAN
DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2001
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING

**Faculty Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, February 6, 2001
Room 2405
4:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes of January 16, 2001 Faculty Meeting (posted on the intranet)
2. Dean's Report
3. Late Grades – Charles Lakins, 3L Student Representative
4. Teaching Schedules That Include Friday – Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd
5. Self-Study Committee Report – Professor Chris Fritz
6. New Business

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Faculty Meeting Minutes
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PRESENT: Blumenfeld, Browde, Cruz, Desiderio, Fritz, Gonzales, Hall, Hart, Kelly, Kovnat, Land, Lopez, Martin, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya, Montoya-Lewis, Moore, Occhialino, Rapaport, Romero, Schwartz, Valencia-Weber, Winograd, Wolf

Student Representatives: Lakins, Jenks, Adams

ABSENT: Baum, Bobroff, Burr, Canova, Ellis, Fort, Gill, Hughes, MacPherson, Norwood

Dean Robert Desiderio called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m. He introduced the new second-year representative, Rachel Jenks.

Associate Dean Peter A. Winograd made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2001, faculty meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Professor Liz Rapaport, and when voted on, the motion carried.

Dean's Report

Dean Desiderio reported that construction will begin on the Frederick M. Hart addition next week, with a formal groundbreaking ceremony to be held April 18. He reminded faculty that approximately 100 parking spaces will be lost during the construction time period.

The Dean also reported that we have received a positive first response from the Kresge Foundation. They faxed a list of questions, which we have answered, and the Kresge program officer has been very positive as well. We have raised \$8 million of the \$10.2 million needed.

The time frame for the project is 9 months, and 6 months to do the renovation of the clinic, restrooms and student locker room. June 2002 is the target date for completion.

There will be a special faculty meeting on February 20 regarding the self-study.

Professor Barbara Bergman will most likely not be back next year – we have started looking for a visitor to cover ETP, Clinic and/or Tax.

The John Doe Fellowship will be awarded to one resident and one non-resident next year, and award letters are now going out. Dean Desiderio has received permission from CHE and the Provost's office to hire non-resident students as Research Assistants in order to receive the resident tuition rate. They would not have to work the first semester, but from the second semester on would be required to work at least 10 hours a week.

Dean Desiderio has made several trips to attend legislative meetings in Santa Fe and reported that there is a big push for public education funding this session.

Teaching Schedules That Include Friday

Dean Desiderio stated that the law school needs to schedule more classes on Fridays. Faculty resistance to scheduling classes on Fridays has caused conflicts for students. The schedule will be driven by educational and academic needs and not by individual personal schedules. Dean Desiderio encouraged faculty members who need to make adjustments in their schedule to see Dean Winograd, and they will be resolved on a case-by-case basis.

Dean Winograd announced that Claudia Driver, a candidate for the position of Career Services Director, will be visiting the law school on Monday, February 12.

Dean Winograd also announced that Emeritus Professor Hugh Muir is not doing well at the present time.

Late Grades

Charles Lakins, 3L student representative, reported to the faculty that the students' level of frustration over late grades from the fall semester is extremely high. He asked the faculty to take definitive measures to ensure that grades be reported in a timely manner.

Professor Ted Occhialino made the following motion:

When a faculty member fails to turn in grades within the time required, the Dean shall withhold all travel reimbursements for that faculty member for the two semesters and the one summer immediately following the semester at which the violation occurred.

The motion was seconded by Professor Dick Gonzales.

Discussion followed. Professor Occhialino then moved to table the motion until the February 27, 2001, faculty meeting. The motion was seconded by Professor Rob Schwartz and when voted on, the motion carried.

Self-Study Committee Report

Professor Chris Fritz reported that in order to meet the March 5 deadline the Committee is meeting on Saturdays and Sundays and asked faculty to review and provide input on the sections as they are distributed.

So far the Program of Legal Studies and Future Concerns and Issues sections have been distributed. The Mission Statement section will be revised from 1993 in order to better articulate the mission of the law school.

Teaching Effectiveness Committee

The Teaching Effectiveness Committee has developed a plan of action that includes a series of conversations about various aspects of law school teaching to be held on the Wednesdays when there are no colloquia or on Fridays. The series will be videotaped.

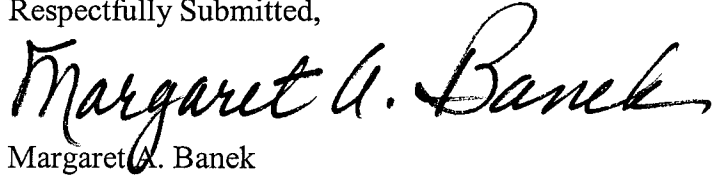
There will also be a sequence of class visitations. The Committee divided the faculty into 3-and-4-person teams to visit each other's classrooms.

Law and Medicine Day

Professor Rob Schwartz announced that Law and Medicine Day will be held on February 13 at the law school. The students will meet for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and break into small groups at 1:30 p.m. to discuss medical-legal ethical questions.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret A. Banek". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

Margaret A. Banek