

May 1, 2001

Faculty Meeting Minutes
School of Law
Room 2402, 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Browde, Canova, Cruz, Desiderio, Fort, Fritz, Gill, Gonzales, Hall, Hughes, Kelly, Kovnat, Land, Lopez, MacPherson, Martinez, Mathewson, Norwood, Occhialino, Romero, Schwartz, Winograd, Wolf

Student Representatives: Jenks, Sedillo

Others Present: Patrick Griebel, Andrew Knight

ABSENT: Baum, Blumenfeld, Bobroff, Burr, DuMars, Ellis, Hart, Martin, Montoya, Montoya-Lewis, Moore, Rapaport, Valencia-Weber

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

Dean's Report:

Dean Desiderio and the faculty congratulated Rachel Jenks on her election to GPSA President and welcomed Raul Sedillo, who is replacing Rachel as the 2L student representative.

Dean Desiderio announced that the State Bar of New Mexico Annual Convention will be held May 30-June 2, 2001, in Durango, CO. For those faculty members wishing to attend, the Law School will cover the registration fee if the registration is made before June 7, 2001.

The 2001-2002 Law School budget has been completed and was submitted to the Provost's office on April 30.

Dean Desiderio then presented a brief oral report on the ABA/AALS site visit. He reported that the team was extremely impressed with the faculty, our mission, the students, the curriculum and specific programs, such as the clinic (mentioning especially the DA clinic), the Indian Law Certificate program, and our ADR curriculum. Some areas of concern are admissions (the reduction in the resident applicant pool and the continued drop in the Native American student applications), the vacancy in the Career Services area and the length of time it takes to fill vacant positions on average, lack of faculty support, and dissatisfaction and frustration in the area of Law School governance.

Proposed Changes to the Honor Code:

Patrick Griebel, SBA President, asked for comments from the faculty on the proposed revisions to the Honor Code. After discussion, Associate Dean Peter Winograd moved to adopt the revised Honor Code with the following changes:

Page 2, Section B. Papers

No. 3. It shall be a violation of the Code if a student intentionally fails (in a final submission):

Omit “(in a final submission).”

Page 7, Section A. Prior to its deliberations the Senior Officer shall instruct the Honor Board that:

No. 2. The accused shall not be found guilty unless all members of the Honor Board unanimously agree that there is clear and convincing proof . . .

Omit “all.”

The motion was seconded by Professor Mike Norwood and when voted on, the motion carried.

Curriculum:

Associate Dean Alfred Mathewson distributed the curriculum and faculty assignments for the 2001-2002 academic year. Because the 2-yr. Curriculum was approved last year, there was no need for a faculty vote, but Dean Mathewson asked the faculty to let him know if there were corrections or concerns.

Associate Dean Peter Winograd reminded the faculty to turn in their academic fall/spring questionnaire at once so he can plan the schedule.

Dean Winograd reminded the faculty of the Honors and Awards Banquet on Friday, May 11, at 5:30 p.m. at the Hyatt and encouraged them to attend.

Faculty Grading Deadlines:

Dean Desiderio read from the UNM School of Law Bulletin and Handbook of Policies, under the heading of “Submission of Grades by Faculty,” which states that grades must be submitted to the Registrar no later than 30 days following the last exam. This year’s grades are to be in by June 11, 2001. Dean Desiderio asked the faculty to inform him as soon as possible when they anticipate a delay, so he can notify the students. He announced that per the written policy, faculty who turn in their grades after the deadline will be charged \$25 each day or part of a day that their grades are late. If the faculty member fails to pay the late charge, the amount will be deducted from travel funds or

other discretionary monies to which the faculty member would otherwise be entitled. These monies will be used to support student extra-curricular activities.

New Business:

Professor Rob Schwartz made the following motion: Except where necessary to assure adequate curricular coverage, the normal annual academic load for tenure and tenure-track faculty shall be:

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2. Teaching 9 credits of coursework AND agreeing to write a substantial academic piece (or its equivalent) once every two years;
3. Teaching 9 credits of coursework AND serving as chair of a major law school committee; or
4. Teaching 6 credits of coursework AND serving as academic associate dean.

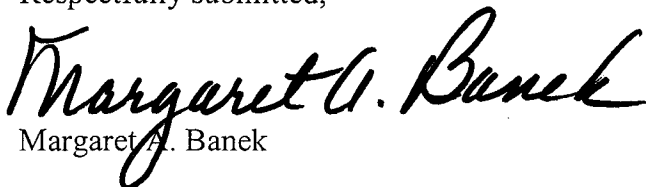
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The motion was seconded by Denise Fort. Professor Schwartz then moved to table the motion until the second regularly-scheduled faculty meeting in the fall of 2001. The motion to table was seconded by Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, and when voted on, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret A. Banek

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1 MAY 2001**

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