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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY

FROM: ROBERT J. DESIDERIO, DEAN 

DATE: JULY 10, 2001

SUBJECT: FALL SEMESTER 2001 FACULTY MEETING SCHEDULE

I am scheduling the following dates for regular faculty meetings (notice that meetings are again scheduled on Tuesdays):

TUESDAY, August 28, 2001
TUESDAY, September 11, 2001
TUESDAY, October 9, 2001
TUESDAY, October 23, 2001
TUESDAY, November 13, 2001
TUESDAY, December 4, 2001

I may have to schedule some special meetings as well.

All meetings will begin at 4:00 p.m. in Room 2405. I stress that it is essential that all faculty attend faculty meetings and remain at meetings until they are adjourned. Please make the necessary arrangements to do so. If you will be unable to attend any meeting, or will have to leave before 5:30 p.m., please inform Margaret Banek at least one day in advance so I can plan accordingly. 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.

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August 21, 2001

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

PRESENT: Baum, Bergman, Blumenfeld, Bobroff, Burr, Canova, Cruz, Deloria, Desiderio, Fort, Gill, Gonzales, Hall, Hughes, Land, Lopez, Martinez, Mathewson, Montoya-Lewis, Norwood, Occhialino, O'Leary, Rapaport, Romero, Schwartz, Taylor, Valencia-Weber, Winograd, Wolf.

Student Representatives: Adams, Griebel, Jenks, Sedillo

Others Present: Provost Brian Foster, Deputy Provost Richard Holder, Stafford Hood

ABSENT: Browde, Ellis, Fritz, Kelly, MacPherson, Martin, Montoya, Moore

Dean Robert Desiderio called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. He introduced Provost Brian Foster and Deputy Provost Richard Holder, and asked Dr. Foster to apprise the faculty of how he plans to proceed with the dean search for the law school.

Dr. Foster introduced Stafford Hood, an ACE Fellow, who is currently observing various meetings on campus.

Dr. Foster announced that the 60-day required posting period has begun, as the advertisement for the position was published in the Sunday, August 19 Albuquerque Journal. The ad will be published in the September 5 Chronicle of Higher Education. Copies of the position notice (attached) were distributed to the faculty.

Dr. Foster stated that making this appointment is his responsibility, but asked for a lot of input and advice from the faculty at the law school. Qualities he is seeking in the applicants are: good fiscal management skills, a vision for the Law School, being able to relate to our particular New Mexico culture and opportunities, imagination, a desire to position us at the forefront of legal education, and being able to work well with the UNM Provost and President. He stressed the fine line that a dean has to walk between being an advocate for his unit and being a good citizen of the University.

Associate Dean Peter Winograd expressed his concern that there may be a perception among would-be candidates that UNM School of Law will always hire an "inside" applicant. Dr. Foster agreed that was a valid concern but believes it can be overcome. He hopes faculty will work hard to nominate, recruit, and encourage strong candidates to enter the pool; he stated that he will abort the search rather than appoint a mediocre candidate. Dr. Foster stressed that the search must maintain the utmost confidentiality throughout the process.

In discussing the makeup of the Search Committee, Provost Foster announced that Roger Schluntz, Dean of the School of Architecture and Planning, will chair the Committee. The Search Coordinator will be Daniel Lamb, Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Provost. Dr. Foster stated he would like to keep the Committee to 8-10 members (5-6 law faculty members; a senior faculty member from a main campus department; a law student; and a community representative [which could be an alumnus or member of the judiciary]) in order to facilitate scheduling the meetings. He asked for suggestions from the faculty for committee members, taking into consideration gender and ethnic representation, junior and senior faculty representation, and representation as to law specialty. Professor Christine Zuni Cruz suggested that consideration be given to including a representative from the tribal community. Dr. Foster hopes to have the Committee finalized by the end of next week. He asked the faculty to send him suggestions by e-mail for faculty representatives and the community representative.

Professor Antoinette Sedillo Lopez asked if the faculty would be able to see the short list before it was publicized. Dr. Foster answered that for confidentiality reasons, that list could not be previewed. There was discussion as to whether it was possible for faculty members to see the list if they signed a confidentiality agreement. Dr. Foster and Dr. Holder will check into that possibility.

Dr. Foster asked the faculty to consider if they are interested in applying for the position before they are asked to serve on the Search Committee in order to avoid problems later on.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 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

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Attachment

DEAN, SCHOOL OF LAW
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

The University of New Mexico is seeking an innovative and experienced leader for the position of Dean of the College of Law at the University of New Mexico (UNM). Located in Albuquerque, the largest city in New Mexico and one of the fastest growing in the Southwest, UNM is a Carnegie Doctoral / Research – Extensive University and DoEd Minority public university. As the state's largest university UNM serves a diverse student population with more than 30,000 students on five campuses. UNM offers nationally-ranked academic programs, exceptional research opportunities, and an active and vibrant fine arts community on an architecturally unique campus.

Founded in 1947, the School of Law serves approximately 330 students enrolled in the J.D. program. Approximately 40% of the students are from minority backgrounds, men and women are represented about equally. Full time faculty number 30.

The law school operates a Clinical Law Program, which is mandatory for all students, the Clinical Director reports directly to the Dean. The directors of five research and training institutes - the Natural Resources Center, Center for Health Law and Ethics, Center for Wildlife Law, International Transboundary Resources Center and Institute for Public Law - also report to the Dean. An independent institution, the American Indian law Center, is housed in the law school. The school publishes three journals, the *New Mexico Law Review*, the *Natural Resources Journal*, and the *U.S.- Mexico Law Journal*. The Law Library is directed by a full time member of the faculty, who reports to the Dean and is assisted, by four library faculty members.

The Dean is the chief academic and executive officer of the School of Law and reports directly to the Provost of the University. Governance of the law school is vested in the faculty and its committees, which are appointed by the Dean. Students are represented as full voting members on most committees as well as at faculty meetings.

The Dean has significant fund-raising responsibilities for both the law school and its various institutions. The Dean interacts with alumni/ae and other members of the legal profession in such matters as continuing legal education, annual meetings of the Bar, Bar committees and other professional functions. Under the Constitution of New Mexico, the Dean serves as chair of the judicial nominating commissions for the state's Appellate, District and Metropolitan Courts. In this capacity the Dean periodically chairs committees of lawyers, judges and lay persons for the purpose of selecting judicial candidates for appointment by the Governor.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- * J.D. degree or equivalent degree in law-related area.
- * Academic credentials and qualifications or equivalent experience that would merit appointment as a full professor in the School of Law.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- * Record of administrative responsibility and proven fiscal and managerial skills.
- * Demonstrated capacity for leadership.
- * Research and teaching experience at the professional level.
- * Evidence of scholarly achievement.
- * Strong record of support for academic values, including teaching, clinical legal education, community service, research and creative activity, academic freedom and diversity.
- * Experience in dealing with external funding sources.

The University of New Mexico actively seeks and encourages nominations of and applications from individuals who are members of under-represented groups. For information regarding the confidentiality of inquiries and applications call or write to the address listed below. A complete application consists of (1) a letter that expresses interest in and qualifications for the position, (2) a curriculum vitae, and (3) the names, addresses and contact information of five professional references. The Search Committee will begin screening applications on October 22, 2001.

Nominations and applications should be submitted to:

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