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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAW FACULTY
FROM: ROBERT J. DESIDERIO, DEAN 
DATE: APRIL 5, 2002
SUBJECT: FACULTY MEETING

Faculty Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, April 9, 2002
Room 2405
4:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of March 19, 2002 Faculty Meeting
2. Dean's Report
3. Report on Library Financial Concerns – Professor Marsha Baum
4. Honors and Awards – Professor Rob Schwartz
5. New Business

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April 9, 2002

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

PRESENT: Bay, Browde, Cruz, Desiderio, Hall, Hughes, Land, Martin, Mathewson, Montoya, Moore, Occhialino, O'Leary, Romero, Schwartz, Taylor, Valencia-Weber, Winograd

Student Representative: Pilar Gonzalas

ABSENT: Baum, Bergman, Blumenfeld, Bobroff, Burr, Canova, Ellis, Fritz, Fort, Gill, Gonzales, Hart, Kelly, Kovnat, Lopez, MacPherson, Martinez, Montoya-Lewis, Norwood, Rapaport, Wolf

At 4:10 p.m., Dean Desiderio called the meeting to order. The first order of business was to adopt the minutes of the March 19, 2002 faculty meeting. Professor Scott Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. It was seconded by Professor Leo Romero, and when voted on, the motion carried.

Dean Desiderio announced that the report on the Library Financial Concerns has been postponed until the next faculty meeting.

Dean's Report

Dean Desiderio announced that the Board of Visitors will be meeting at the law school on Friday, April 12. Dean Designate Suellyn Scarnecchia will be coming to Albuquerque on April 11 to meet with the Board of Visitors and to have a few short meetings with individual faculty members. Dean Desiderio reminded the faculty that Suellyn Scarnecchia will be at the law school frequently in the fall semester and will visit with other faculty members at a later time. Also, the Desiderios will host a welcome reception for Suellyn Scarnecchia at their home on Friday evening, and faculty are invited to attend.

The MALSA Fighting for Justice banquet and silent auction will be held on Saturday, April 13, at 6:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Old Town. Dean Desiderio encouraged faculty to sign up with Margaret Banek if they wish to sit at designated faculty tables.

Dean Desiderio and the faculty congratulated Professor Margaret Montoya on being awarded the 2002 Graciela Olivarez Award by the Notre Dame Hispanic Law Students Association.

Dean Desiderio reported on the progress of the new building expansion—we are on target to move the new furniture in around the end of the month and hope to occupy the offices shortly after Commencement on May 11. He also reported that the Regents have approved the funding backup for Phase II.

Dean Desiderio reported that there is still no agreement on a state budget, and, even if a compromise can be worked out, there will not be a budget before June.

Dean Desiderio announced that Law School tuition for 2002-2003 will increase by 10%. There will be no increase in the tuition for non-residents. He also stated that there will be no salary increases except for employees who earn less than \$25,000, who will receive a flat dollar amount increase. The health insurance plans will have large premium increases.

Dean Desiderio announced that his secretary and coordinator for judicial selection, Margaret Banek, will be leaving to take a position at the medical school. Her last day will be April 30.

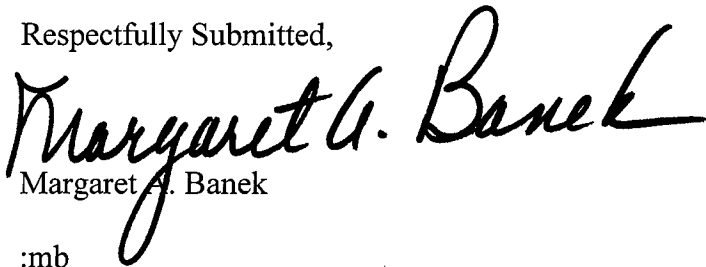
Honors and Awards

The chair of the Honors and Awards Committee, Professor Rob Schwartz, distributed to the faculty the Committee's recommendations for the 2002 Honors and Awards. With one name correction and the addition of two names, the motion carried.

Professor Schwartz suggested giving an award to an outstanding staff member, perhaps a check. The motion was seconded by Professor Leo Romero. The Honors and Awards Committee will recommend to the faculty recipients of the first staff award.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Margaret A. Banek

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Public Affairs

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March 29, 2002

MONTOYA TO BE HONORED BY NOTRE DAME HISPANIC ASSOCIATION

The Notre Dame Hispanic Law Students Association will honor University of New Mexico Professor of Law Margaret Montoya with the its 2002 Graciela Olivarez Award Friday, April 5 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Notre Dame Law School Courtroom.

The award is presented in memory of the Notre Dame Law School's first Hispanic female graduate. Each year, the association honors an outstanding Latino lawyer or judge who has made a significant contribution to the legal community.

Montoya was the first Latina accepted to Harvard Law School. Her research focuses on race, ethnicity, gender, language and cross-cultural discourse. Active in the community, she recently introduced a new class at UNM "Lawyering for Social Change" where students develop multicultural materials for K-12 teachers.

"I am delighted to be recognized by the Notre Dame students and particularly because this award honors a woman who was so remarkable," Montoya said. "Graciela Olivares was an entrepreneur, a visionary, an extraordinary lawyer and a fine law professor. She is a role model for all of us in the legal profession."

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