
Guests: Ryan Cisler, Sean Connolly, Jonathan Ferrera, Romando Nash and Christopher Roby

Absent: Phil Hale and Phil Kosiba

1. Father Garanzini opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. and Paul Whelton offered a prayer.

2. The minutes of the March 29, 2011 meeting were approved with a correction in item number three that UMC will be tapping into new channels, not markets, with this spring’s image campaign.

3. Father Garanzini asked if there were additional items to add to the agenda, and Tom Kelly added a review of the retirement plan redesign rollout.

4. Wayne Magdziarz then introduced four students who are working on developing a casual Italian restaurant on the LSC which will be called Felice’s. The students presented the concept, design and plans for the restaurant. Felice’s will offer lunch, dinner, late-night dining, and catering. 25-30 students will be hired to run and manage the restaurant, which is slated to open on or around October 1. Emilio Iodice offered to send whatever would be helpful from Rome to support this Roman-style pizzeria. Father Garanzini encouraged the students to think carefully about management issues, including determining who will handle and deposit the money generated by the restaurant. The students confirmed that rambler bucks will be accepted at Felice’s, and Kelly Shannon suggested that the students offer some “taste tests” during Discover Loyola sessions this summer to help draw attention to and interest in this new eatery.

5. John Hardt then presented some options for the fall 2011 leadership retreat, which typically takes place in October and is focused on a theme related to Catholic social teaching. The Cabinet discussed holding a smaller meeting this summer to review the final report from the Interfaith Youth Corps which will be out by June. John and others plan to look into the possibility of convening a retreat on sustainability and our “green mission” in the fall. This retreat could be held at LUREC or at the Cuneo Estate, and Father Garanzini suggested we think about bringing in an outside speaker to offer a talk at the retreat.

6. Susan Malisch updated the Cabinet on the migration from Novell to Microsoft to meet the University’s ITS needs. This migration will take place along with a planned upgrade of desktop software from Window XP to Windows 7 and Office 2007 to Office 2010. A timeline for these efforts is in the process of being developed. Father Garanzini asked if we have considered piloting a program where students in a particular program—ideally one that requires a number of large textbooks—are directed to use ipads or some other e-reader. John Pelissero, Emilio, and Susan will meet to discuss this.
7. Rob Kelly then introduced Romando Nash, the director of Residence Life, who presented an outline of Residence Life’s mission, vision, diversity statement, values and targeted learning outcomes. Romando then showed an example of the residence hall videos that are posted online—currently we have three videos, and another four are in process. The Cabinet discussed student housing needs and reviewed plans to go from our current number of about 4,200 beds to 5,600 or so beds in the next four years.

8. Rob detailed the enthusiastic and supportive phone calls and emails he has received regarding Grace Calhoun and Porter Moser’s hirings as athletic director and head men’s basketball coach, respectively. He then gave an update on plans for the University’s first Weekend of Excellence this weekend and he reminded the Cabinet that everyone is invited to all the events over the weekend. It was suggested that for next year’s invitation we consider specifying the target audience for the different events to better promote programs to certain constituencies, and Rob agreed that that is a change that is already on the radar for next year.

9. Tom Kelly shared that a dozen meetings are taking place to inform faculty and staff about the retirement plan redesign which will take effect on July 1. Nearly 50% of the University’s faculty and staff are not saving for their retirement under the old plan, and this redesign is aimed to encourage people to contribute toward their retirement.

10. In Information Sharing, Father Garanzini indicated that at the upcoming spring budget hearings he would like to talk with the Vice Presidents about programs and developments in FY2013 and how we can budget and plan for these projects during FY2012. He would like to talk with each unit about new ideas and creative initiatives.

11. Rob gave an update on Palestinian Awareness Week activities that are taking place on the LSC this week. Rob also informed the Cabinet that Jeremy Inabinet is leaving the University to pursue a PhD at the University of Georgia.

12. Donna Curin reminded the Cabinet that the deadline for pre-read materials for the Board of Trustees executive committee meeting next month is April 27.

13. Wayne gave an updated on real estate transactions adjacent to the LSC, and highlighted that 6610 N. Sheridan Road will be ready for occupancy by July 2013. We are closing on two Kenmore Avenue properties this week, and MB Financial will be vacating their space in the Granada Center for the end of April. Additionally, Wayne shared that Chick-fil-A will open on the WTC on May 12.

14. John Costello, S.J. asked what we are doing to meet the financial needs of prospective and current students and Father Garanzini confirmed that we have a number of programs in place to assist students with institutional resources as well as to help them maximize their state and federal aid.

15. Bill Laird noted that the endowment is up about 18%, and reported that Moody’s released a report on Sunday putting the University on a watch list for a possible upgrade. Bill also gave an update on the significant due diligence work being done by LUC, LUHS and Trinity teams toward the goal of an LUHS-Trinity partnership, and he thanked Paul Whelton and his team for their hard work in this mutual effort.
16. Susan shared that the Unified Student Government Association (USGA) awarded their “Spirit of Partnership” award to ITS, recognizing the hard work of Bruce Montes and Dan Vonder Heide in particular. Father Garanzini added that the USGA also gave an award to Wayne Magdziarz for his help to and support of USGA this year.

17. Tom indicated that HR will soon rollout a survey on training services and recruitment which among other things is designed to gauge manager perceptions. Tom asked the Cabinet to encourage their managers to participate in the survey.

18. Ellen Munro gave an update on litigation taking place in Europe that could result in extending the Cervarix patent for five years.

19. John Pelissero distributed the enrollment funnel and highlighted that we garnered 156 new deposits after Loyola Weekend last week. We are up 7% in graduate and professional program applications for the fall, and down about 4% overall in summer applications and deposits. John added that we have about two dozen students registered for classes at LUREC this summer, and another 280 students enrolled in summer online courses. Father Garanzini emphasized the need to recruit talented high school science students to LUREC, and John confirmed that efforts are underway to do so. John Hardt mentioned that colleagues at Marquette University have expressed an interest in partnering with Loyola on an inner-city science student program for high school students, and John Pelissero said he would follow up on this.

20. Paul Whelton gave an update on LUHS rankings and noted that USNews and World Report listed LUHS in the top four Chicago hospitals. Additionally, Tomson Reuter came out with a top 6% in patient safety ranking for the hospital. Paul said that the groundbreaking for the School of Nursing and the Center for Collaborative Learning was well attended and received.

21. Father Garanzini said that the honorary degree award ceremony for David Tracy of the University of Chicago Divinity School went well last Friday evening.

22. Emilio Iodice reported that over 100 students are already enrolled for the summer at JFRC, and he expects a total of 140-150 students. Fall deposits are up almost 60% over last year, and he credited in part the new business curriculum being offered at the JFRC.

23. John Hardt invited the Cabinet to the School of Business dean candidate meeting taking place later today.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.