
Guests: Jennifer Clark and Nicole Meehan

Absent: Donna Curin, Phil Hale, and Susan Malisch

1. Father Garanzini opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. Jon Heintzelman offered a prayer.

2. The minutes of the September 21, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Nicole Meehan reviewed the social networking tools that Alumni Relations uses to engage alumni, promote events, and build community. Over 6,000 alumni are members of the LUC linked-in page, and the two Loyola facebook pages (LU Wolf and the LUC Alumni Association) have a combined following of nearly 5,000 alumni and friends of the university.

4. Kelly Shannon reviewed plans for the fall/winter 2010 Loyola magazine. Major stories will include a Gannon Center spotlight, a piece on James Garbarino and his work with children in El Salvador, and a focus on the School of Nursing, which just celebrated its 75th anniversary.

5. Rob Kelly discussed Student Development programs and the opportunity to have beer and wine available at a select number of student events each year, including the senior year “toast.” The Cabinet agreed that having alcohol available at a few events for those 21 and older would be appropriate.

6. Tom Kelly reviewed the 2011 Benefits Open Enrollment changes with moderate cost increases and only PPO plan design changes required by national healthcare reform. The Cabinet discussed his recommendation to eliminate HMO-Illinois as a medical option on January 1, 2011. After a lengthy discussion about the financial implications for both the university and employees and how Human Resources plans to address the transition for these individuals (1 in 5 faculty/staff) there was consensus to move forward with the recommendation. He concluded with a report on the impact of federal healthcare reform initiatives on our health plan and the challenges we will address between now and 2014.

7. John Pelissero distributed the draft graduation schedule, and among other minor changes, noted that the Baccalaureate Mass would be held on Friday of graduation weekend at 12:30 p.m. between the two CAS ceremonies.

8. Phil Kosiba shared an update on security issues and the Cabinet discussed the need to talk with the owners of Hamilton’s about our concerns. The Cabinet also suggested that the University stop holding events at Hamilton’s until our concerns are addressed.
9. John Hardt indicated that Faculty Orientation is tentatively scheduled for January 10, and he reviewed the draft schedule for the day with the Cabinet. Father Garanzini recommended engaging a core of senior faculty to meet with new faculty, and John Pelissero suggested we look at other language than “orientation” for this session.

10. In Information Sharing, John Costello, S.J. indicated that Regent interest in visiting Rome on a Loyola-sponsored trip was high, and so plans are moving forward on a program for the Regents next June.

11. Bill Laird noted that we are up 8.2% in our endowments for the quarter ending September 30. He also shared that PNC Bank proposals will be submitted by Friday regarding lines of credit for the university and health system.

12. Lorraine Snyder advised the Cabinet that all 28 AJCU presidents as well as U.S.-based Jesuit provincials will be on the WTC starting Friday for joint and concurrent meetings. The President’s meetings will adjourn on Sunday, and the Provincial’s meetings run through Thursday, October 14.

13. Kelly highlighted that the new Inside Loyola daily online news site is in beta testing, and a user survey will go out next week so that UMC can get feedback on the redesign. The site will go live within the next three weeks.

14. John shared that the faculty retreat at LUCREC last week went well, and about 70 faculty attended. There is great excitement among the faculty for the facility and its usage for faculty and students.

15. Rob noted that Spirit Week was a big success and that students turned out in droves for late night programming. Additionally, he indicated that three departments will be engaged in administrative program review this year—diversity, residence life and sacramental life.

16. Steve Bergfeld gave an update on the Cuneo property, and highlighted that 30 wedding were held there this past season (as compared with 9 the year before). We have transitioned to a new caterer at Cuneo, and next week set-up for the annual light show will begin.

17. Jon indicated that Rocco Martino made a significant commitment for the SBA project. Jon also noted that Nancy Tuchman addressed the Advancement Division at their recent retreat, and staff are enthusiastic about planning an alumni service day at LUCREC in the spring.

18. Emilio Iodice gave an update on alumni events in New York, Chicago and Washington, D.C. and indicated that several people expressed interest in joining the JFRC’s leadership committee. Additionally, Emilio indicated that the Italian President will meet with three of our students this week and present them with an award in recognition of their immersion in Italian language and culture.

19. Jennifer Clark indicated that the Pell grant is nearly double what it was last year, and highlighted that the Perkins loan- which President Obama would like to become a campus-based loan program- is slated to expire in November 2012. Additionally, in Springfield and Washington, there is renewed effort to enact immigration reform, including the DREAM act which Senator Durbin has sponsored.
20. Wayne Magdziarz noted that the annexation of LUCREC is moving forward. Wayne highlighted that we are looking for a retail anchor on the LSC triangle parcel at the corner of Albion and Sheridan. Additionally, he noted that Market 820 will close after Thanksgiving, and that Chick-fil-A has signed their lease and will open on Chicago Avenue in March. The Cabinet also discussed signage for the Corboy Law Center, and Jon and Kelly agreed to present options for increased signage at a future meeting.

21. Tom noted that he met with the Faculty Council regarding retirement plan changes, and he will be meeting with the Staff Council next week regarding these plan changes as well.

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