President’s Cabinet Meeting  
October 9, 2012


Absent: Emilio Iodice and John Pelissero

1. Father Garanzini opened the meeting at 8:05 a.m. and Ellen Munro offered a prayer.

2. The minutes of the September 25, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Rich Gamelli then gave an overview of operations and programs at the Health Sciences Division, which is focused on providing a structure that better aligns, organizes, and leverages the HSD’s schools, centers, institutes, and research operations. Specific FY12 goals include enhancing the university’s academic and research enterprise; establishing a strong university partner aligned with LUHS’ clinical operations and patient care; and enhancing collaboration with the Trinity Health System. Efforts are underway to develop both an Institute for Public Health as well as an Institute for Catholic Health Care Leadership in Maywood, among other large-scale projects.

4. Phil Hale presented the opportunity for a supplier diversity program, which among other goals would ensure a consistent approach to supplier diversity among the different academic and administrative units of the university. Bill Laird highlighted what we are already doing in this area, and suggested that members of this new task force should participate in Finance’s supplier diversity training as way to better understand what we are currently doing in this area. Father Garanzini agreed and noted that this task force’s work should focus on improving our current efforts to provide minority-owned and women-owned suppliers with equal access to purchasing and contractual opportunities. Phil will modify his proposal and bring it back to the Cabinet for review.

5. Phil then presented recommendations related to establishing more robust and holistic partnerships with the local corporate community. This proposal is in response to conversations held at the senior leadership retreat in Santa Fe last July. Of particular importance is establishing a university “clearinghouse” to expand corporate partnerships throughout our academic enterprise. Tom Kelly suggested that this would be a good topic to take up at the joint Cabinet-Council of Deans meeting in early November.

6. Tom reviewed benefits open enrollment which will take place from November 1-23. Employee healthcare premiums will increase slightly—$7 more per month for individual coverage and $27 more per month for family coverage. A benefit highlights newsletter will be sent to faculty and staff on October 20 announcing plan changes and advertising the dates of this fall’s Benefit Fairs.

7. Upon conclusion of the meeting, Dr. Gamelli and his staff then offered a tour of the HSD to Cabinet members.

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