President’s Cabinet Meeting
November 16, 2010


Guests: Richard Williams

Absent: Paul Whelton

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

2. The minutes of the November 2, 2010 meeting were approved with a correction in item #6 that the University photo cards are for general—and not holiday—use, and in item #18 that Witt/Kieffer has been hired to assist with the School of Business dean search as well as the School of Social Work dean search.

3. Richard Williams reviewed plans for the June 2011 Founders Dinner. Next year will mark the 10th anniversary of the dinner and there will be a special push for vendors and guests to purchase $10,000 anniversary tables. The Gentile Center will be under construction next June and Richard presented options for holding the event on the LSC in a tent or downtown at the Hilton hotel on Michigan Avenue. It was suggested that holding this dinner either on the LSC or at the Field Museum or some other non-hotel property would be preferable to holding it at a hotel. The Cabinet also approved setting up a system so that Loyola staff can purchase individual tickets through payroll deductions spread out over a maximum of four or five months.

4. Donna Curin reviewed the “One Good Deed Chicago” initiative which Mayor Daley launched in September to promote volunteerism throughout the city. It was agreed that this initiative and follow up should be directed to Patrick Green in Experiential Learning and Megan Barry in Student Development.

5. Bill Laird gave an update on FY12 budget processes, and noted that the Finance Office is working on finalizing next year’s budget parameters that will be presented to the Board of Trustees at their December 3 meeting. The budget will include a $1M strategic initiatives pool which will be administered by the Strategic Planning University Policy Committee.

6. Rob Kelly distributed an updated Speaker’s Policy which, among other things, was modified to streamline student processes to get approval to invite speakers to campus. Ellen Munro and Phil Hale emphasized the need to ensure that the policy is in compliance with IRS guidelines. There was a discussion regarding the importance of bringing a diversity of speakers to campus, and Father Garanzini recommended that Rob and the committee working on the speakers policy reach out to staff at Georgetown University to see what speaker policies they have in place.

7. John Hardt indicated that he met with fellow mission leaders at a recent meeting at Rockhurst University, and discussed Loyola’s concern about the continued viability of the Heartland-Delta conference. John then solicited feedback on the November 10 Leadership Retreat. There was widespread agreement that it was a good and productive morning, and
that Eboo Patel’s remarks were insightful and engaging. Rob indicated that Student Development staff will meet in December to discuss ways to more proactively promote interfaith collaboration and dialogue while deepening the division’s commitment to the Jesuit, Catholic mission of Loyola. Father Garanzini highlighted the need to assess what this collaboration with Interfaith Youth Core could offer to our professional schools, and how we could weave this work into courses that would teach students how to work with a diversity of individuals in professional settings. John Pelissero agreed, and indicated that among our next steps in this collaborative effort, he will be meeting with the deans to discuss these issues.

8. Phil Kosiba reviewed the detailed survey information that has been collected regarding the perception of safety around our Lakeside campuses. Students expressed their desire for more information in the campus safety alerts, as well as for increased visibility of LUC campus safety vehicles around campus. The Campus Safety Advisory Committee plans to create two videos, one a general safety video and the other a “hotspot” video with a focus on specific neighborhood locations. The Campus Safety website will be made more user-friendly in response to survey feedback as well, and plans are underway for adding a Loyola alarm function to the Loyola application which was launched earlier this fall.

9. Tom Kelly reminded the Cabinet that the Staff Council awards ceremony will take place this afternoon at 4 p.m. in Regent’s Hall.

10. Donna Curin noted that the Board of Trustees book will be sent to the printer this Friday.

11. Kelly Shannon highlighted that UMC received two awards from CASE District 5 (Council for Advancement and Support of Education), including a silver in the “best alumni/institution magazine” category for Loyola magazine, and a gold medal in the “best capital/comprehensive campaign” category for the reimagine campaign.

12. Jon Heintzelman reminded the Cabinet that Kent Stucky’s farewell reception will be held at LUMA tomorrow afternoon.

13. John Pelissero noted that 1,700 guests, including 500 students, attended last week’s open house.

14. Bill Laird distributed guest passes for VIPs visiting Loyola who need transportation between the LSC and WTC campuses.

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