President’s Cabinet Meeting
November 29, 2011

Members present: John Costello, S.J., Donna Curin, Michael Garanzini, S.J., Phil Hale, Jon Heintzelman, Richard Gamelli, Emilio Iodice, Rob Kelly, Tom Kelly, Bill Laird, Susan Malisch, Ellen Munro, John Pelissero, Kelly Shannon, Lorraine Snyder and Kana Wibbenmeyer

Guests: Grace Calhoun, Katie Hession and Pat Kraft

Absent: Wayne Magdziarz

1. Father Garanzini opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. Susan Malisch offered a prayer.

2. The minutes of the November 15, 2011 meeting were approved with a correction in item #3.

3. Kelly Shannon introduced Katie Hession, who, along with Grace Calhoun and Pat Kraft from Athletics, presented options for a redesigned athletics logo. The Cabinet discussed how a redesign offers an opportunity to signal a change in the athletics program at Loyola. It was agreed that the Loyola wolf should continue to be a part of our athletics logo and the cabinet agreed on one of the wolf concepts that was presented.

4. John Pelissero distributed the list of mid-year graduation events and receptions that are being organized by each school for their graduating students. Father Garanzini asked how many students will finish their degrees in December, and John indicated that there are 962 students who will graduate. These graduates will all be invited to walk in the university commencement ceremonies in May.

5. Father Garanzini and Tom Kelly reviewed numerous items relating to the university’s Board of Trustees and the upcoming meeting on December 2. Tom indicated that preliminary recommendations of the Governance Task Force include allowing more time at Board meetings for trustees to discuss strategic issues and establishing a protocol of executive sessions as part of each Board committee meeting.

6. Father Garanzini gave an update on Senn High School and indicated that he will share this update with the trustees at their meeting in December.

7. Jon Heintzelman shared that nearly 900 guests attended the Stritch Dinner in November and feedback on the event has been very positive.

8. Rob Kelly highlighted that the Loyola men’s basketball team beat Fordham at the November 26 game, the first held in the renovated Gentile Center. Rob also encouraged the Cabinet to attend the men’s basketball game against DePaul University which will take place on December 7.

9. Ellen Munro reviewed the strategic priorities and regular business conducted in the General Counsel’s office, which includes working on issues related to employment, intellectual property, real estate, facilities, and athletic licensing and sponsorships, among others.
10. Bill Laird informed the Cabinet that Tom Hickey got seriously ill during the Thanksgiving holiday, and asked the Cabinet to keep him in their prayers while he is recuperating.

11. Father Garanzini discussed the need to engage more broad-based participation in the annual Staff Awards ceremony. Tom Kelly agreed, and highlighted that award criteria are being reviewed and in some cases revised as well. Tom will bring an updated Staff Award’s program outline to the Cabinet next spring.

12. Tom distributed an invitation to a Loyola Leadership Exchange event which will take place on Wednesday, December 7.

13. Kelly noted that the new director of communications for the School of Business is Brendan Shea. She also informed the Cabinet that holiday e-cards are available and can be accessed through luc.edu.

14. Phil Hale thanked the Cabinet for their support of the federal financial aid petition drive. Loyola secured about 5,000 signatures, nearly twice as many as any other college or university.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.