President’s Cabinet Meeting
December 8, 2009


Guests: Nicole Meehan and Richard Williams

Absent: Paul Whelton

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

2. The minutes of the November 24, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Nicole Meehan reviewed upgrades to the online alumni directory. The directory is being enhanced to allow greater usability for our alumni constituency. Both the law school and the Rome Center will continue to have their own alumni directories. Additionally, Nicole reviewed the alumni association dashboard report for events held since the beginning of FY10. The dashboard is designed to track participation at alumni events and to support web and social networking among our alumni body.

4. Donna Curin asked for feedback on the Board of Trustees meeting cycle last week. In general, the Cabinet felt that the committee meetings were productive. Father Garanzini suggested that we consider having two committees meet jointly on issues that are relevant to multiple committees.

5. Bill Laird presented a new Rent-a-Text program which will be rolled out to students. This program will offer a much-needed affordable book option for our students. Phil Hale indicated that Senator Dick Durbin, who has been very concerned about the rising cost of textbooks, is very pleased that Follett is extending the Rent-a-Text program to Loyola.

6. Wayne Magdziarz presented an overview of plans for the launch of the Intercollegiate Athletics Center (IAC) project, and Rob Kelly discussed the January 22 and 23 kick-off celebration plans. Among other activities, there will be a Saturday afternoon “Spirit Rally” held in Alumni Gym to unveil plans for the IAC and to build team and school spirit in advance of the basketball game that day.

7. Father Garanzini reviewed the FY10-FY15 expenditure and funding projections with the Cabinet.

8. In Information Sharing, Chris Wiseman indicated that undergraduate applications are up 11% and that net deposits are up 22% to date.

9. Rob Kelly invited the Cabinet to attend the January 27, 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. program with Michael Eric Dyson.
10. Tom Kelly reminded the Cabinet that the annual University Christmas luncheon will be held on the LSC in the Halas Sports Center next Friday, December 18.

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