President’s Cabinet Meeting  
September 23, 2014


Guests: Jennifer Clark and Summur Roberts

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

2. The minutes of the August 25, 2014 meeting were approved with an edit in item #6.

3. Father Garanzini welcomed Father Steve Katsouros, S.J. to Loyola and to the Cabinet.

4. Jane Neufeld shared that Halas operations are now reporting to Dawn Collins, and Wayne suggested that Dawn address the Cabinet after January 1st to review gym utilization and operational challenges with this group. Additionally, Jane and Susan Malisch briefly reviewed issues related to reservable spaces on campus and the need to review our protocols for offering ITS support in venues that are not currently under the purview of ITS. Jane and Susan will present a review of these challenges and make recommendations at the next Cabinet meeting.

5. Jennifer and Summur then reviewed the results of 2013-2014 Community Relations Survey. This annual survey is intended to gauge Community Relations’ success in working closely with neighborhood partners, and to help Jennifer and Summur prioritize their efforts each year. Phil Hale highlighted that the opening of Albion Park this week was due in great part to Summur’s leadership and work with the community. The Cabinet then discussed the need to revitalize Broadway Avenue and to collaborate more closely with businesses south of Devon Avenue to help with a strategic revitalization of Broadway. Jennifer indicated that she will convene a working group to begin outlining a plan that incorporates our two aldermanic wards.

6. Kelly Shannon reminded the Cabinet that the university’s sesquicentennial will take place in 2020 and will coincide with the completion of the next strategic plan. She presented a number of opportunities and ideas for the Cabinet to consider for this celebration. Father Garanzini emphasized the need to organize some high-profile academic events which would include the conferral of some honorary degrees. The Cabinet will continue to think about ways to celebrate Loyola’s sesquicentennial and a working group will be assembled by 2016 or 2017 to manage the planning for this event.

7. John Pelissero reviewed the recently-released U.S. News and World report rankings, which show that Loyola’s ranking was largely unchanged.

8. Tom Kelly reviewed retirement benefits changes taking place this fall. He added that among other benefit changes, the university will add pet insurance to its list of offerings.

9. Fr. Katsouros gave an update on Arrupe College. There is strong interest among the local foundation community in supporting this project and Fr. Katsouros is meeting with the leaders of Christ the King, Cristo Rey, and other area feeder high schools.

10. Kana Wibbenmeyer shared that the LSC west quad has been sodded and final plantings, primarily on the southern edge of the quad, are being finished. The garden south of Ignatius House is the last piece of land to get sod, that is also happening this week. Kana and Dawn are working together to set up seating outside of Engrained Café. Kana also reviewed the plans that are in place to prepare for the installation of the MDS bells this fall.
11. Jane Neufeld reminded the Cabinet that Family Weekend is this weekend.

12. Lorraine Snyder invited the Cabinet to Father Garanzini’s State of the University addresses today—at 11 a.m. on the WTC in Kasbeer Hall, and at 4 p.m. on the LSC in Galvin Auditorium.

13. Donna Curin and the Cabinet congratulated Kana on her recent engagement.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.