Members present: Patrick Boyle, Pam Costas, Donna Curin, Justin Daffron, S.J., Lorraine Fitzgerald, Phil Hale, Emilio Iodice, Kana Henning, Tom Kelly, Wayne Magdziarz, Chris Manning, Rob Munson, Jane Neufeld, John Pelissero, Kelly Shannon and Winifred Williams

Absent: Steve Bergfeld, Margaret Callahan and Susan Malisch

Guests: Chris Murphy

1. John Pelissero opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. and Rob Munson offered a prayer.

2. The minutes of the March 29, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Wayne Magdziarz added an agenda item related to the Dux Mirabilis award, and Phil Hale indicated that he would update the Cabinet on the State of Illinois budget.

4. John welcomed David Prasse to the meeting. David and Pat Boyle reviewed details for a proposed Office of Institutional Effectiveness. This office would provide timely collection, analysis, and dissemination of institutional data to internal and external partners to promote institutional effectiveness. The creation of this office is in line with best practices in higher education and was proposed to us by the Higher Learning Commission during our accreditation last year. The Cabinet discussed the proposal at length and then voted in favor of establishing this office.

5. Pat distributed a list of commencement events, speakers and honorary degree recipients. Eleven ceremonies are planned and after each event, a reception will be held on the West Quad on the LSC or, in the event of rain, in the Damen Student Center. Approximately 4,000 students will graduate next month, and we anticipate hosting over 20,000 visitors to campus during our commencement events.

6. Jane Neufeld and Winifred Williams then gave an update on the faculty and staff facilitated dialogue which was recently convened. This two-hour program was a first step toward respectful, engaged dialogue between faculty and staff who have varying opinions on important issues. Phil Hale suggested that Don Wycliff could be engaged to help moderate a future session. Kelly Shannon proposed that we outline specific events such as this dialogue that we should plan to do next year in order to keep these conversations going, and Donna agreed, suggesting that perhaps the GOLD alumni could be engaged in these types of programs.

7. Wayne then proposed a worthy recipient for the Dux Mirabilis award which is typically given out at Founders’ Dinner in June.

8. Phil gave an update on the State of Illinois budget, including its recent passage of emergency, stopgap funding totaling $600M. Just over $169M is being designated for MAP grant funding, and Phil indicated that this amount should cover the fall semester MAP awards for all Illinois Student Assistance Commission schools. This amount totals about 43% of what we might have gotten if a budget was passed in FY16. John and the
Cabinet thanked Phil for his tireless efforts to help our undergraduate and Arrupe College students finance their educations.

9. In Information Sharing, Tom Kelly gave an update on student athletes who have chosen to leave the women’s basketball program.

10. John asked about plans to honor John and Kathy Schreiber and Justin Daffron, S.J. confirmed that per their request, photos of former business school deans Ray Baumhart, S.J. and F. Virgil Boyd—the two deans that has the most impact on John Schreiber—will be put up in the Quinlan School of Business dean’s suite.

11. Winifred detailed additional changes to the service award program, and noted that service award gifts which are typically given in the spring will now be given out to awardees this fall.

12. Winifred then gave an update on contract negotiations that began last week with Local 399. The union is focused on education and training for its members who are interested in advancing their careers. Winifred shared that bimonthly meetings will continue through May.

13. Lorraine Fitzgerald indicated that the May 24, 2016 Cabinet meeting is canceled.

14. Pat gave a brief update on a faculty hearing committee proposal being sponsored by Faculty Council.

15. Jane Neufeld invited the Cabinet to the Senior Toast on the East Quad at 5:30 p.m. on May 9, as well as the pancake breakfasts on May 2 (WTC) and May 4 (LSC).

16. Phil indicated that we might see some movement on our efforts to secure storm water resources from the county in order to address flooding issues that impact the HSD campus whenever there is a significant rainfall.

17. Rob gave an update on efforts to trim the FY16 budget in light of reduced MAP funding from the State of Illinois. Additionally, Rob shared that Baker Tilly completed their interviews with Cabinet members in preparation for the BOT Audit Committee meeting on May 17.

18. Wayne indicated that the focus of the BOT Facilities Committee meeting agenda tomorrow will be a review of a new athletic practice facility proposal.

19. Donna reminded the Cabinet that the BOT trip to Rome is in one month, and she said that 62 people are currently confirmed for the trip.

20. Emilio Iodice gave an update on two JFRC students who were recently assaulted in Rome. Fortunately, both are expected to recover fully from their injuries.

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