Cabinet Meeting
August 23, 2016

Members present: Jo Ann Rooney, Margaret Callahan, Pam Costas, Donna Curin, Lorraine Fitzgerald, Phil Hale, Kana Henning, Tom Kelly, Wayne Magdziarz, Susan Malisch, Rob Munson, Jane Neufeld, Jamie Orsini, John Pelissero, Kelly Shannon and Winifred Williams

Guest: Steve Katsouros, S.J.

1. Jo Ann Rooney opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. and John Pelissero offered a prayer.

2. The minutes of the August 9, 2016 meeting were approved with a correction regarding the average MAP grant that our MAP-eligible students receive.


4. Fr. Katsouros then reviewed the successes and challenges of Arrupe College after one year. 82% of the students have been retained for their second year at Arrupe College. Currently, 20% of the Arrupe College student body is undocumented, and the average GPA is 2.8. The university’s semester schedule was adopted this year to help Arrupe student succeed, and Fr. Katsouros is interested in creating a Student Commons space in Maguire Hall to help build community among the students. The Cabinet discussed the importance of support services to assist these students, and brainstormed about opportunities to develop Arrupe College-specific scholarships to assist this population. John Pelissero, Kelly Shannon, Jamie Orsini, and others will convene a working group to develop a fundraising proposal and then bring it back to the Cabinet for review and discussion.

5. Dr. Rooney discussed the importance of everyone having a deep understanding of and familiarity with our institutional budget. She highlighted two books that she has ordered for the Cabinet to help inform our budgeting processes and procedures. Rob Munson then reviewed the preliminary FY16 financial results and the FY17 budget.

6. Phil Hale and Jane Neufeld detailed updates to the university’s Speakers Policy, including the adoption of parts of the annual American Council on Education and the addition of guidelines that reflect Loyola’s Catholic, Jesuit mission.

7. Kelly Shannon discussed the “Respect the Conversation” themes from last year and proposed that we continue to underscore this message this academic year. The Cabinet agreed that it would be worthwhile to do so and Kelly indicated that she and her team will work up a proposal regarding locations on campus to post the “Respect the Conversation” language and bring it back to the Cabinet for discussion.

8. Wayne Magdziarz presented information on LUREC operations and opportunities to meet our institutional goal of break-even operations in FY17. Central to this effort is the need for departments across our campuses to give more notification for events/retreats that they need to cancel so that LUREC managers can offer the lodging and meeting rooms to other
Wayne will work closely with unit directors to move us toward a more streamlined process for reserving and, when necessary, canceling LUREC space to help us meet our goals.

9. Wayne then presented an overview of Loyola’s current academic partnerships with external groups and agencies that relate to our Plan 2020 goals. Most of our partnerships are related to student internships and coordinated community development opportunities, such as our partnership with Senn High School. The Cabinet discussed the benefit of having a searchable database of community partnerships, and Wayne will take this idea to Jennifer Clark for her review and input.

10. In Information Sharing, Jane indicated that Move-In is progressing smoothly on our WTC and LSC. Jane also invited the Cabinet to the First-Year Student Convocation this Friday in the Gentile Arena at 4:00 p.m.

11. Susan Malisch detailed improvements to Loyola’s Wi-Fi network. She reminded the Cabinet that by the end of December, Loyola’s old Wi-Fi network will be phased out so everyone should choose “LUC to be connected to our new, more secure wireless network. Susan also shared that a new “LUC-Guest” wireless network has been created, which eliminates the need for individual guest passwords for visitors to our campuses.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.