1. John Pelissero opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and Kelly Shannon offered a prayer.

2. The minutes of the September 29, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Steve Watson, Athletic Director, provided an update on Athletics. Due to the university’s investment in Athletics programs and facilities, we were able to join the Missouri Valley Conference, which has led to better competition for our teams and exposure of our program. Student attendance of volleyball, soccer, and basketball games has improved significantly. Upcoming initiatives and needs for Athletics include: [1] increasing revenue through ticket sales, corporate sponsors, and fundraising; and [2] expanding facilities for the court sports, and providing indoor practice space for outdoor sports. Steve also stressed the importance of the men’s basketball program, and the potential revenue opportunities from playing in the NCAA tournament.

4. The policy for speakers on campus was reviewed as a group. It was agreed that language should be added to the policy to address the following: [1] department chairs must sign off on requests from within his/her department; [2] UMC must be informed if an event may cause media attention; and [3] outside groups must reserve space through Conference Services and be subject to the terms of their rental agreement. Any other additional language changes should be sent to Tom Kelly. Phil Hale reminded the group that the Illinois primary is coming up and we should remind everyone about our political campaigning policy. Jane Neufeld will work with Dawn Collins to add approval layers to 25Live. Jane Neufeld and Pat Boyle will establish the Committee on Speakers that is referenced in the policy.

5. Rob Munson presented the updated draft of the Travel & Business Policy. One additional change was recommended to Section E under “Domestic Travel” to restrict the class of service to coach cabin only, but to allow for minor fees due to the varying ticketing models across airlines. With this modification, the policy was unanimously approved.

6. Donna Curin and Tom Kelly presented a new format for the Board of Trustee meeting to make it more effective and allow for deeper discussion around strategic topics. Action items will be presented at the beginning of the meeting, followed by two strategic agenda topics for discussion, and ending with executive session. Any committees with an essential update for the group will be allowed time to present their update to the full Board. A list of potential strategic topics was compiled.

7. Kelly Shannon questioned if the content and frequency of the communications to Board members should be modified. It was recommended that UMC use the same format as the monthly Media Briefings, which could be supplemented by one-off, timely, and exciting announcements, such as the Loyola ad on the billboard next to Wrigley.

8. Emilio Iodice shared an update on a meeting that was held at JFRC with the U.S. Embassy on security and safety in Rome.
9. Rob Munson noted that he will be bringing the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act policy to the next Cabinet meeting.

10. Phil Hale updated the group on the lack of action on the State budget. It is very unlikely that a higher education budget will be passed by the end of the year. MAP awards are in question, so LUC will need to decide if we will continue to include them in our financial aid packages. Phil and a number of students will be attending a rally on November 10th coordinated by DePaul, and YouTube videos will be pushed out to policy makers as well. John Pelissero would like to have a unified letter written from Illinois university and college presidents to the Governor.

11. Pat Boyle informed the group that he held a retreat with the Deans to discuss academic programming in the future and enrollment. The Council of Deans discussed the outcomes of the retreat at their meeting. Starting October 26th, Pat will begin holding individual meetings with the Deans to continue the discussion from their retreat.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.