

President's Cabinet Meeting
October 7, 2008

Members present: John Costello, S.J., Donna Curin, Michael J. Garanzini, S.J., Phil Hale, Jon Heintzleman, Emilio Iodice, Thomas Kelly, Phil Kosiba, William Laird, Wayne Magdziarz, Ellen Munro, Lucien Roy, Richard Salmi, S.J., Kelly Shannon and Christine Wiseman

Also present: Don Heider, Eric Jones, Tim McGuriman, and Lorraine Snyder

Absent: Brendan Horan, S.J., Susan Malisch and Paul Whelton

1. Father Garanzini opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. and Lucien Roy offered a prayer.
2. The minutes of the September 23, 2008 meeting were approved.
3. Father Salmi welcomed Dave O'Brien of Alden and Associates who presented his recommendations to enhance the university's athletic facilities and program. Dave indicated that his review of Athletics supports the planned annex to the Gentile Center, an assessment of the university's Title IX compliance, and development of a comprehensive business plan for the department.
4. Chris Wiseman introduced Don Heider, who gave an update on his plans for the new School of Communication. Don convened a faculty retreat earlier this year to build consensus around desired learning outcomes for students in the school. His plans include developing a board of advisors for the *Phoenix* and for WLWU. Father Garanzini asked Don to work with Advancement to follow up with communications alumni so that the school can make stronger connections with the professional community in Chicago.
5. Bill Laird introduced Tadas Birutis and Pete Stile of Strategic Sourcing Results, who recently reviewed our vendor relationships. Bill highlighted that the university stands to significantly reduce the cost of office supplies if everyone uses our approved supplier, Office Express. The university averages a discount of 65% when purchasing supplies through Office Express.
6. Eric Jones then reviewed a draft letter to the university community regarding the financial crisis. Cabinet members made suggested changes to the letter, which will be sent to all faculty and staff as well as to trustees and regents this week.
7. Tom Kelly distributed a document regarding 2009 Benefits Open Enrollment. There will be an increase in medical coverage for the first time since 2005, and no increases in dental or vision coverage costs. There will also be an increase in the university's adoption assistance benefit.

8. Jon Heintzelman distributed a summary of attendance at the various Family Weekend events. 800 people attended Family Weekend mass and 700 attended the BBQ picnic and carnival.
9. Phil Hale mentioned that the Governor's chief of staff, John Harris, attended the campaign gala, and that the Governor recently pledged two million dollars for the construction of the university's new state-of-the-art nursing school building.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.