

President's Cabinet Meeting
February 7, 2012

Members present: John Costello, S.J., Michael Garanzini, S.J., Phil Hale, Jon Heintzelman, Emilio Iodice, Rob Kelly, Tom Kelly, Bill Laird, Wayne Magdziarz, Susan Malisch, Ellen Munro, John Pelissero, Kelly Shannon, Lorraine Snyder and Kana Wibbenmeyer

Guests: Natasha Mmeje and Helen Stubbs

Absent: Donna Curin and Richard Gamelli

1. Father Garanzini opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. Tom Kelly offered a prayer.
2. The minutes of the January 19, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.
3. Rob Kelly introduced Natasha Mmeje, program director in the Wellness Center, and Helen Stubbs, who oversees EverFi's Partner Education division. Helen gave an overview of substance and abuse issues and challenges on college campuses nationally, and the impact these challenges have on attrition and graduation rates. Helen and Natasha then reviewed data related to LUC students, and Rob highlighted that we've seen a higher percentage of hospital transports and dangerous behavior among some of our students than in past years. The Cabinet discussed enhancements being made to late night programming on campus, student development policy changes, and other programs devoted to working with our students to educate them on the dangers of alcohol and substance abuse and to provide support and assistance to our students.
4. Marian Claffey and Lorraine Snyder provided an update on planning for the Dalai Lama's visit to campus on April 26. The morning program and lunch will be organized by the Tibet Center, and the afternoon program with the Dalai Lama will be organized by Loyola exclusively for university students, faculty, staff, alumni, trustees and regents. A website will be launched within the next few weeks and information on purchasing tickets will be communicated to the Regents at their February 28 meeting and to the Trustees at their March 2 meeting.
5. John Pelissero reviewed the list of commencement speakers, including suggested honorary degree recipients who will be proposed to the Board of Trustees for approval in March. John then reviewed the enrollment funnel, and noted that we are down about 1% this spring in overall enrollment. In December we saw an increase in the number of students who graduated—about 150 more than last December—due mainly to the change in required credit hours. Law school applications and admittances are down substantially for the fall, reflecting a national trend.
6. John Hardt detailed plans to convene a President's Leadership Retreat on April 2 on the theme of social justice. This retreat will be a precursor to a 2013 conference that Creighton University will hold on the topic of Jesuit universities commitment to social justice. Kathleen Maas Weigert will coordinate the April 2 event with John. Father Garanzini suggested that the Father General's remarks in Mexico City about deep learning could be a nice jumping off point for the discussions at this retreat.

7. Kelly Shannon then reviewed articles and topics that will be covered in the spring issue of Loyola magazine. Additional suggestions should be sent to Annie Busiek by February 21.
8. Bill Laird indicated that student health insurance coverage will now be offered by Blue Cross Blue Shield.

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