

President's Cabinet Meeting
March 17, 2011

Members present: John Costello, S.J., Donna Curin, Michael J. Garanzini, S.J., Phil Hale, John Hardt, Jonathan Heintzleman, Emilio Iodice, Rob Kelly, Tom Kelly, Phil Kosiba, Bill Laird, Wayne Magdziarz, Ellen Munro, John Pelissero, Kelly Shannon, Lorraine Snyder and Paul Whelton

Absent: Susan Malisch

1. Father Garanzini opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. and Kelly Shannon offered a prayer.
2. The minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.
3. The Cabinet reviewed the committee and full Board of Trustee meetings held earlier this month. Father Garanzini noted that the letter of intent and definitive agreement with Trinity Health will be reviewed by the Board Executive Committee on March 24. Donna Curin indicated that Mike Quinlan has asked if committees could please post their meeting minutes no later than two weeks after committee meetings. The Cabinet also discussed the constitution of the Executive Committee and Father Garanzini indicated a need to review this. Lastly, John Pelissero said that the joint committee meetings worked well and shared that the academic affairs and enrollment committees of the Board both expressed a desire to hold joint meetings at least once a year.
4. John Hardt shared information related to the St. John's bible project. This handwritten and hand-illuminated bible project is nearing completion and St. John's would like to know if Loyola is interested in purchasing a copy of the bible—the cost is approximately \$125,000 and a case to display it would cost about \$10,000. Plans are already underway to display a half-dozen of the bible's pages at LUMA as part of an exhibit that the museum will launch from August-October. The Cabinet agreed that it would be best to seek a donor who might be interested in funding the purchase of this unique item.
5. Kelly Shannon discussed UMC's effort to get a count on the various social media accounts run from schools and departments at the university. The goal is to share best practices and make linkages that will be of interest to the constituents who receive the social media feeds. Kelly asked the Cabinet to share this request with faculty and staff in their areas and to encourage individuals to let her or John Dreves in UMC know within the next few weeks who is providing content for Loyola related media accounts.
6. Phil Hale gave an update on MAP funding and the impact of the federal and state budget crunch on this program. Aid programs are generally being more rigorously scrutinized and reviewed in terms of measures of accountability, performance, and outcomes (graduation rates et al). Phil indicated that our strategy has and continues to be to help shape this debate at the state level, and he indicated that he will keep the Cabinet informed regarding our progress to ensure the continuation of MAP funding for our students. Phil also invited the Cabinet to an April 19 event on the LSC in Galvin Auditorium, which will be organized as a rally/information session to inform Loyola students and others about grassroots advocacy.
7. In Information Sharing, Father Garanzini highlighted that information would be forthcoming regarding the "Loyola Responds" effort to assist the people of Japan in the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami there this month.

8. Bill Laird detailed a proposed PNC Bank program in which the Bank would give the university a small amount of money for faculty/staff bank accounts that are opened. The Cabinet agreed that it would be worthwhile to direct these funds either into need-based scholarships or the Loyola employee emergency fund.
9. Lorraine Snyder invited the Cabinet to a First Friday Club lunch featuring Loyola trustee Father Pat McGrath, S.J. The lunch will take place on April 1 at the Union League Club, and Lorraine asked people to contact her if they are interested in joining the Loyola table at that lunch.
10. Paul Whelton gave an update on LUHS, and noted among other items that even in the midst of significant transition at the hospital, March volumes were strong.
11. John Pelissero reviewed the enrollment funnel. Although applications are currently flat, we are up about 9% in freshman deposits for the fall term and up over 50% in transfer applications and admittances. We are also running 6% ahead of last year in terms of applications and deposits for graduate programs. Law school applications are down at Loyola and across the country but overall, our applications are up about 10% compared with Midwest peer schools. We have met our target on the number on Loyola students who will study at the JFRC next fall as well.
12. John added that the Law School moved up to 71 from 78 in the *U.S. News and World Report* rankings. The part-time law program moved up to the 16th position from the 30th, and the health law program moved from the 9th place to the 4th. The Law School is ranked fourth in the Chicago area.
13. Lastly, John gave an update on last week's Academic Affairs retreat which was held at LUREC. He also noted that we have one student studying at Sophia University in Tokyo this year, and said that in light of the events in Japan and growing concerns related to radioactivity problems on the main island, every effort is being made to encourage the student to continue his study abroad experience in another Loyola-run or affiliated school.
14. Rob Kelly disseminated information regarding the July 2011 National Jesuit Student Leadership Conference that will be hosted at Loyola.
15. John Hardt announced that Nora O'Callaghan has been hired to be the director of the Religion and Law Program.
16. Jon Heintzelman said that there will be an event on May 22 marking John Cuneo's 80th birthday and the opening of the pavilion at the Cuneo estate.
17. Tom Kelly noted that retirement plan changes will be sent to all faculty and staff within the next few weeks. As the Cabinet discussed in the fall, these changes are designed to incentivize faculty and staff to participate in Loyola's retirement savings programs.
18. Kelly Shannon reviewed the results of a recent survey of undergraduate students regarding whether Loyola is welcoming to all faith traditions. 98% of those polled said that yes, Loyola was a welcoming place to students of a diversity of faiths.

19. Wayne Magdziarz gave an update on the two new residence halls planned for the LSC south campus. Both are expected to open in July 2013. Wayne also noted that the Wincrest Nursing Center's license is being revoked by the State of Illinois for negligence uncovered as part of federal inspections at the property.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.