

President's Cabinet Meeting
February 25, 2015

Members present: Steve Bergfeld, Linda Brubaker, Pam Costas, John Costello, S.J., Donna Curin, Justin Daffron, Michael Garanzini, S.J., Emilio Iodice, Steve Katsouras, S.J., Tom Kelly, Wayne Magdziarz, Susan Malisch, Rob Munson, Jane Neufeld, John Pelissero, Kelly Shannon, Lorraine Snyder and Winifred Williams

Absent: Phil Hale, Emilio Iodice and Kana Wibbenmeyer

Guests: Chris Murphy and Richard Williams

1. Father Garanzini opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. and Kelly Shannon offered a prayer.
2. The minutes of the January 16, 2015 meeting were approved with the deletion of an item about commencement scheduling that was not discussed.
3. Richard Williams detailed a new commencement staff volunteer proposal which is designed to engage a larger number of staff volunteers in our many graduation ceremonies each May. The Cabinet agreed that increased staffing would be helpful to ensuring that all ceremonies run smoothly. Cabinet members will email their staffs requesting volunteers and indicating that volunteering for commencement is encouraged and allowable. Richard Williams will follow-up with vice president offices to confirm the exact number of volunteers needed for commencement ceremonies this May.
4. Justin Daffron, SJ gave an update on plans to enhance the annual Stritch Dinner, including revamping its focus to service of the profession. Additional information will be forthcoming in the months ahead. Justin also indicated that Judy Duchossois is interested in assisting us in this effort. Justin reminded the Cabinet that the Sword of Loyola will be presented to Colin Powell at the opening of the Schreiber Center so there will be no sword presentation at the Stritch dinner this year.
5. John Hardt indicated that planning is underway for the 2015 Salvadoran Martyrs lecture. There is widespread interest in focusing on the women martyrs this year and John is working with the Gannon Center and others to identify possible speakers. Father Garanzini noted that this annual lecture provides an important opportunity for the university to make a donation to an organization that is carrying on the martyrs work, and the head of that organization could then be invited as the speaker for our on-campus program. John will follow up with his organizing committee to discuss this idea.
6. Chris Murphy briefed the Cabinet on Heartland-Delta VII which will be a virtual conference this year, hosted by Rockhurst University. Chris hopes to engage 70-90 Loyolans to participate in the conference which will take place on May 28.
7. John Pelissero shared details regarding a woman's leadership salon which will be held at Xavier University in August and he solicited nominations for LUC participants for the salon. The Cabinet nominated Lisa Reiter, Janet Sisler and Pauline Villapondo as our LUC delegation to this conference and Lorraine Snyder agreed to follow up with the organizers on the relevant details.
8. Donna Curin asked the Cabinet to help keep the trustee website updated by posting committee meeting minutes no later than two weeks after each meeting. She also reviewed the agenda for the upcoming board and committee meetings later this week.
9. John indicated that the Higher Learning Commission's team visit to Loyola went very well. We expect to get a final decision on our reaccreditation sometime this summer.

10. Steve Katsouros, SJ gave an update on staffing searches for positions in Arrupe College. He also announced that we received \$1M from the McCormick Foundation. Two student interview days are scheduled for March, and Fr. Steve indicated we have work to do to more successfully increase the pool of prospective students.
11. Tom Kelly reminded the Cabinet of our processes regarding closing or not closing the university in the event of inclement weather. In the event of inclement weather, instruction will continue via sakai. The university's main webpage will updated to indicate if the university is open or closed and Loyola will close if we are requested to do so by local or state government.
12. Wayne Magdziarz and Rob Munson reviewed revisions to the Rambler Bucks policy and propose that students be allowed to use their Rambler Bucks at off-campus retail establishments, including those that serve alcohol, with the policy being that Rambler Bucks cannot at any time be used to purchase alcohol. The Cabinet agreed that this was a good and important modification to our Rambler Bucks policies.
13. Rob then discussed the impact that the minimum wage increase in Illinois will have on student workers and departmental budgets, particularly the Provost's Office and the Office of Student Development. Jane, John and Rob will meet to review the financial figures here.
14. Rob also advised the Cabinet that he is meeting with colleagues at HSD to discuss a mobile-device stipend. He is looking into possible pricing programs and will bring additional information to the Cabinet for review and discussion in the coming months.

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