

President's Cabinet Meeting
April 1, 2014

Members present: Steve Bergfeld, Pam Costas, John Costello, S.J., Donna Curin, Richard Gamelli, Phil Hale, Emilio Iodice, Michael Garanzini, S.J., Rob Kelly, Tom Kelly, Wayne Magdziarz, Susan Malisch, Jane Neufeld, John Pelissero, Kelly Shannon, Lorraine Snyder and Kana Wibbenmeyer

Absent: Bill Laird

Guests: Jennifer Clark

1. Father Garanzini opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. and Susan Malisch offered a prayer.
2. The minutes of the March 19, 2014 meeting were approved with clarifications from Kelly Shannon related to items #6 and #11.
3. Father Garanzini welcomed Jane Neufeld in her new role as interim Vice President for Student Affairs.
4. Jennifer Clark reviewed the Broadway Avenue revitalization project. Last week's Chicago magazine listed Edgewater as one of the top 12 neighborhoods in Chicago. As the southern gateway to the neighborhood, Loyola has been interested in efforts to revitalize Broadway Avenue for a number of years. Student workers recently canvassed Broadway and color-coded all businesses along the corridor to better understand who is currently on the street to help inform the kinds of businesses that our students and neighbors need and want in Roger's Park. Father Garanzini highlighted the need to clean up the CHA high-rise. Wayne noted that having Whole Foods move into the vacated Dominicks space is a great thing for the neighborhood. Jennifer detailed the need for streetscape, pedestrian-friendly crosswalks, etc that are necessary to attract people to businesses on Broadway. A needs-assessment for the neighborhood will continue and Jennifer indicated that in July or August, and implementation strategy will be started by the city.
5. John Pelissero then updated the Cabinet on the Provisional University Senate. This past year, the Senate has approved a new faculty approval system, created a veterans service office on campus, completed a diversity report, and more. It is a highly functional group which is being chaired by Claudio Katz. The Senate desires to become a permanent body, and John will bring that request to the joint Cabinet/Council of Deans meeting for review and discussion later this month.
6. Jane shared that the USGA held elections last week and Flavio Bravo was elected as the new student body president. She also gave a brief update on the athletics department which is going through a reorganization. The search for a new athletic director will begin soon. Jane and Kelly Shannon also updated the Cabinet on the Students for Justice in Palestine resolution that was voted on by the USGA calling on the university to divest in certain companies providing products and services in Israel, which the university stated would not be adopted. The Cabinet reviewed our communications processes and the need for better information sharing and much more timely responses to issues that get circulated quickly in this digital age.
7. Steve Bergfeld discussed the conversations Father Garanzini held on the Lakeside campuses last year (which John Hardt led on the Maywood campus) related to the "Transforming Ourselves, Transforming the World" book by Mary Beth Combs and Patricia Ruggiano Schmidt. The book includes a series of essays related to the promotion of justice in Jesuit higher education and serves as an excellent jumping off point for the development of our next university strategic plan. Steve

then disseminated the proposed steering committee membership for the strategic planning effort. The committee will be co-chaired by Sam Attoh, Ph.D, and Therese Lysaught, Ph.D. and they will begin their work this semester with the intention of providing a draft strategic plan/mission and vision statement to the Board of Trustees at the September meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.