

President's Cabinet Meeting
April 9, 2013

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

Absent: Richard Gamelli and Kelly Shannon

1. Father Garanzini opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. and Emilio Iodice offered a prayer.
2. The minutes of the March 26, 2013 minutes were approved with a correction in item #6 that the west, not east, quad will be completed in August or September 2014.
3. Tom Kelly added a review of the Board of Trustee committee assignments to the agenda, and Rob Kelly added a review of the Damen Student Center opening.
4. Rob then detailed plans for this year's Weekend of Excellence which will be held April 19-21. The opening reception this year will be on the LSC in the Donovan Reading Room. Events that may be of special interest to the Cabinet include the military student reception, the undergraduate research symposium, and the mass and scholarship brunch. Rob distributed a schedule of all the weekend's events and commended the excellent work of weekend co-organizers Marian Claffey and Ann Marie Morgan.
5. Rob next gave a brief update on the visit of representatives from the Missouri Valley Conference who met with Father Garanzini, Grace Calhoun and others at Loyola to discuss their possible interest in inviting LUC to join the Conference. The Conference is looking to invite one school to join them as a replacement for Creighton. Bill Laird said he was impressed at the emphasis the member school's put on their academic programs. The Conference is looking to make a decision by April 15.
6. Tom Kelly distributed an update to the Staff Council bylaws which members have suggested. The Council endeavors to increase their membership from 20 to 23; to enact a two-year term for members with the option of a third year term renewal; to alternate meeting on the Lakeside and HSD campuses; and to stipulate that the Council chair attend all University Senate meetings. Father Garanzini asked about the success of the Staff Member of the Year program and the Cabinet agreed that the program does not seem to be well publicized. Tom will talk with the program coordinators and determine ways to more publically showcase outstanding staff members at the university.
7. In a related note, the Cabinet discussed the role of the University Senate, whose members have expressed their desire to get guidance on the types of issues they should take up. Topics including diversity at the university, sustainability, and strategic planning were highlighted as ones that should be considered by the Senate next year. The Senate will have a workshop this summer to review suggested topics and to work out an agenda for their meetings next year.

8. Tom distributed the list of suggested committee assignments for the Board of Trustees. 12 trustees are cycling off the Board and 7 are renewing their terms. Effort has been made to put new trustees on academic and/or student development committees as part of their orientation to the Board. Based on the Cabinet feedback, a revised proposed membership list will be shared with the governance committee of the Board soon.
9. Rob indicated that by all accounts the opening of the Arnold J. Damen, S.J. Student Center on April 3 was a rousing success. Students have made the building their home from early morning until late at night and Rob thanked everyone for their work on the building and the opening.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.