

Cabinet Meeting
May 19, 2015

Members present: Steve Bergfeld, Linda Brubaker, Pam Costas, Donna Curin, M. Garanzini, S.J., John Costello, S.J., Justin Daffron, S.J., Michael Garanzini, S.J., Phil Hale, Emilio Iodice, Steve Katsouros, S.J. Tom Kelly, Rob Munson, Jane Neufeld, John Pelissero, Kelly Shannon, Lorraine Snyder, Winifred Williams and Kana Wibbenmeyer

Guests: John Hardt

Absent: Wayne Magdziarz and Susan Malisch

1. Father Garanzini opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. and offered a prayer.
2. The minutes of the May 1, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.
3. John Pelissero advised the Cabinet that he will distribute a final draft Strategic Plan to the Board of Trustees in June for their comments and reactions so that we can move on implementation of the plan in AY 2015-2016. Susan Malisch will chair the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, which will include a diversity of individuals whose work connects with our strategic priorities. Father Garanzini shared his concerns regarding some of the fundraising goals and will follow up with John Pelissero on those numbers offline.
4. John then reviewed this month's commencement ceremonies. The revised commencement schedule worked well as did engaging volunteers from across our campuses to assist with the graduation events. Linda shared that the SSOM faculty were very pleased to have their commencement on the LSC. Justin suggested that going forward, we ask Aramark to set up beverage kiosks where families can get water, especially when the weather is hot. The Cabinet then discussed the idea of having a graduation theme that each ceremony speaker would address in their remarks as well as the opportunities that commencement offers for honorary degree conferrals.
5. Jane Neufeld gave an update on our fall housing occupancy. 1,821 freshmen have submitted housing applications as of this morning. Jane anticipates that we'll be at approximately 92% occupancy, which is down from last year. Learning Community occupancy numbers are up and John Pelissero highlighted the need to include honor students as a learning community. The BRT will address the shortfall in housing occupancy in subsequent meetings.
6. Jane then gave an update on the "On the Table Initiative" which gathered a group of Loyolans who work on wellness issues to talk about how we can detect and support students who are experiencing mental health issues.
7. Father Garanzini asked the Cabinet for their feedback on a Mission and Identity Office and which person and/or department would be the locus for this work. John Hardt reviewed current mission offerings on our campuses and the Cabinet then discussed plans for Ignatian Heritage Month, including the University's intention to give a \$25,000 prize to a faith-based organization whose leader will be invited to give a speech at Loyola.
8. Donna Curin reviewed plans for the June Board of Trustees meeting and confirmed committee action items.
9. Tom Kelly distributed proposed signature requirement exception changes to the contract policy. The revised policy was accepted by the Cabinet.

10. Tom Kelly then reviewed the conflict of interest report, which this year included the university's anti-nepotism policy and related disclosures. A staff policy regarding teaching at other institutions is being drafted along the lines of the faculty policy which exists.

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