

President's Cabinet Meeting  
September 3, 2013

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

Absent: Wayne Magdziarz

Guests: Marian Claffey

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1. Father Garanzini opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. and Kelly Shannon offered a prayer.
2. The minutes of the August 22, 2013 were approved unanimously.
3. Phil Hale reviewed the DREAM Act, which is now being considered by Congress as part of comprehensive immigration reform legislation. A joint LUC-Marquette op-ed piece supporting the DREAM Act will be published soon. Phil detailed the work that various university representatives are doing on issues related to immigration reform and highlighted the need for better information sharing among the various stakeholders on our campuses. Father Garanzini suggested forming an immigration reform advisory coalition-- which should be self-managed-- that could have monthly meetings to update each other on projects and progress. It was agreed that in addition to Phil, Kathleen Maas Weigert and Sadika Sulaiman Hara from the Lakeside campuses and Mark Kuczewski from the Health Sciences campus should be members of this group which Phil will pull together.
4. Steve Bergfeld gave an update on his review of staffing and functional alignment within the Advancement Division. Two important positions that he is working hard to fill include the alumni relations director position and a position in planned giving. Steve also distributed a list of key events through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
5. John Pelissero and Rob Kelly gave a joint update on move-in and orientation week events last month. The family mass and picnic were well attended and the trolley tours were over capacity by about 200 people this year. Convocation went well although it started late and there was a conversation regarding the need to arrange for better stage lighting and sound at the event. Convocation drew the largest number of faculty it ever has and overall, some 65 departments were involved in welcome week events this year. It was agreed that Sheryl Swoopes was the star of the pep rally, which otherwise was "pep-less" and needs to be improved for next year.
6. Donna Curin reviewed plans for the upcoming Board of Trustee committee and board meetings which will take place on the LSC. She suggested starting a tradition each September wherein committees report their goals and objectives for the academic year, and Father Garanzini agreed that this would be good to do at the start of each year. Father Garanzini then discussed his desire to make the Board of Trustees website more robust and to eliminate, to the extent possible, the printing of board books. Father Garanzini will suggest this to the Board when they meet this week.

7. Marian Claffey then reviewed a draft revised Commencement schedule for May 2014. She proposed moving to an extended schedule in order to better accommodate for the 11 ceremonies plus two liturgies which are part of Commencement week activities. Next spring, for the first time, SSOM will be included in the same week as the other school graduations. The revised schedule better meets the needs of the 20,000+ people who participate in these ceremonies. The Council of Deans is supportive of this new schedule and the Cabinet agreed to it as well. Father Garanzini emphasized the importance of each school managing its own commencement reception budgets next year so that deans can decide the type of event that they would like to hold for their graduates.
8. Rob Kelly gave a brief update on efforts to compile the university's various alcohol policies into one comprehensive policy. Because time was running short at the meeting, it was agreed that we would come back to this discussion at the next Cabinet meeting.

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