

President's Cabinet Meeting
November 12, 2013

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

Guests: Olga Hancock

Absent: Kelly Shannon and Kana Wibbenmeyer

1. Father Garanzini opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. and offered a prayer.
2. The minutes of the October 15, 2013 meeting were approved with a correction in item #6 that a few different trustees had inquired about moving the March BOT meeting to St. Louis, to coincide with the men's basketball tournament there.
3. Susan Malisch indicated that she will bring an information security policies update to the Cabinet at the next meeting.
4. Steve Bergfeld introduced Olga Hancock, the new director of Alumni Relations. Olga previously worked at Loyola as the assistant director of development for the JFRC, and she is also a graduate, having earned her MBA at LUC. Olga reviewed plans for Reunion Weekend which will be held June 27-29, 2014 on the LSC. Friday night's event will be a "Loyola Under the Stars" casual reception-style outside program with music. Saturday's plans include a 5K race, a family-friendly lunch and class reunion events. Founders Dinner will then be held on Saturday night, June 28. There will be a mass and brunch on Sunday, June 29. Father Garanzini suggested adding Conference Services to the host committee for this event, and highlighted the need to engage the Gold (Graduates of the Last Decade) alumni as well as members of the National Alumni Board in planning the weekend. Lorraine Snyder suggested including campus tours on Saturday, and Tom Kelly recommended including a fireworks show as we typically do in the summers. John Pelissero invited Olga to the next Council of Deans meeting to review plans for Reunion Weekend and to engage the deans in the planning for this large event.
5. In discussing general alumni relations matters, Father Garanzini emphasized the need this year to record the Saturday, December 7th "Lessons and Carols" event which will be held at Madonna della Strada. Father Garanzini would like a link to that event sent to alumni as a sort of "Christmas present" to them, and he will also include the link in his annual Christmas message that will be sent to all faculty and staff in December.
6. Steve then detailed plans for the annual Stritch Awards Dinner which will be held at the Field Museum on Saturday, November 16. 750 guests are registered to attend so far and he expects to sell about 100 more seats before Saturday. This is the last year on our contract with the Field Museum, and next year plan to return to the Hilton ballroom. Steve detailed the need to revamp how we fundraise for this event starting with next year's program, including having host committees who help sell tables for the event.

7. Donna Curin reminded the Cabinet that in the move to mostly-paperless Board of Trustee meetings, only the agenda and action items will be printed and distributed to Board members at the December meeting. All committee and other materials are being posted on the BOT website. Phil Hale will discuss the higher education reauthorization act and its impact on Loyola with the board members at the meeting. The Cabinet agreed that it would also be worthwhile to include a discussion regarding how students finance their educations as part of this topic. There was a lengthy conversation regarding online education and MOOCs, and the Cabinet agreed that that this would be a good topic for a future BOT meeting.
8. Bill Laird shared that Tom Hickey will retire in January. The goal is to fill Tom's position internally within the next few weeks.
9. John Pelissero distributed the December calendar of mid-year graduation events.
10. On behalf of Kelly Shannon who couldn't be at today's meeting, Lorraine Snyder distributed the list of topics that will be included in the next issue of Loyola magazine. The Cabinet was asked to send additional magazine items to Annie Busiek by November 22.
11. Rob Kelly noted that the President's Ball was well-attended last Friday night. He also said that yesterday's webinar with 20 fellow AJCU schools on "The Ignatian Imperative" was successful.
12. Phil Hale shared that last Friday's CTA red line station re-opening was attended by Mayor Emanuel, Representative Jan Schakowsky, and a number of alderman as well as a large contingent of neighbors, all of whom were very pleased with the station redesign.
13. Susan Malisch let the Cabinet know that Nancy Merz, director of Financial Aid, is working on a program that will show individual students how their educations are being financed. Cabinet members who have seen what she has created said it is a great resource for our students and others.
14. Rob said that the Loyola Responds group is mobilizing to solicit donations in the wake of typhoon Haiyan which caused massive destruction in the Philippines last week. An email to student is being sent today and information will also be sent to Loyola faculty and staff about how they can contribute to the relief effort. Loyolans will be encouraged to give to Catholic Charities and/or Ateneo de Davao University, the Jesuit university in Manila.

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