

President's Cabinet Meeting
March 10, 2009

Members present: John Costello, S.J., Donna Curin, Michael J. Garanzini, S.J., Phil Hale, Jon Heintzelman, Emilio Iodice, Tom Kelly, William Laird, Wayne Magdziarz, Susan Malisch, Lucien Roy, Richie Salmi, S.J., Kelly Shannon, Paul Whelton and Christine Wiseman

Also present: Diane Asaro, Brendan Horan, S.J., and Lorraine Snyder

Absent: Phil Kosiba and Ellen Munro

1. Father Garanzini opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. and Phil Hale offered a prayer.
2. The minutes of the February 24, 2009 meeting were approved with a change in item #4 that LUMC is reviewing a variety of cost containment strategies and possible benefit changes are one part of that effort.
3. Diane Asaro reviewed student physical and mental health issues. Among other data collected by the National College Health Assessment survey is the finding that students identify stress as the biggest factor impacting their academic performance. Diane indicated that the physical and mental health issues that our students identify track with national student data.
4. The Cabinet reviewed the Board of Trustee committee meetings and strategic planning retreat which were held last week. The draft strategic plan was well-received by the trustees and Father Garanzini indicated that it would be shared with the Regents at their meeting this week.
5. Father Salmi gave an update on the effort to develop a student group travel policy to cover both domestic and international trips. Data is being gathered from other universities regarding their policies. The Loyola policy will be developed by May so that it is in place for the next academic year.
6. Emilio reviewed plans at the Rome Center to either long-term lease (with an option to buy) or purchase the Rome Center property from the Dominican nuns who own it. Emilio will keep the Cabinet updated as the negotiations continue this spring.
7. Kelly Shannon indicated that moving to an electronic-only version of "Inside Loyola" would generate a cost-savings of about \$25,000. The Cabinet determined that it was worthwhile to keep printing the newsletter since it is an excellent piece with appeal to numerous constituent groups.
8. Chris Wiseman shared an update on enrollment, and highlighted that we are up 1% in freshman applications and up 5% in freshmen admits from this time in the enrollment cycle last year. Father Garanzini asked Chris to talk with the law school so that their enrollment numbers could be added to the enrollment funnels the Cabinet receives.

9. Paul Whelton gave an update on LUMC and among other things noted that there is a strategic goal to increase the MCAT scores for SSOM applicants.
10. In Information Sharing, Chris distributed a booklet that Jeff Rosen and his staff put together to engage residents of the Clare in SCPS programs. Wayne added that with the recession, the Clare has experienced a decline in its deposits. The Franciscan Sisters have a new CEO who is working hard to reduce the Clare's debt load. By mid-April, the Clare will get its license for assisted and skilled care, and Loyola's nursing school is in conversation with the association about connecting our graduate students and other resources with the building's residents.
11. Wayne then invited the Cabinet to the opening and dedication of the School of Communication on Wednesday evening.
12. Lucien Roy noted that about 120 students participated in alternative break immersion trips over Spring Break.
13. Jon Heintzelman reminded the Cabinet that the first faculty-staff donor appreciation lunch would take place on March 19.
14. Phil Hale indicated that he, Paul Whelton and Father Garanzini would travel to Springfield today to meet with lawmakers including Governor Pat Quinn. Al Gini will also be in Springfield today with a class of students, as will Phil's student government group, and there will be a reception hosted by Loyola alumni at the Old State Capital this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.