

Cabinet Meeting
August 9, 2016

Members present: Jo Ann Rooney, Margaret Callahan, Pam Costas, Donna Curin, Lorraine Fitzgerald, Phil Hale, Kana Henning, Wayne Magdziarz, Susan Malisch, Rob Munson, Jane Neufeld, Jamie Orsini, John Pelissero, Kelly Shannon and Winifred Williams

Absent: Tom Kelly

1. Jo Ann Rooney opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. and Jamie Orsini offered a prayer.
2. The minutes of the June 14, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.
3. The Cabinet discussed last week's President and Provost Leadership Retreats which were held at LUREC. Everyone felt that Mike Welch did an excellent job facilitating the President's retreat and that the divisional SWOT analyses were a good jumping-off point for our conversations. John Pelissero reviewed a summary of the retreat discussions and goals for FY2016-2017. The Cabinet discussed the goals and agreed that we can and should move quickly to deepening academic partnerships that advance our mission, develop a financial wellness program for students, improve relationships with and support for adjunct faculty, and create a business development team, among others.
4. John then distributed the proposed Spring 2017 Commencement schedule and proposed tightening the schedule to minimize extra and unnecessary costs. John will work with the deans to make adjustments to this schedule and will circle back with a final schedule soon. In December, John will bring a list of proposed graduation speakers and honorary degree recipients to the Cabinet for review—deans are working on these lists now.
5. Rob Munson gave an update on the FY17 MAP contingency and Phil Hale detailed the discussions in Springfield related to MAP and the State's \$10B deficit. Phil underscored that MAP remains the most popular bipartisan project in Springfield. Jo Ann asked what the average MAP grant was for our students and Rob indicated that it is around \$2,300/MAP eligible student each semester.
6. Jane Neufeld and Phil then reviewed the university's speaker, demonstration, and political activity policies. The Cabinet agreed that we can improve these policies, including adding language related to "sacred spaces" on campus, such as the Chapel gardens, which are never to serve as venues for demonstrations or other such events. In discussing the speaker's policy, and our desire to not host speakers whose values directly conflict with our mission, John proposed convening a committee that could work with sponsoring organizations to vet and approve speakers for university events. Jane, Phil and others will work up revised versions of our policies, including adopting some of the excellent language in the ACE policy on political campaign-related activities of and at colleges and universities. The Cabinet will review updated drafts at the next meeting.

7. Winifred Williams thanked the Cabinet for attending the annual St. Ignatius Day mass and picnic. Nearly 700 people attended the picnic and the HR team was especially excited to get a group photo with President-elect Rooney at that event.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.