ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday, October 15, 2009
Monroe Library, 2nd Floor, Seminar Room 4
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions  Rev. Massa, S.J.

2. Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2009  Rev. Massa, S.J.

3. H1N1 (Swine Flu) Update  Dr. Petty

4. Student Government Association Report  Ms. Cooper

5. Enrollment Update  Mr. Liberto

6. University Strategic Plan Implementation  Dr. Kvet

7. Facilities Planning  Dr. Kvet
               Dr. Petty

8. Executive Session
Minutes of Meeting
May 14, 2009

Present: Mark S. Massa, S.J., Chair; Rita Benson LeBlanc, Vice Chair; James Caillier; Gerald F. Cavanagh, S.J.; Shawn Donnelley; Gail W. Jock; Suzanne Mestayer; Elissa Moran; Pamela Ryan; Kate Adams; Eileen Doll; Mark Gossiaux; Sarah Cooper; Maria Rossi; Edward J. Kvet; and M.L. “Cissy” Petty, Ph.D.

Guests: Ann Cary; Salvadore Liberto; and Luis Mirón

A regular quarterly meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board was held on Thursday, May 14, 2009, at 12:00 p.m. in Monroe Library, Seminar Room 4. The minutes of December 11, 2008, were approved as submitted.

Proposed Program: Doctor of Nursing Practice
Dr. Kvet introduced a proposal to establish a doctor of nursing practice (DNP) program. The program was developed by Loyola’s School of Nursing in the College of Social Sciences. Dean Luis Miron and School of Nursing Director Ann Cary presented a summary of the proposal. The complete proposal was sent to committee members prior to the meeting. If approved, the program will be the first doctoral program offered at Loyola University New Orleans, and the first doctor of nursing practice program in Louisiana. Up to two doctoral programs can be offered under the university’s current Master’s I Carnegie classification. Dr. Kvet noted that this proposal is an outgrowth of a very successful master of nursing program that Loyola has offered for many as well as changing accreditation standards. In 2015, the accrediting agency for nurse practitioners will require the doctorate.

The DNP degree places the university, college and school strategic initiatives in alignment in the areas of Jesuit values and reputation in relationship to leadership, Ignatian values, quality education, and social justice with access to education, expert nurse providers and healthy communities. Since the nursing profession now endorses the practice doctorate for advanced nursing practice, this proposal supports the transition from the masters to the practice doctorate degree in the first three years of the program by offsetting admissions to the masters program by the number admitted to the DNP program. The DNP courses are developed using the Competency Assessment in Distributed Education (CADE) method sponsored by the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU) which uses the Ignatian pedagogy at every level of course development, and is successfully utilized in the current online masters program in Health Care Systems Management.

The DNP program will be taught 100% online with two one-week on campus sessions, one in each year of the two year program. Clinical courses will be taken under the preceptor model at accredited hospitals near students’ homes. Plans and funding for a substantial marketing program are in place to market the nursing program. Concluding the presentation, Fr. Massa said the Trustees would take action on the proposal in executive session.
Student Government Report
Ms. Cooper, incoming president of the Student Government Association (SGA) reported on the issues that SGA plans to address in academic year 2009-2010: campus safety and security, enhancing relationships and opportunities with our neighbor university (e.g. more dining service opportunities), and obtaining approval for the proposed student honor code code. Ms. Cooper noted that Loyola is a very safe campus although crime in New Orleans is a concern. Students would also like more improvements to campus facilities. Dr. Adams spoke in support of a student honor code and commended students for their work in this area. Dr. Petty said that the university is committed to the ideal of a student honor. Much work remains to be done to bring together provisions in the proposed honor code with the current Student Code of Conduct. Although, the University [faculty] Senate endorsed the concept of an honor code, there are substantive details that need to be addressed for conduct in and out of classrooms as well as on/off campus conduct. Dr. Petty projected that it will take another year to develop an honor code. Dr. Kvet noted that the honor code will also be reviewed by university counsel.

Enrollment Report
Mr. Liberto gave a report on enrollment projections for fall 2009. The university’s budget goals are 750 first-year students, 115 transfer students, and 76 percent freshman cohort retention (fall 2009 to fall 2010) and we are on pace to meet the goals. To date, 761 first-year students and 57 transfer students have placed deposits to enroll. The admissions office staff will be in contact throughout the summer with committed and uncommitted students in order to meet or exceed projections.

Recruitment at Community Colleges
Ms. Jock reported on her interest and activities in recruitment at community colleges, especially those with honors programs. In conversations with Mr. Liberto and through contacts at the College of DuPage in Illinois, arrangements have been made for Loyola to conduct recruitment activities on the community college’s campus. Ms. Jock spoke in support of increasing Loyola’s recruitment of transfer students at community colleges with honors programs. She said the students are well-prepared academically to transfer to Loyola. On behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee members, Fr. Massa thanked Ms. Jock for her efforts and for her report.

University Strategic Plan
Fr. Massa introduced the proposed University Strategic Plan noting that it will be this committee’s responsibility to present the strategic plan to the full Board tomorrow. He called upon Dr. Kvet to give an overview of the plan, which was included in materials sent to committee members before the meeting. Dr. Kvet observed that this plan is a product of the university’s renewed governance and committee structure. The University Planning Team led the development of the plan which includes initiatives from across the university. The plan is guided by three overarching strategies that were presented to the Board in March: Enhance Jesuit Values, Improve Student Retention, and Enhance Reputation and Stature. Dr. Kvet briefly reviewed specific action plans that will be implemented for each strategy. The strategies, action plans, and budget promote moving the university to a residential campus. If approved by the Board, a requirement for juniors to live on campus will be implemented in 2010-2011. The strategic plan also includes a multi-year financial plan and a proposal to revise the Common Curriculum. Concluding the presentation, Fr. Massa expressed gratitude on behalf to the committee to Dr. Kvet, Dr. Petty, Mr. Liberto, and to faculty and staff who worked on the plan.

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 1:15 p.m.