Mission and Identity Committee Meeting
Board of Trustees
Loyola University New Orleans

Thursday, May 16, 2013

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Octavia II/ Danna Center

Agenda

• Call to Order (Rev. Bentley Anderson, S.J., Chair)

• Opening Prayer

• Approval of Minutes (December 6, 2012 meeting)

• Looking Back at the Year:
  A Student Perspective on Jesuit/Catholic Identity
  o Mar Trujillo (2013)
  o Michael Pfister (2014)

• Written Report: Office of Mission & Ministry / Rev. Ted Dziak, SJ
  Vice- President of Mission & Ministry)
  o Some Characteristics of Jesuit Colleges and Universities: A Self-Evaluation
    instrument (AJCU /Fall 2012)

• Promoting the Mission through Academics, Dr. Marc Manganero
  Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

• Closing Prayer
Mission and Identity Committee Minutes
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Amended

Thursday, October 4, 2012
Danna Center / Octavia I
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Present: R. Bentley Anderson, SJ, (Chair); Kurt Bindewald; Jim Bowler, SJ, Michael Braden, SJ; Laura Broders; Ted Dziak, SJ; Don Faust; Ann Gauthier; Robert Gerlich, SJ; Gail Jock, Dr. Rachel Kent; Margaret Liederbach; Peter Rogers, SJ; Dr. John Sebastian; Ileana Suquet; Paul Soukup, SJ.
Absent: Carolyn Callahan; T. Frank Kennedy, SJ; Dr. Lawrence Lewis; Joe O’Keefe, SJ; Jenna Vercillo
Guests: Mr. Kevin Poorman, Board Chair; Mr. Sal Liberto, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Associate Provost

Call in:
Debbie LaMarca (Recording Secretary).

- Opening of Meeting / Prayer by Jim Bowler, SJ
- Approval of Minutes / One correction, Barry LeBlanc did attend meeting.
- Promoting the Mission through the Recruiting, Admissions Process / Mr. Sal Liberto, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Associate Provost Mission is woven into recruitment here at Loyola in many ways. My staff is educated in the Jesuit philosophy of education and Jesuit ‘speak’. As an example we are part of the Jesuit Excellence Tour, and a member of the National Catholic Recruitment Council. One goal of recruitment is to inform the prospective student that we are Catholic & Jesuit but welcome all and respect all religions.
- Tom Benson Jesuit Center / Fr. Ted Dziak, SJ At this time Holly & Smith Architects are working with my staff to gather information on what is needed inside the building. Fr. Wildes has asked for a more detailed cost estimate before making a final decision on how to proceed.
- AJCU Board Survey / Fr. Dziak & Fr. Anderson The committee decided that Fr. Peter Rogers, SJ and Ms Anne Gauthier will work together to create two questions which will be brought to the Trustees committee for the Board retreat in March.
- University Ministry / Mr. Kurt Bindewald Mr. Bindewald’s report was focused on CLC’s [Christian Life Communities]. CLC’s have been a focus here since 2004, we feel that we have a quality program which includes students from all faith back grounds or even no faith back ground. We have two groups “Skittles” which include GLBT students. There are six professional staff leaders and eleven student leaders. A report on alms giving was presented to the committee. These gifts are mostly given to students but do include local, national and international donations. The funds come from all areas of Mission & Ministry and from the Ignatius
Chapel Community.

- Office of Mission & Ministry Report / Fr. Dziak asked the committee to review the report and he offered some comments on the beginning of this academic year. Hurricane Isaac caused the first week of school to be cancelled. There wasn’t an evacuation but the campus did have to endure living without electricity for three days. The first two retreats have been filled to capacity. The Iggy Vols are bringing members of the baseball team to Belize over Christmas break to give a camp and teach baseball to Belizian children. As part of the Centennial celebrations, during Loyola Week, the Jesuit Center is presenting two concerts The St. Louis Jesuits will perform on November 5th and Tony Melendez on November 7th.

- Closing of Meeting / Prayer by Margaret Liederbach

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie LaMarca
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Absent: Carolyn Callahan; T. Frank Kennedy, SJ; Ileana Suquet; Jenna Vercillo
Guests: Dr. Cissy Petty, Vice President for Student Affairs and Associate Provost, Mr. Ron Palmer ’14 and Mr. Chad Landrum ’13
Call in: Gail Jock
Debbie LaMarca (Recording Secretary).

- Opening of Meeting / Prayer by Dr. Lawrence Lewis
- Approval of Minutes / Minutes from October 4, 2012 amended.
- Promoting the Mission through Student Affairs, Dr. Cissy Petty, Vice President for Student Affairs. Dr. Petty shared her continuing excitement for student affairs at Loyola. She expressed the importance of communication and collaboration with University Police and Mission & Ministry; the importance of ongoing training in Cura Personalis with student and professional staff; working to identify talented staff who can respond effectively to the changing and growing needs of the student population; fostering student leaders who will continue with these Jesuit ideals on campus and throughout their lives; growing mission-related student affairs programming to reflect the needs of the current student body.
- Student Input on Loyola’s Jesuit/Catholic Mission & Identity: Ron Palmer ’13 and Chad Landrum ’13. Ron came to Loyola from Brother Martin [Catholic] High School in New Orleans. He said that he felt at home, welcomed and embraced. Ron became involved with co-curricular and was a resident assistant working closely with students and learning from his Loyola experiences. Chad said he was not sure what to expect when he arrived here at Loyola but learned that his values were very similar to the Jesuit/Catholic values of Loyola. He became active with LUCAP and M&M, and he has enjoyed the diversity of the student body and has subsequently grown in his spiritual life.
- University Ministry / Kurt Bindewald. Report items mentioned included: keeping students aware of the Presidential election, M&M had a slide show on Faithful Citizenship with video running and handouts in the Danna Center. Kurt and Ken Weber {liturgy} were very creative in welcoming the Advent season. The advent wreath was dropped from the West Road garage to the entrance to Bobet Hall for the student mass on the first Sunday of Advent.
- Written Report: Office of Mission & Ministry / Ted Dziak, SJ. invited the committee to read the report at their leisure. Report items mentioned included: the Archbishop’s address went very well with four Catholic Presidents responding. The first cohort of the Ignatian Faculty Fellows will begin in the
spring semester with 9 faculty. He announced Loyola will host another Jesuit scholastic, Penn Dawson, coming to spend his next two years of regency teaching at the Law school.

- Closing of Meeting / Prayer by Dr. Rachel Kent

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Open Meetings 2012-13

9/11/12 Project Fair

9/18/12 Rebuilding After a Disaster: LUCAP Alum Chad Carson
The St. Bernard Project
Chad described the damage caused in Plaquemines Parish by Hurricane Isaac, and explained the rebuilding process after Katrina. He advised LUCAPers about leveraging their volunteer experience in starting a career.

9/25/12 Homeless Services in New York City: Bridget Kratz '13
Bridget shared her experience as an intern in the Department of Homeless Services in New York City.
10/2/12 *The Venezuelan Political System*: Dr. Ricardo Marquez, PhD
Ricardo brought several Venezuelan scholars and human rights activists to give LUCAP students an overview of the political situation in Venezuela surrounding the upcoming election. His talk covered the economics, geography, politics and psychology of the election.

10/9/12 *Sustainable Agriculture in the Developing World*
Guayaki Yerba Mate
A representative from Guayaki explained the cultural significance of mate tea to the indigenous Ache peoples of the South American rain forest. She distributed samples and educated attendees about sustainable organic cultivation and community development as practiced by Guayaki.

10/30/13 *Myths and Realities About Domestic Violence*: Jackie Joseph ’14
Loyno Women's Resource Center
LUCAP External Affairs Chair Jackie Joseph countered myths about domestic violence. She described warning signs of an unhealthy relationship and distributed literature about the resources available to students.

11/6/13 *Reflections on International Volunteerism*: GaYoung Park ’16
For her final project in Dr. Reichard's "Performing Gender" First Year Seminar, GaYoung compared the culture of volunteerism in Asia and the U.S. She offered suggestions for students who find themselves volunteering in an intercultural context.

11/13/12 *Waiting for Superman*
Loyola University Sociology Students Association
A screening of the documentary film *Waiting for Superman* was held in the Nunemaker Auditorium. A discussion about education policy was held afterward with a former New Orleans RSD Teacher of the Year.

11/26/12 *Jesu-What?*: Kurt Bindewald
University Ministry Director Kurt Bindewald explained the basics of the Jesuit Pillars of Education, and let LUCAP know that everyone "pronounces" their Ignatian spirituality in their own way.

12/4/12 *LUCAP Recap*
A final exam study break, complete with Dunkin Donuts coffee and doughnuts, was held. Students dropped by to look at a slideshow of everything LUCAP did throughout the year. Graduating Senior Ellen Rice was recognized for her service.

1/15/13 *Project Fair*

1/29/13 *Reflections of a Self-Advocate*: Craig Blackburn
Organized by the LUCAP project Best Buddies, this open meeting showcased Downs Syndrome self-advocate Craig Blackburn. Craig talked about his struggle to graduate from a normal high school, hold down a job, and live independently despite his intellectual disability.

2/5/13 *Immigration Reform and Catholic Social Teaching*: Dr. Sue Weishar, PhD  
The Jesuit Social Research Institute; Ignatian Solidarity Network  
Dr. Weishar gave an overview of the Immigration Reform movement, and connected it to Catholic Social Teaching. The Loyola New Orleans interns from the Ignatian Family Advocacy project informed LUCAPers about how to get involved by contacting their representatives.

2/26/13 *Celebrating Black History 365 Days a Year*: Dr. Alex Mikulich  
The Jesuit Social Research Institute; The Black Student Union  
Dr. Mikulich led an interactive discussion about the impact of black history on American Society and the practice of Christianity.

3/5/13 *Mental Illness Stigma as a Social Justice Issue*: Dr. Charles P. Nichols, PhD  
Dr. Nichols explained the challenges faced by people with a mental illness diagnosis, comparing their situation to other stigmatized groups such as the physically disabled. He gave actionable suggestions about how to destigmatize mental illness.

3/12/13 *One Million Bones*: Emily Gatehouse  
One Million Bones  
One Million Bones is an arts-based advocacy project that raises awareness about genocide through public installations of ceramic bones. Emily introduced the topic of genocide and showed LUCAP students how to make bones out of clay. LUCAPers crafted over 200 bones, resulting in a $200 donation from the Bezos Foundation (Amazon.com) to community development projects in Ghana.

3/19/13 *Sustainable Business in New Orleans*: Faith Akgun ’12  
LifeCity  
Faith talked about her work with LifeCity, a green business development firm based in New Orleans.

4/9/13 *Shadow Voices*  
Organized by the LUCAP project SAMI (Support and Advocacy for Mental Illness), this meeting featured a 58-minute documentary about living with mental illness. A discussion followed after.

4/16/13 *Start Something That Matters*: Bonnie Hopkins ’13  
TOMS: To cap off the TOMS Campus Club's "One Day Without Shoes" awareness event, project leader Bonnie Hopkins screened Start Something That Matters, the documentary film about social entrepreneurship and the humble beginnings of the TOMS corporation.