Mission and Identity Committee Meeting Documents - October 7, 2010.

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

Thursday, October 7, 2010

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Octavia II/ Danna Center

Agenda

- Call to Order (Rev. Gerald Cavanagh, S.J., Chair)
- Opening Prayer
- Approval of Minutes (May 13, 2010 meeting)
- Institutional Advancement and the Catholic/Jesuit Mission
  - Guest: Mr. Bill Bishop, Vice President for Institutional Advancement
  Dr. Chris Wiseman, Associate Vice President /Major Gift
- Introducing: Ricardo J. Marquez, MSW, PhD
  Assistant Director of the Jesuit Center
- Report on the NEW M&M Building:
  the ‘old library’ turns into the ‘new Jesuit Center’
- Reports: Office of Mission & Ministry / Jesuit Center / University Ministry
  (Rev. Ted Dziak, SJ Vice-President of Mission & Ministry and Kurt Bindewald, Director of University Ministry)
- Closing Prayer
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Calling in: Carolyn Callaghan

Absent: Jim Caillier, Ted Dziak, S.J., Michael Kammer, Ashley Schaffer, Paul Soukup, S.J.,

Guest: Scott Porot, Jesuit Center Fellow

- Opening of Meeting / Prayer by Scott Porot
- Approval of Minutes / Minutes from March 11, 2010, approved
- Strategic Plan: One Year Later (A review) by Fr. Dziak
  A cohesive report was written by Fr. Dziak to this committee stating the ways that Mission & Ministry is implementing the Strategic Plan. In Fr. Dziak’s absence Kurt reviewed the document with the committee. Fr. Kennedy asked if Kate Lawrence was working on her publication on Jesuit pedagogy and Kurt responded that the publication was indeed in progress. Fr. Cavangh commended the excellent report. Mr. LeBlanc questioned the role of service-learning within Mission & Ministry, and a discussion on service-learning followed.

- Jesuit Center fellow Scott Porot spoke on the proposed Center for Volunteer Service and updated members with a power point presentation on the progress in planning that he has made this past year. The presentation was well received by the committee. Questions and dialogue followed. Fr. Massa inquired about the center’s projected budget, and Scott replied that an initial estimate is $400,000+. A discussion of seeking funds for an endowment arose, perhaps even as a part of the upcoming capital campaign?

Several committee members stated that transportation seemed to be one of the major concerns. Scott mentioned that he was in dialogue with Tulane about some shared transportation. Another concern mentioned by several committee members was how service-learning would relate to the center – whether it would fall under the new Center or continue to exist under Academic Affairs. Various opinions and concerns were expressed. Fr. Quinn expressed his opinion that service learning and service should be integrated in the same operation.

- Report: Office of Mission & Ministry / University Ministry by Fr. Ted Dziak & Kurt Bindewald
  The Jesuit Center has three new staff starting in 2010-2011: Assistant Director of the Jesuit Center / Dr. Ricardo Marquez Jesuit Center Fellow / Immersion Programs / Andrew Ryan Jesuit Center Fellow / University Programs / Katrina Weschler
  The committee has requested an organizational chart from Mission & Ministry.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Kurt Bindewald.
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Accomplishments (of 2009-2010) and Goals (for 2010-2011):

- **Strategic Plan:** The theme for this next year is ‘implementation’ – year II. Since the creation of ‘Loyola 2012’, which was passed by the Board at its May 2009 meeting, the implementation of the Strategic Plan with its four Jesuit Value initiatives has been the main M&M focus of this past academic year and will be for the next year (and beyond). This includes the planning for the establishment of a Center for Volunteer Service, the expansion of Jesuit mission & identity programs to faculty & staff, and the development of links with international Jesuit institutions.

**New Staff in Mission & Ministry:**

- **Dr. Ricardo Marquez / Assistant Director, Jesuit Center**
  Facilitates Jesuit & Catholic Mission & Identity for faculty and staff. Ricardo arrives from the Jesuit University in Caracas, Venezuela where he served as director of the pastoral institute there. He has his doctorate in Human Development and an MSW from Boston College. He and his wife Maria recently emigrated from Venezuela.

- **Andrew Ryan / Jesuit Center Fellow: Immersion Programs**
  Facilitates the continuing development of the Ignacio Volunteer service programs, new and old, both domestic & international. Andrew worked as Outreach Coordinator for Greensburg GreenTown, a non-profit in Kansas, and as an Americorps Volunteer with Catholic Charities in NO. He is a graduate of Saint Mary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

- **Katrina Weschler / Jesuit Center Fellow: University Programs**
  Facilitates the Jesuit Center’s university programs, including Loyola Week, Lenten Series, etc. Katrina served as a Jesuit Volunteer in New Orleans working as an advocate for survivors of domestic violence. She is a graduate of Duke University.

- **Internships:**
  - The Jesuit Center continues its student internship with the College of Business.
  - University Ministry continues its collaborative graduate internship with the Loyola Institute of Ministry (LIM). **Joseph Albin** has started his first year.

**Programs and Activities:**

- **Interfaith programming** for the 2010-11 year will expand, despite the departure of UM Staff George Gallien. There will be increased participation from local ministers from varied faith traditions, including Rev. Giuliani Cappelletti-Gray (Episcopal/ Anglican) & the Evangelical Lutheran Chapel at Tulane, and Rev. Max Zehner (Methodist Wesley Center). Each will have regular hours on Loyola’s campus. A Ramadan dinner took place September 9 in collaboration with the Atlas Interfaith Foundation, Univ. Min. and the Muslim Student Association. Interfaith programming is also being planned with the Religious Studies Department, especially Dr. Aaron Spevack, Loyola’s expert on Islam.
Our M&M e-newsletter, *Magis Moments*, had three issues in its second year of operation as a twice-a-semester means of communication to the entire Loyola community, including alumni. In addition, a new revamped M&M web site, launched in November, will further develop our web-based resources.

**Mission & Identity Workshops & Sessions:** (Facilitated by Judy Deshotels & Kurt Bindewald): Twenty-two workshops were held for staff, which included over 270 participants in all divisions of the University. Jerry Fagin, SJ assisted. A monthly staff orientation session was facilitated by Jim Bradley, SJ and a New Faculty Breakfast was held in August. In addition, workshops were held for students in Resident Assistant Training, for the Student Ambassadors, at Lagniappe student & parent sessions, and for MBA students & College of Business freshmen. Twenty faculty participated in a discussion panel: “Incorporating Jesuit Vision of Ed into the Classroom.”

**Spiritual Exercises** (19th annotation) was offered to Faculty/Staff by Jim Bradley, SJ in October 2008 to May 2009. Over twenty faculty-staff participated in this six-month guided retreat with almost a dozen other Jesuits and staff assisting as spiritual directors.

**Expansion of Retreats and Christian Life Communities / Sacramental Ministries:**
- Associate Chaplain (Retreats and CLCs), *Laura Quigley*, has been given the added responsibility of University Ministry Assistant Director. Retreat leaders and CLC facilitators have been trained for the First Year and Awakening retreats as well as for an expected increase in the number of CLC groups, some of which will meet in the residence halls this semester. Plans are underway for increased retreat opportunities for alumni.
- *Ken Weber* starts his second year as Associate Chaplain for Liturgy and Music. A student liturgy team has been formed to recruit and train student ministers in all aspects of the liturgy-Eucharist, Word, music and hospitality. Ken has been especially effective in recruiting “non-usual” participants in the liturgical music program, leading to an increase in regular mass attendance. A major focus in the upcoming year will be educating the Loyola community on the new Roman Missal scheduled for implementation in Advent 2011.
- The **10:30am Ignatius Chapel Community** (ICC) has recruited and fully funded a graduate intern studying in the LIM program, *Rachel Longest*, who will assist with liturgy, formation of small faith communities and youth ministry.

**Expansion of Ignacio Volunteer immersion trips.** Over seventy students & staff participated in our trips to **Belize** (Summer 2009/ Winter 2009) and Jamaica (May 2009/ Christmas 2009). In addition, two new domestic trips started: the Bayou Experience (Spring break 2010) and the Mexico Border Experience (May 2010) and a new Alumni/Staff trip to Jamaica (May 2010). Our immersion service work will expand in Belize with an additional camp (Christmas 2010), and we are exploring additional sites and countries.

**Loyola Week** *(First Week of November)*: Emphasizing our Jesuit heritage, this is an annual event which ranges from a Mass on the Marquette lawn to dinner with the Jesuits to a sports tournament and an Interfaith/Intercultural Carnivale.
• **Faith, Justice and Sustainability at Loyola University:** The responsibilities for Associate Chaplain **Josh Daly** have broadened beyond advising LUCAP to include all faith, justice and sustainability issues on campus. Josh will address “green initiatives” at Loyola by serving on the university sustainability committee and address worker justice issues by representing M&M on the contract advisory committee to the president. LUCAP’s ten community initiatives are explained in detail at: [http://www.loyno.edu/lucap/](http://www.loyno.edu/lucap/). Two of LUCAP’s newer projects are **Iggy Bikes** (campus bike rental program) and **Project Lazarus** (Archdiocese of New Orleans AIDS hospice).