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

Thursday, October 6, 2011  

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

AGENDA  

• Call to Order (Rev. Bentley Anderson, S.J., Chair)  
• Opening Prayer  
• Approval of Minutes (May 19, 2011 meeting)  
• Rev. Kevin Wm. Wildes, S.J.  
• Presentation on the Tom Benson Jesuit Center  
  o Guests: Architects from Holly & Smith  
• Hiring for Mission & Ignatian Colleague Report  
  o Dr. David Moore, chair of the history Department  
  o Mr. Robbie Reed, Assistant Vice-President of Student Affairs  
• Reports: Office of Mission & Ministry / Jesuit Center / University Ministry  
  (Rev. Ted Dziak, SJ Vice-President of Mission & Ministry and Kurt Binewald, Director of University Ministry)  
• Closing Prayer  

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Present: Gerry Cavanagh, S.J. (Chair), Bentley Anderson, S.J., Kurt Bindewald, Maria Calazada, Ted Dziak, Ann Gauthier, Gail Jock, Robert Gerlich, S.J., T. Frank Kennedy, S.J. Barry LeBlanc, Jamie Lassere, Elissa Moran, Michelle Rau, Peter Rogers, S.J., Jen Schlotbom, Paul Soukup, S.J, Debbie LaMarca (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Virginia Angelico-Tatum, Jim Bowler, S.J., Carolyn Callahan, Ofelia Delgado, Stephen Sauer, S.J., Ashley Schaffer

Guests: Architectural Firm of Holly and Smith

- Opening of Meeting / Prayer by Mrs. Gail Jock
- Approval of Minutes / Minutes from December 9, 2010.

- Holly and Smith Architects / A presentation of the Philosophy and Vision for the Creation of the Tom Benson Jesuit Center was made by Mr. Kevin Morris. The video presentation showed the committee the vision of the building committee and the architects. This will be a special opportunity to reflect the mission of the university in a building at the center of the campus. The building committee members are: Fr. Ted Dziak, S.J., Mr. Kurt Bindewald and Ms. Debbie LaMarca. A member of the Ignatius Chapel Community has been hired part time to be the “shepherd” throughout the renovation process.

- Reports / Fr. Ted asked the committee to review the report at their convenience, pointing out particular items to highlight. He stated that Jesuit Father Gregg Grovenburg would be joining the University Ministry staff in August. Fr. Gregg will be an Associate Chaplain for Faith and Sacramental Formation. Associate Chaplain Josh Daly will be moving to a new Assistant Director position, focusing on faith, justice and sustainability. M&M continues to progress in the creation of the Center for Volunteer and Public Service, with funding anticipated in FY13. Kurt Bindewald continued reviewing particular areas in University Ministry including retreats and service programs. Fr. Cavanagh pointed out that the report was very concise and thanked Fr. Ted and Kurt.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Mr. Barry LeBlanc.

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Mission and Ministry Goals for 2011-2012:
We are entering the third year of implementation of Loyola’s Strategic Plan, ‘Loyola 2012’, which was passed by the Board of Trustees at its May 2009 meeting. Each of our four Action Plans center around the implementation of Jesuit values: in the larger Loyola Community; with faculty & staff; with the development of a Center for Volunteer & Public Service; and in the internationalization of our campus.

- **Benson Jesuit Center:** For the past five months, an M&M planning committee, led by Fr. Ted Dziak, S.J., has been closely working with the architectural firm of Holly & Smith on the design of the future Tom Benson Jesuit Center. The architects have nearly completed the first phase of design, and cost estimation will begin soon by an independent cost estimator.

- **Loyola Week:** (October 30-November 5) The annual week focusing on Loyola’s Jesuit heritage will have events that range from an Outdoor liturgy, Dinner with the Jesuit Community to Jesuit Jeopardy, a Kickball Tournament, a 5K run to the annual Wolves in the Prowl day of service.

- Planning for The Center for Volunteer and Public Service (CVPS) is now under the auspices of UM Assistant Director, Josh Daly. A completed set of goals, budget and job descriptions of staff should be available by January 2012. The CVPS hopes to hire a director in the spring 2012 and be open by fall 2012.

- **Fr. Gregg Grovenburg, SJ** joins M&M as Associate Chaplain for Faith and Sacramental Preparation (with an office in newly renovated Thomas Hall). Mr. Sylvester Tan, SJ, Jesuit Scholastic, will assist in retreats and faith formation

- Interfaith Coordinator Sam Bradley and UM Assistant Director Josh Daly submitted a successful proposal for the President’s Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge for 2011. Both traveled to the White House to present their plan to focus on immigrant communities through service, reflection and advocacy among interfaith and intercultural student leaders.

- UM Assistant Director Laura Quigley has coordinated with the Archdiocese of New Orleans Youth and Young Adult Office and National CLC Office to offer young adult CLCs in the metro area. Since mid-summer, 37 adults have formed 4 CLCs with a waiting list for a fifth group.

- Plans are in place for education and implementation of the new Roman Missal at Advent. Associate Chaplain Ken Weber has created some original settings for the new mass parts.

- Loyola is again partnering with Holy Name of Jesus Church for RCIA and Confirmation preparation. There are currently 15 students and community members interested in RCIA and 11 inquiries for adult Confirmation this semester.
• In coordination with the university SACS reporting committee, all areas of M&M have completed comprehensive goals & strategies for 2011-12. Work is currently underway to develop and improve quantitative and qualitative assessment strategies for our area of ministry.

• Total alms distribution from the Office of Mission and Ministry for 2010-11 totaled $31,255 from operating budget and special mass collections. This has assisted students and staff with funds for textbooks, tuition, medical expenses, local, national and international emergencies. The College of Law raised an additional $16,000 from the Boys Hope Girls Hope benefit race.

• **Faculty/Staff Development:**
  - *Vitamins for the Soul*, a new spiritual reflection for faculty/staff facilitated by Dr. Ricardo Marquez of the Jesuit Center, has now reached over 150 people in ten different Colleges and Offices. This program will continue through the next academic year.
  - *National Jesuit formation programs* had over 20 faculty & staff participate. The programs included: Ignatian Colleagues, Heartland Delta, AJCU Leadership program, COLLEGIUM, and the MAGIS National Retreat. We are increasing our budget to allow for even more faculty & staff to participate this next academic year.
  - *The Faculty/Staff Immersion trip to Belize*, held in May 2011, had 14 faculty/staff participate. The program was so successful that a new Faculty/Staff immersion trip to Belize is planned for May 19-27, 2012.
  - A new partnership with the Jesuit University in Columbia, *The Javeriana University*, has been established, with collaboration, faculty exchange and a possible service immersion exchange program being explored.
  - Former AJCU president, Fr. Charlie Currie, S.J., will speak on “Framing our challenges in Jesuit Higher Education” on November 2 during Loyola Week.
  - In collaboration with the Center for Faculty Innovation, the Jesuit Center will offer three programs for Faculty/Staff utilizing *Conversations* magazine (Fall 2011), centering on Father General Nicolas’ talk in Mexico: “Re-Creating Jesuit Higher Education.”
  - Retreat opportunities in the next year include a *Silent Retreat* for Faculty/Staff and Alumni in January 2012 and the *Spiritual Exercises / 18th Annotation* in Lent 2012.
  - M&M created another original *Ignatius birthday card* to distribute to all Faculty and Staff members for 2011-12.

• **Student Development:**
  - *Ignacio Volunteer* immersion programs are being expanded with the hiring of Jesuit Center staff person Edwin Madera. Two winter programs will be held in Belize and a new young alumni program in the Mayan villages of Belize is being planned. *The School of Nursing* will establish a new practicum in southern Belize with our
assistance, and SON faculty will again assist over Christmas in Jamaica, assisting our volunteers working with children with special needs.

- The first orientation week of service, **SPARK**, was held with 50 first-year students arriving on campus one week early to participate in a community service project with St. Anna’s Episcopal Church.

- New M&M Fellow **Joe Deegan** will begin coordination of **LUCAP**, working closely with the student-run organization and assisting in other areas of justice and sustainability.

- The **Freshmen Retreat** staff, which includes 11 student leaders and five staff members, is making final preparations for the next retreat on September 23-25. It is currently on target to be the largest Freshmen Retreat we have offered since the implementation of the developmental retreat program.

- **Archbishop Gregory Aymond** hosted an open house again this year at his residence on September 29 for both Loyola and Tulane law students.

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