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

Thursday, December 5, 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 (October 17, 2013 meeting)

• The Role of Faculty & Loyola’s Jesuit Mission / Dr. Alice Clark, Faculty Senate Chair and Professor, College of Music & Fine Arts

• Retreats at Loyola: The rector of the recent Awakening retreat will share their experiences / Savannah Logan (’14) and Chad Aubert (’14)

• Written Report: Office of Mission & Ministry / Rev. Ted Dziak, SJ, Vice-President of Mission & Ministry and Mr. Kurt Bindewald, M&M Associate Director and Director of University Ministry

• Closing Prayer

• Executive Session
Opening of Meeting / Prayer by Kurt Bindewald

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from May 16, 2013 was approved.

Tom Benson Jesuit Center Presentation by Holly & Smith Architects / Kevin Morris and Brent Baumbech: A Power Point presentation was given with a brief history of the two-year planning process and both designs options were presented. The Benson Jesuit Center is at the heart of the campus with student flow around it and through it. Option 1 is a renovation of current structure (old Library) and Option 2 is a tear down & rebuild in old library footprint. Mr. Morris pointed out that Option 1 (renovation) is a reactionary design to a building which was purposefully built to be a library. In Option 1 the chapel is part of the building and not seen. In Option 2 (rebuild), the chapel protrudes out of the structure with an iconic chapel design facing Monroe, allowing for more physical presence on campus. Option 2 also allows space for four additional seminar classrooms and multi-use spaces, the office layout will be easily adaptable to changing needs, and it is ecologically ‘greener.’ Option 2 is also $1-2 million less in costs. Questions and discussion followed about both options.

Promoting the Mission through Marketing & Communications / Terry Fisher, Associate Vice President Marketing & Communications. Ms Fisher stated that they are a complimentary service to the campus with centralized marketing, web design and crisis communications. Ms. Fisher gave a power point presentation on how mission plays a role in her area and gave an example that Catholic is mentioned 3200 times and Jesuit 11,000 times on our website. Currently they are creating a new LoyNO home page as well as several other new designs (Admissions and Capital campaign) will be on line this spring.
• The SPARK service program / Joe Deegan, Associate Chaplain for Service & Justice: This is a program designed to get new first year students involved in community service on campus and in the community early. The new students arrive one week early than others and live together in a residential community all year. They spend two days getting to know Loyola and the city then three days of community service. The program has grown and proving to be developing strong leadership in service and many areas of student life.

• Written Report / Office of Mission & Ministry by Ted Dziak, S.J., Vice President for Mission & Ministry and Kurt Bindewald, Director of University Ministry. Fr. Dziak presented the Office of Mission & Ministry report to the committee which focused on the major goals and objectives for this academic year for each area, followed by examples of the programming to accomplish these goals. It was noted that two Jesuit Scholastics are assigned to the university at this time: Mr. Sylvester Tan, S.J., who is working with the honors program and Mr. Penn Dawson, S.J., who is teaching at the Law school. An organizational chart was also included with photos of all staff. The committee was asked to review the report at their convenience.

• Closing of Meeting / Prayer by Christine Johnson

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie LaMarca
The Office of Mission and Ministry (M&M) at Loyola University New Orleans serves as the primary entity for promoting and enhancing the Catholic/ Jesuit identity of the institution as a faith based community of life-long learners seeking God in all things by working for service and justice in the world as women and men with and for others. M&M is in the fifth and final year of implementation of Loyola’s Strategic Plan, “Loyola 2012” passed by the Board at its May 2009 meeting. A new strategic plan for the next five years is being formulated this year.

Academic Year 2013-2014 Update: Office of Mission and Ministry

- Loyola Week (November 2 – 8, 2013) carried the theme of “Set the World on Fire,” and had a particular focus this year on social justice.
  - There were a total of 18 events with Loyola faculty/ staff, students alumni and guests attended events. It was kicked off with an alumni sponsored event, Wolves on the Prowl (almost 200 volunteers) and ended with a Law School event, Jesus on Trial.
  - Events ranged from showing 'Shell Shocked' a documentary about growing up in the murder capital of America, a talk on Pope Francis’ First Encyclical to fun-filled events such as a tricycle race around the Iggy Statue (‘The Iggy 5’), a Carnival on the Peace Quad including free food, an inflatable and an Earth piñata, and ‘Dinner with the Jesuits’. Over 1000 people participated in the week’s events.

JESUIT CENTER/ Office of Mission & Ministry

The Jesuit Center is primarily responsible for the orientation and formation of faculty and staff members in the Catholic, Jesuit tradition. Additionally, the Jesuit Center provides campus-wide programming and resources educating about and celebrating Loyola’s Ignatian values and provides international immersion experiences for students, faculty and staff.

- Faculty & Staff Development
  - There have been many opportunities for faculty/ staff to appreciate and integrate the Catholic/Jesuit mission into their lives and their work. These include:
    - New Faculty Orientation Breakfast: The annual breakfast sponsored by M&M and the Loyola Jesuit community led off the new semester and the new faculty orientation with 25 new faculty attending with administrators/ M&M staff and Jesuits.
The Ignatian Faculty Fellows Program (IFF), coordinated by Dr. John Sebastian, selected its Cohort 2 members, which will begin meeting in the spring 2014 semester with nine new faculty participants.

The Ignatian Staff Fellows Program (ISF), coordinated by Robbie Reed and Dr. Ricardo Marquez, has begun meeting with eight staff participants of its first Cohort group. A new Blackboard site was created with support material for participants.

The new Faculty Connections luncheon brings new faculty together with seasoned faculty in informal conversation, held monthly. Most recent luncheon (November) was a faculty luncheon with Dr. Judith Rock, Biever Lecture Series speaker.

Conversations luncheons are held around the topic of each new issue of ‘Conversations’ magazine, a national AJCU-sponsored magazine. In September, a group of 16 faculty gathered to hear Fr. Fred Kammer and other participants speak on a recent Creighton conference on social justice.

College of Law Staff Retreat was held in late August with over fifty College of Law school staff participating. It was led by Dr. Ricardo Marquez.

Vitamins for the Soul: Over 25 staff from three offices (President & Provost Office, College of Business and Monroe Library Faculty/Staff) have recently participated in an afternoon program to spiritually share their work and their lives.

Participation of Loyola faculty/staff in national mission-related programs:

- Ignatian Colleagues Program (ICP): An 18-month national AJCU program designed to educate and form administrators more deeply in the Jesuit tradition of higher education.
  - (Cohort 5): Dr. Cissy Petty, Vice-President for Student Affairs and Dean Maria Lopez of the College of Law.
  - (Cohort 7) Recruitment has begun. Orientation is in June 2014.

- AJCU Leadership Seminar (Summer 2013 Loyola/Chicago): Dr. Donald Boomgaard (Dean, College of Music and Fine Arts), Leon Mathes (AVP for Financial Affairs), Dr. Maria Calzada (Dean HuNS), and Dr. Michael Olson (Dean, Library) participated in this two-summer program.
  - Recruitment has begun for summer 2014 program, held in June.
New Staff Orientations: Every month M&M staff provides a basic orientation for new staff hires, which included almost 50 new staff in Sept/October/November.

Centering Prayer offered to faculty/staff monthly (25 attending regularly).

Dr. Ricardo Marquez has co-authored an article with Dr. Frankie J. Weinberg on Jesuit values: “Advancing Workplace Spiritual Development: A Dyadic Mentoring Approach” in the Leadership Quarterly (LQ) [Fall 213]

Other Jesuit Center Programs

Jesuit scholastic Sylvester Tan, S.J. was named the Jesuit in Residence for 2013-14 for the Honors Program, serving as an integral faculty member of the program. In this capacity, Mr. Tan is teaching one course for Honors in the fall and will teach two in the spring, is serving as co-instructor with Dr Naomi Yavneh for a one-credit Ignatian Colloquium for first year students, and will lead a co-curricular “spiritual readings” group. He also serves as an informal advisor, helping to build the residential Biever Hall community according to the precepts of the “Essential Characteristics of a Jesuit Honors Program.”

Planning has begun for the 2014 Lenten Series, co-sponsored by the Alumni Association. The theme will be “The Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius.”

Ignacio Volunteer Immersion Programs: (Heather Malveaux, Coordinator)

The Ignacio Volunteer Summer 2013 programs (Jamaica Experience and Belize Summer Camp) ended in October with final reflections, evaluations and a joint slide show and reflection open to all.

- Fifteen students/staff served in Jamaica and 15 served in Belize.

Participants in the three Ignacio Volunteer Winter 2013 programs (Jamaica Winter Program, Belize Christmas Camp and Belize Baseball Camp) have been meeting all fall semester and are readying for their December immersion experiences.

- In mid-December, 12 students will head to Kingston, Jamaica and another 22 students will head to Belize to facilitate two Christmas Camps.

- The Belize Baseball camp is in its second year with eight members of the Loyola Varsity Baseball team teaching baseball to Mayan youth. Loyola Coach Doug Faust will also be visiting the camp to assist.
- Recruitment for the Ignacio Volunteer Summer 2014 programs (*Jamaica Experience* and *Belize Summer Camp*) was held in November with 80 applications (71 interviews) for 20 slots.

- Recruitment has also begun for the *Belize Faculty/Staff Immersion program* (May 24 to June 1, 2014). Ten faculty/staff will be selected by December and will meet during the spring. *Fr. Gregg Grovenburg, SJ* will lead the trip, assisted by *Heather Malveaux* and *Jeffrey Castille*.

**UNIVERSITY MINISTRY / Office of Mission & Ministry**

University Ministry is responsible for pastoral outreach, spiritual formation, and promotion of service and reflection opportunities for the Loyola community which includes students, faculty, staff, administrators, and alumni.

- **Faith and Sacramental Formation:**
  - **Adult Confirmation:** *Archbishop Gregory Aymond* confirmed 10 individuals prepared at Holy Name of Jesus Church (Nov 24). Included three alumni, two graduate students, three Tulane students and two HNJ parishioners. Currently there is a list of 12 interested in Confirmation prep for spring 2014.

  - **RCIA:** The joint HNJ/Loyola University RCIA process began in September and has been meeting and has completed almost half of its classes on the Catholic faith, led by a team of 10 presenters. Six catechumens and 3 candidates are preparing for full initiation into the Catholic faith at the HNJ Easter Vigil.

- **Sacramental Ministry:**
  - **Marriage Preparation/ Baptisms:** At present there are six couples requesting assistance with marriage prep and two couples seeking “nullity of previous marriages” and three couples requested baptisms for their children on campus.

- **Liturgy and Music:** (*Ken Weber, Associate Chaplain*).
  - **‘Cookies with a Catholic’:** A new weekly program at a table set-up in Danna Center allows faculty and staff to answer questions about the Catholic faith. For every question, a free cookie. Homemade cookies provided.

  - Monthly discernment meetings are held for the Ignatius Chapel Community.

  - **Special Masses & Events:** A series of special masses were held this fall and include: *Orientation Masses* for new students (four masses in June);
Welcome Mass (August); Mass of the Holy Spirit (Sept 12); Family Weekend Mass (Sept 28); Caribbean Mass (Sept 29); Loyola Week Opening Mass (Nov 3); Alumni Memorial Mass (Nov 4); Martyrs’ Mass (Nov 17); Advent Wreath Drop (Dec 1); Mass and Pancakes (Dec 8).
Special music and varied setting were provided.

- **Retreats:**
  - **Freshmen Retreat:** (Sept 13-15): Over 30 first-year participants, with 14 student leaders, and 7 professional staff. Five additional students served as cooks.
  - **Awakening Retreat:** (Oct 18-20): Over 90 students participated in the fall Awakening retreat and included 33 new students and 59 returning participants serving as “student staff”. (The retreat had to be rescheduled due to the threat of Tropical Storm Karen, with a loss of some numbers.)

- **Christian Life Communities (CLC):**
  - In the fall, there are 11 student leaders, 3 professional staff leaders, and 41 student members.
  - Eight (8) total groups include: one student leader group, three Phase I groups (first year in CLC), two Phase II groups (two years in CLC), one Phase III group (three or more years in CLC), and one LGBTQ-focused group.
  - Special CLC events include: CLC Olympics (October); Thanksgiving Dinner Speaker (November).

- **Service & Justice Programs:** *(Joe Deegan, Associate Chaplain)*
  - **Spark 2013:** first-year student pre-orientation week of service (as reported on last meeting). Forty new first year students participated.
  - **Wolves on the Prowl 2013:** National Alumni day of service. The project in New Orleans was: American Dental Association (ADA) Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic. There were almost 190 participants, including 28 alumni. There were 660 hours of service logged, representing an in-kind value of about $13,000.00
  - **Loyola University Community Action Program (LUCAP):** Current LUCAP project hours logged: 203. The annual trip to SOA Watch Vigil will be held Nov 22-24; Current LUCAP Programs include: Best Buddies, Caring Across Cultures, Children Are Reason Enough (CARE), Freret Street Initiative, Habitat for Humanity, Hunger Relief, Invisible Children, People for Animal Welfare and Service (PAWS), Salama USA, Shrockin’, Student Advocates on Mental Illness (SAMI), Students Against Hyper-
Incarceration, Students Moving Into the Lives of the Elderly (SMILE), Students Seeking Solidarity (SSS)

- **College of Law Ministry:** *(Arlene Wiltz, Law School Chaplain)*
  - **Day of Service** *(Sept 28)*: Over 70 student and faculty volunteers from the College of Law participated in a day of service around the city with the following projects: Habitat for Humanity ReStore, City Park gardens, New Orleans Museum of Art Sculpture Garden, Bridge House, and Expungement Day through the Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana. Lunch and reflection followed on campus.
  - **Mass for Tulane and Loyola Law Students:** *Archbishop Gregory Aymond* presided over a liturgy at Holy Name of Jesus Church *(Sept 29)* with 120 law faculty, staff, students, alumni and family members from Loyola / Tulane Law Schools.

- **Ecumenical and Interfaith Ministry:** Events include:
  - ‘**Tolerance and Diversity in a Multi-ethnic Society**’ *(Sept 26)*: A discussion on Jesuit commitment to interreligious dialogue at Loyola with a group of ten visiting Burmese monks and religious leaders through the New Orleans Citizen Diplomacy Council.
  - ‘**The Muslims Around You**’ *(Nov 5)*: A lecture by *Dr. Adil Khan*, Loyola Assistant Professor. Co-sponsored by the “Spirituality in the City.”
  - **Sand Mandala for Compassion and Sacred Music Performance:** *(Nov 12-14)*: Co-sponsored visit of Tibetan Buddhist Monks from Sera Jey Monastery in Bylakeppe, India. Included making a sand mandala in the One Loyola room.
  - College of Law Interfaith prayer room proposal being discussed.
  - Covenant negotiation with City Church “Impact” program.

- **Pastoral Outreach:** Includes direct contact and support of all members of the Loyola community as needed through prayer, presence and responding to physical and spiritual needs during times of crisis and celebration.
  - Outreach to victims of Typhoon Yolanda (‘Haiyan’) in the Philippines with special mass collections and collaboration with other Loyola offices. This included a University Honors Program initiative of a mini-thrift store to raise funds for the victims and supporting the Jesuit relief efforts in the Philippines. This was organized by Sylvester Tan, S.J.
- Prayer Requests sent out for every Loyola member as requested.
- Original Iggy **Birthday card** sent to all faculty and staff members.
- Alms donations for emergency financial needs of students (textbooks, tuition, food, medicine, etc.) distributed as funds are available.

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