Mission and Identity Committee Meeting
Board of Trustees
Loyola University New Orleans
Thursday, December 4, 2014
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Octavia II/ Danna Center

Agenda

• Call to Order (Rev. James Bowler, S.J., Chair)

• Opening Prayer

• Approval of Minutes (October 9, 2014 meeting)

• Student Presentation: Reflections on the Ignacio Volunteers:
  o Patrick Klena (Jamaica)
  o Madeline Janney (Belize Summer Camp)
  o Brian Reaney (Belize Baseball Camp)

• Discussion: The Jesuit/ Catholic Mission of Loyola University and the Role of the Board of Trustees: Led by Dr John Sebastian, Director of Core Curriculum and Dr. Alice Clark, Chair of the University Faculty Senate. Article: Higher Standards by Dean Brackley (America magazine Feb 6 2006): http://americamagazine.org/issue/559/article/higher-standards


• Closing Prayer
Mission and Identity Committee Minutes
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Present: Jim Bowler, S.J. (Chair); Richard Salmi, S.J., (Vice- Chair); Ted Dziak, S.J. (Executive Secretary, Ex-Officio); Kurt Bindewald (Ex-Officio); Michael Braden, S.J.; Donald Faust; Sally Forman; Ann Gauthier; Gail Jock; Rachel Kent; Rita Benson LeBlanc; Gerald Ray; Peter Rogers, S.J.; John Sebastian (Staff Senate Representative); Carol Waguespack; Ryan Carlson (Student Representative); Christopher Brehm (Graduate Student Representative); Stacy Lewis (Recording Secretary); Eric Walsh (Assistant to VP).
Absent: Ileana Suquet; Lyle Henderson (Staff Representative).
Call in: Stephen Sauer, S.J.
Guests: John Finan, (Board Chair); Kevin Wildes, S.J. (University President).

• Opening of Meeting / Call to Order / Opening Prayer
• Approval of Minutes: Minutes from May 15, 2014 were approved.
• A review of the Academic Year 2013-14 and a look ahead at 2014-2015 (Ted Dziak, S.J.)
  o The new Admissions brochure (‘on Jesuit Education’) was previewed and will be sent out to over 100,000 high school juniors / seniors.
  o Staff Changes: Jesuit Center Staff member of 5 years, Dr. Ricardo Marquez, left Loyola as he relocated to San Diego. He will be missed as he brought a great pastoral presence to our team. Shermicia Calice ('14) started in August as a Jesuit Center Fellow and will work with social media, videos, publicity and projects. Rev. Jeremy Zipple, S.J. is spending one semester at Loyola, working at Holy Name and teaching in the School of Communication and helping with media and short videos.
  o The Jesuit Center is going through a re-organization to strengthen its focus on faculty/staff formation. Its name may be changed to distinguish the Jesuit Center from the Tom Benson JC building. Working title is ‘Jesuit Center for Global Engagement’ with the goal to educate our students to be global citizens.
  o This November will be the 25th Anniversary of Jesuit Martyrs in El Salvador and Loyola will highlight this memorial during its Martyr’s Week. Father Dziak will represent Loyola University New Orleans at a memorial event in El Salvador.
  o Ignacio Volunteers will initiate a new immersion program to South Africa and a NOLA Urban Immersion Program, a new Spring break trip to Angola Prison.
A review of the Academic Year 2013-14 and a look ahead at 2014-2015 (Kurt Binewald)

- **Retreats:** First Year/ Awakening Retreats were well attended. Student leaders shared how they got acclimated to the community and how Ignatian values have shaped them. Ignatian (silent) retreat in January, traditionally for faculty, staff and alumni, will open to graduating seniors.

- **Interfaith:** City Wide Prayer for Peace will be held on November 19, 2014 with the Archbishop and possibly Mayor Landrieu scheduled to attend.

- The Mass of the Holy Spirit was the best so far. Would like to live stream or record the next one.

**Open Discussion Period:** Article: “Next Steps in Higher Education” by Stephanie Russell (‘Conversations’ Magazine/ Fall 2014) (Led by Dziak and Bowler)

- Formation needed for all communities – faculty, staff and students. Students are introduced to their Catholic faith through the new Common Curriculum.

- Jesuit universities are in an increasingly complex religious context with diverse populations (faculty/staff and students – half are non-Catholic). Challenge to religious faith is not opposition, but indifference.

- The Board is ultimately responsible for Jesuit/ Catholic mission of Loyola (not the small number of Jesuits) and the M&I Committee is ultimately responsible for the formation of the full Board.

- John Sebastian presented an update on the Ignatian Faculty Fellows program, stating that a third cohort will be recruited this fall semester.

- Fr. Dziak presented an update on the Tom Benson Jesuit Center fundraising and Capital Campaign.

**Closing Prayer / Meeting Adjourned**

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Lewis
Office of Mission and Ministry Overview

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 for and with others.

**JESUIT CENTER 2014-2015 UPDATES:**

The Jesuit Center is primarily responsible for the orientation and formation of faculty and staff members in the Catholic/Jesuit tradition. Additionally, it provides campus-wide programming and resources that educate and celebrate Loyola’s Jesuit heritage and Ignatian values.

**JESUIT CENTER FELLOW — SHERMICIA CALICE**

**LOYOLA WEEK:** (Nov 2-7, 2014) “Jesuit Values: From Vision to Action” focused on incorporating Jesuit values into everyday life. Twelve events were held for faculty/staff, students, and friends, starting with an opening outdoor Mass on the Marquette horseshoe to an interactive talk by former NO Police Chief Ronal Serpas on Policing in America. Over 1000 people participated in the week’s events.
Loyola Week Highlights:

- **Ignatian Carnival**: Stations emphasized the importance of Jesuit values and encouraged students to put the values into action.
- **Iggy-gram**: An Instagram photo challenge, for participants to post celebratory Loyola Week photos with the hashtag: #ForLoyno.
- **iPledge**: Signed pledges to put at least one selected Jesuit value into action.
- **Dr. Ronal Serpas: Policing in America**: The former Superintendent of the NO Police Department & Loyola Professor led an interactive discussion on the prevention of police brutality on both a local and national level.
- **Interfaith Praise and Worship Concert**: Showcased how members of the Jewish, Islamic and Greek Orthodox faiths worship through music and praise.
- **Men of Loyola Speak Out Against Sexual Assault**: Loyola professors Dr. Marcus Kondkar, Dr. Charles Corprew, Dr. Christian Bolden and Loyola senior Augustine Crespo discussed attitudes surrounding sexual assault against women.

- **Magis Moment Newsletter** (October 16, 2014) featured reflections from Jamaica/Belize Ignacio Volunteers, and updates on the SPARK program. An Advent edition of the newsletter will be published in early December.
- **Ignatian Faculty Fellows (IFF)**: Opened its recruitment for the third Cohort with nine faculty applications. Directed by Dr. John Sebastian.
UNIVERSITY MINISTRY 2014-2015 UPDATES:

COORDINATOR OF INTERNATIONAL IMMERSION PROGRAMS - HEATHER MALVEAUX

Ignacio Volunteers:

Recruitment for Spring/Summer 2014 programs in New Orleans (Immersion), Jamaica, Belize and South Africa has concluded with 133 completed applications.

- 30 first year (22%)/ 43 sophomores (32%)/ 52 juniors (39%)/ 8 seniors (7%).
- 29 males (22%) / 104 females (78%)
- 47 students have been chosen:
  - NOLA Immersion: 12
  - Jamaica Experience: 12
  - South Africa Experience: 11
  - Belize Summer Camp: 12

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN FOR RETREATS AND CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITIES – LAURA QUIGLEY ALEXANDER

Retreats:

- Fall Awakening Retreat (October 3-5): There were 38 new participants, 59 student staff and 8 professional staff in attendance.
- “God’s Time” was the theme and students were encouraged to reflect on how they have seen God at work over the course of their lives. The
leaders also incorporated this theme into their weekly reflections.

**Retreats (continued)**

- 100% of first-time Awakening participants indicated they felt deeply loved by the Awakening Community. 70% of responding participants indicated that they recognized this experience of love as a reflection of God’s unconditional love for them.
- The Silent Ignatian Retreat will be held January 9-11, 2015 at Rosaryville Spirit Life Center in Ponchatoula. Fr. Gregory Waldrop, S.J. will preach. The retreat includes two days of silence, spiritual direction, and communal prayer (Taizé).

**Christian Life Communities (CLCs):**

- Currently, there are 5 Phase I groups, 1 Phase II group, 1 Phase III group, and 1 group made up of the student leaders. One CLC group began post-Awakening.
- There are 44 members (24 phase I, 7 phase II, 5 phase III, 8 student leaders, & 4 professional staff leaders). The three-week commitment period ended in October and a number of initial Phase I participants decided they did not have time to commit to CLC. All Phase II and III participants committed to their groups.
- A successful Halloween party was held with 30 students attending, organized in order to offer an alcohol-free way to celebrate the festive holiday.
- Dinner and Discussion (November 11th) focused on cultivating lives of gratitude.
UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN FOR SERVICE AND JUSTICE PROGRAMS – JOSEPH DEEGAN

SPARK Themed Living Community:

- The SPARK community repainted restrooms and reorganized the first-ever library of KIPP Central City Charter School.
- SPARK participants spent a retreat day at Rivers Retreat Center/ Covington, LA.
- 100% of service project participants agree their experience was meaningful.
- 83% of retreat participants report an increased interest in Ignatian Spirituality after attending the retreat.
- 67% of retreat participants consider a “new perspective on faith” after retreat.
- 78% of Spark community members agree that Spark membership makes them feel more connected to the Loyola community.

Loyola University Community Action Program (LUCAP):

- The Wiley Student Leadership Practices Inventory (SLPI) was used as an assessment tool for all LUCAP student leaders, assessing leadership practices in five critical areas (Model the Way, Inspire a Shared Vision, Challenge the Process, Enable Others to Act and Encourage the Heart).
- Leadership development seminars held for LUCAP student leaders: Jesuit Conceptualization of Social Justice (Love/Justice Paradigms) and “True Colors”: Communications Styles in Leadership
LUCAP (continued)

- The newest LUCAP student project, Green Light Gardens, to build backyard vegetable gardens for low/ fixed income neighbors in partnership with Green Light New Orleans.
- 11 student delegates were selected for the annual School of the Americas Watch (SOAW) November Vigil at the gates of Ft. Benning in Columbus, GA. Students have complete a pre-trip seminar on critical issues addressed by SOAW.

Fall Activities:

25th Annual Martyrs Week

- **Annual Martyrs Mass and Rededication of the Peace Quad** (November 16): Jesuit High School students and NO chapter of Pax Christi will be in attendance. Ceremony will feature the unveiling of eight 10-foot tall nylon feather banners to commemorate each of the martyrs, which will be used annually each Martyrs Week.

- **La Voz Del Pueblo** Film Screening (November 17): with Q&A with director Fr. Jeremy Zipple, S.J. The film profiles Radio Progresso, a Jesuit ministry and force for social liberation in Honduras. Co-sponsored by LUCAP, JSRI, The Donnelly Center for Nonprofit Communications and the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

Liturgy and Music:

- **Caribbean Mass** (October 5): Featuring Caribbean music, food, and prayers, with 87 in attendance.
- **Loyola Week Opening Mass** (November 2): Evening mass on the Marquette Horseshoe Lawn, featuring a procession across campus to the mass, with 97 in attendance.
- **Martyrs Mass** (November 16): Commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Jesuit martyrs in El Salvador. Featuring Spanish music and Salvadoran food.
- **Advent Wreath Drop** (November 30): Marks the beginning of the liturgical new year. Christmas music and a countdown as large Advent Wreath descends along a zip line from the top of the West Road Garage to the front of Bobet Hall.
- **Mass and Pancakes** (December 7): Mass in the Audubon Room followed by a late night breakfast in the Orleans Room.
LAW CHAPLAIN - CAROL MAGENDIE

College of Law:

- Spiritual Care Week (October 20-23): Students invited to the Chaplain's office for snacks and conversation on forgiveness and wellness.
- 50th anniversary as a Jesuit of Fr. Larry Moore’s (November 7).
- Book of Remembrance will be in the lobby of the law school during November.
- Dinner for Breakfast with a focus of Gratitude: Students invited to write something they are grateful for and put note into the Comucopia before, during, and/or after breakfast. A collaboration of University Ministry/ Dean's office/ SBA.
- Peanut Butter and Prayer (Exam study break snacks) on December 1-15.
- Centering Prayer offered in the Chapel of Martha and Mary every Thursday.
- Liturgy for the Law community is offered every Wednesday.

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN FOR FAITH AND SACRAMENTS
- FR. GREGG GROVENBURG, SJ

- This semester 12 are completing the nine classes for Confirmation preparation and will be confirmed on December 6 at Holy Name of Jesus Church with Archbishop Hughes.
- There are currently 20 in the RCIA program as we complete the Inquiry period of the Catechumenate.
- At present there are 11 couples requesting assistance with the marriage preparation process. A total of 4 Loyola Law or undergrads have requested letters to be godparents for nieces or nephews this Fall 2014 semester.