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

Thursday, May 14, 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 (December 4, 2014 meeting)
• Discussion: The Mission & Identity (M&I) Committee of the Board of Trustees and its Charge.

   The two responsibilities of the M&I Committee to the full Board are:
   + It shall communicate the Jesuit heritage effectively to the Board and senior leadership team, faculty, staff, and students through appropriate orientation and education programs.
   + And, it shall recommend programs to educate the Board of Trustees about the Jesuit tradition and values as well as trends in Catholic and private higher education.

• A Look Back at the Office of Mission & Ministry: Reflections from the Vice-President after nine years in the position.

• A Year-End Report and Review of Report by Rev. Ted Dziak, S.J., Vice-President of Mission & Ministry and Kurt Bindewald, Associate Director of Mission & Ministry and Director of University Ministry

• Closing Prayer
Mission and Identity Committee Minutes
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Present: Jim Bowler, S.J. Chair; Richard Salmi, S.J., Vice-Chair; Michael Braden, S.J.; Donald Faust, M.D.; Sally Forman; Stephen Sauer, S.J.; Anne Gauthier; Gail Jock; Rachel Kent; Gerald Ray; Peter Rogers, S.J.; Ileana Suquet; Carol Waguespack; Dr. John Sebastian, Dr. Joelle Underwood, Faculty Senate Representatives; Lyle Henderson, Staff Senate Representative; Ryan Carlson, Student Representative; Christopher Brehm, Graduate Student Representative; Alice Clark (Faculty presenter); Ted Dziak, S.J., Executive Secretary, Ex-Officio; Kurt Bindewald, Ex-Officio, Eric Walsh, Ex-Officio, Stacy Lewis, Recording Secretary,

Call in: Rita Benson LeBlanc

- Opening of Meeting / Call to Order / Opening Prayer

- Approval of Minutes: Minutes from October 9, 2014 were approved.

- Presentation by Students on Immersion Trips: Three students who had participated in different Ignacio Volunteer trips to Belize or Jamaica presented and shared their stories. Each student gave a narrative reflection of their experience. All students agreed that the trips were life changing experiences that allowed them to live and experience the Ignatian values on a personal level
  - Patrick Klena (Jamaica Experience/ May 2014)
  - Madeline Janney (Belize Summer Camp/ July 2014 & July 2015)
  - Brian Reaney (Belize Baseball Camp/ December 2013 & 2014)
Each of these service immersion trips had a record amount of applicants. Trip to South Africa, which has been deferred to future, will mirror current immersion trips.

- Discussion on Mission: Led by Faculty John Sebastian and Alice Clark
  Mission-related exercise: An exercise started the session with Committee members breaking up in pairs or three to try to answer 'What is mission.'
A group discussion followed with each of the groups sharing their definitions. Themes that arose include:

- The university must stay true to its Jesuit and Catholic values.
- The university should teach and instill values that shape our graduates.
- The university is a place where the church does its thinking.
- We must recognize that we are not alone in seeking to share the vision.
- There needs to be a focus on the orientation and formation of faculty who have day to day interaction with students to ensure Jesuit legacy.
- Our role is to bring the world back to God. Keep Jesuit values alive.
- We should be focusing on why we are here, on what would be the life we live to be able to gain eternal life with our God (‘to get to heaven.’)

- **Role of the Mission and Identity Committee**: A discussion arose on the need to review the mission and charge of the Committee. It was concluded that this committee should play a role in the formation of the full Board in mission formation.
  - The Chair stated that a review of the Charge of the Committee would be sent to all Committee members and he encouraged discussion and suggestions of the Committee’s role with the full Board. We have a clear, concise and resolute statement.

- **A review of the Academic Year (Fall Semester 2014) and a look ahead at spring semester 2015** (Ted Dziak, S.J. and Kurt Bindewald) The written report was presented by Father Dziak and Mr. Bindewald with little discussion.

- **Closing Prayer**

- **Executive Session was called for and the Committee broke into Executive Session.**

- **Meeting Adjourned**

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Lewis
Academic Year 2014-2015 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**: Responsible for the orientation and formation of faculty / staff members in the Catholic/Jesuit tradition. It also provides campus-wide programming and resources that educate and celebrate Loyola’s Jesuit and Ignatian values to the greater Loyola community.

- **Jesuit Center 2014-2015 GOALS:**
  - To develop and improve programs and activities that assist in the formation and orientation of faculty / staff in Loyola’s Jesuit and Catholic mission and identity.
  - To improve and develop marketing techniques, publicity and public relations.
  - To increase greater awareness of events and programs offered by the Office of Mission and Ministry through brochures, social media and the web.

- **Jesuit Center 2014-2015 ACHIEVEMENTS:**
  - **Lenten Series 2015**: (February / March) “Side by Side: Jesuit Saints as Lenten Companions” focused on Ignatius Loyola and his early companions. The Jesuit Center hosted three lectures and a film/lecture sharing Ignatian spirituality with the charism of Ignatius and his early companions. More than 300 people were in attendance at the events.
Magis Moments Newsletter/ Web Pages/ Social Media:

- The Magis Moments newsletter has grown in size, format and in web hits. Four issues were published in 2014-2015: two in the fall (October and December) and two in the spring (February and April). The December edition was an Advent edition featuring reflections from Loyola community members and the February edition was a Lenten issue with prayerful reflections. Stories featuring the various M&M programs, retreats, service projects, immersion trips and events were featured, such as the Martyrs of El Salvador, Awakening reflections, the Lenten Series and Graduation/ Commencement.
- M&M Newsfeed & Social Media: A web page newsfeed (http://mm.loyno.edu/) is updated regularly, keeping readers in touch with events and activities. A Mission & Ministry Facebook page is current and Instagram photos go out several times weekly.

Loyola Week: is an annual celebration of our Jesuit heritage and is held each November.

- The theme this year was: “Jesuit Values: From Vision to Action.”
- Over 1000 students, faculty, staff and alumni participated in the twelve events. Spiritual events ranged from a mass on the horseshoe to dinner with the Jesuits. Fun events were tricycles racing around Iggy and a carnival on the Peace quad. A talk was given by the former LNO Police chief and the week ended with Loyola’s all-community service day, Wolves on the Prowl.

Guest Speakers at Loyola in Fall 2014:

- **Mark Shriver** spoke on ‘A Good Man’ a book written about his father, Sergeant Shriver. (September)
- **Father Greg Boyle, S.J.** spoke on ‘Tattoos of the Heart’ and his work with Los Angeles gangs. (October)
- **Father James Martin, S.J.** spoke on ‘Encountering Jesus’, his book on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. (November)
UNIVERSITY MINISTRY 2014 - 2015:

Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation
Fr. Gregg Grovenburg, S.J.

Sacramental Formation 2014-15 GOALS:

- To provide sacramental formation for Loyola community for RCIA, Confirmation, Baptism and Marriage.
- To provide sacramental presence/coverage for Loyola community for Eucharist, Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.
- To collaborate with Holy Name of Jesus and Loyola Jesuit community in meeting Sacramental needs of the greater Loyola community.
- To provide greater pastoral presence to student athletes, coaches/staff.
- To share/teach/offer – Jesuit mission, values, and spirituality in all preparation, classes, prayers, Masses, services, presence and interactions.

Sacramental Formation 2014-15 ACHIEVEMENTS:

- There was a better relationship and connection between Loyola and Holy Name of Jesus parish which improved the sacramental formation program, its numbers and the strength of its community. Many participants were young people in mid-late 20’s.
- Confirmation: Almost all (98%) of those who began the Confirmation & RCIA programs ended the programs. There were 18 RCIA and 15 Adult Confirmations. This was the largest number of RCIA participants in recent history.
- Concluding surveys showed that 100% of participants expressed significant growth in their “understanding and appreciation of their faith and the Sacrament,” and 95% see themselves as “fuller members” of the Catholic Church and community.
- Marriage Preparation for recent Loyola graduates has increased greatly over the last three years.
Coordinator of International Immersion Programs
Heather Malveaux

- **Ignacio Volunteers 2014-15 Goals:**
  - To increase student involvement in the Ignacio Volunteer immersion programs.
  - To improve the recruitment process, the applications and materials, the marketing and the selection of new participants in programs.
  - To recruit a diverse, motivated and qualified community of participants as well as student and staff leaders for all Ignacio Volunteer immersion experiences.
  - To expand our immersion programs domestically in New Orleans and internationally in Cape Town, South Africa.

- **Ignacio Volunteers 2014-15 Achievements:**
  - Record applications to Ignacio Volunteer programs to Jamaica and Belize
    - Over 140 applications for the spring/summer 2015 programs.
  - **Jamaica Experience 2014** (Dec 2014)
    - 14 Total Participants
  - **Belize Christmas Camps 2014** (Dec 2014)
    - 24 Total Participants
  - **NOLA Urban Immersion (April 2015)** (see Faith, Service and Justice Programs)
  - **Jamaica Experience 2015** (May 2015)
    - 14 Total Participants
  - **Belize Summer Camp 2015** (July 2015)
    - 15 participants
  - **Belize Baseball Camp 2015** (Dec 2015)
    - 12 Total Participants
  - **Jamaica Experience 2015** (January 2016)
    - 14 Total Participants

- **Ignacio Volunteer Goals for 2015-16:**
  - To increase funding for future programs, including exploring grants from foundations and private Catholic funding organizations.
  - To continue development of an immersion program in South Africa.
  - To develop and initiate an Ignacio Volunteer newsletter and brochure.

“There are few experiences that open one’s eyes to reality, community, service and God. I am incredibly grateful to have been given the opportunity to be a part of such an experience as an Ignacio Volunteer.” — Ignacio Volunteer
Christian Life Communities 2014-15 Goals:
- To provide opportunities for students to reflect on and process their experiences using Ignatian methods of prayer and discernment.
- To promote the CLC way of life in the Loyola community and create a connection between individual CLCs through programming and social media presence.
- To continue to support formation and growth of CLCs for young adults in the New Orleans community, including young alumni.

CLC 2014-15 Achievements:
- There were five Phase I groups, one Phase II group, one Phase III group, and one group made up of student leaders.
- There were 38 student members: 22 phase I participants, 6 phase II participants, and 3 phase III participants, 7 student leaders, & 4 professional staff leaders.
- Young adult CLC continues to meet regularly and is comprised of mostly young alumni.
- A number of CLC participants are remaining in the city over the summer and are putting together a “Summer CLC” to stay involved.

Fellowship Fridays: Student CLC leaders started a weekly event open to the Loyola community called “Fellowship Fridays”. Students start with an examen and then discuss how they have encountered God throughout the week. The weekly program has greatly increased the visibility of CLC and encourages students to try out CLC without the commitment. Multiple students have said that they hope to join CLC next year after coming to a Fellowship Friday.

"CLC has exponentially aided me in being more open to conversation with God throughout the day on a more regular basis. . . I find that I am taking more time to notice the beauty of the world and the people with which God has surrounded me."

+ CLC member
Retreats 2014-15 Goals:
- To provide all members of the university community with opportunities to experience God through familiarity with Ignatian methods of prayer and tenants of Ignatian spirituality.
- To continue to reach out to “non-usual” participants and to encourage “on-ramp” participants to deepen their experience by joining a Christian Life Community (CLC) or attending a “next-step” retreat.

Retreats 2014-15 Achievements:
There were 303 total participants: (193 unique participants) in six retreats.

- **First Year Retreat** (Sept 2014)
  - 26 participants and 18 student staff, 5 professional staff

- **Fall Awakening** (Oct 2014)
  - 38 new participants and 59 student staff, 8 professional staff

- **Emmaus Retreat** (Jan/Feb 2015)
  - 14 students and 8 professional staff

- **Lenten Retreat in Daily Life** (Feb/Mar 2015)
  - 37 participants: 15 students, 5 faculty, 6 staff, 6 alumni, 2 grad students, 3 friends
  - Nineteen faculty/staff/community served as spiritual directors or companions
  - Retreat materials available online and offered to all Loyola alumni

- **Spring Awakening** (March 2015)
  - 36 new participants, 60 student staff, 6 professional staff

- **Senior Retreat** (April 2015)
  - 15 participants, 2 professional staff

**ACCM State-Wide Awakening Conference** (February 2015)
- Attended by five students and three professional staff.
- University Ministry Intern **Kayla August** also serves as the President for the **Louisiana Association of Catholic Campus Ministers**. She spearheaded a very successful state-wide conference about the Awakening Retreat.

"Awakening Retreat is a place of sanctuary. It is a community who will accept you despite your imperfections. It’s where I’ve had the most growth."

+ Awakening Retreatant
University Minister for Service and Justice Programs
Joseph Deegan

• **Loyola University Community Action Program (LUCAP) 2014-15 Goals:**
  - To understand the Jesuit conceptualization of service and justice.
  - To be able to identify the root causes of community needs.
  - To develop key leadership competencies.
  - To prioritize partnership with Archdiocesan and local/national Jesuit apostolates.
  - To demonstrate a faith that does justice by engaging in or co-creating community.
  - To engagement experiences that are (a) highly reciprocal, (b) responsive to local needs and (c) in keeping with university-wide and national best practices.

• **LUCAP 2014-15 Achievements:**
  - **SPARK 2015** (Fall 2014): 40 freshmen were welcomed to Loyola on the SPARK-themed living community. Sparkers' painted bathrooms, organized the library at KIPP Central City Primary and experienced a day-long retreat.
  - **Green Light Gardens:** New LUCAP Project has partnered with Green Light New Orleans to construct backyard vegetable gardens for low and fixed income Orleans parish residents.
  - **LUCAP Student Leadership Development:** LUCAP student leaders participated in a leadership traits assessment leading to development of leadership seminars.
  - **Martyrs Week:** Commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Jesuit Martyrs in El Salvador, which included a **Martyrs Mass** and **Rededication of the Peace Quad** and banners to commemorate each martyr and **La Voz Del Pueblo** film screening with Jesuit director Fr. Jeremy Zipple, SJ:
    - **Interfaith Voices for Peace Service:** with the Atlas Foundation and the N.O. Archdiocese.
    - **USCCB Social Ministry Gathering:** Two LUCAP leaders traveled to US Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Social Ministry Gathering in Washington D.C., to learn about Catholic efforts to support social equity and engage in direct legislative advocacy.
  - **Students for Education Reform (SFER):** LUCAP Exec Board approved a new advocacy, service project, a tutoring service for local students.

“LUCAP has affected my Loyola experience by putting me in touch with fellow students who have the same interests and passions as I do and by giving me the opportunity to give back to the great city of New Orleans.”

+ LUCAP participant
NOLA Urban Immersion Program:
A new immersion program was held over Easter break 2015 with twelve Loyola students, designed to expose Loyola University New Orleans undergraduate students to the nuanced layers of privilege and oppression in the city of New Orleans as it relates to social location, gender, class, and race.

PROGRAM GOALS:
- **TO LEARN:** Participants will have an opportunity to explore inequality through the lens of the Jesuit conceptualization of social justice by being exposed to the nuanced layers of privilege and oppression in the city of New Orleans.
- **TO SERVE:** Participants will both engage in direct service and experience and share in the personhood of others in the city of New Orleans.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Participants spent six days examining inequality through the lens of the Jesuit conceptualization of social justice. This program immersed students into the culture and history of New Orleans through the exploration of social injustices (past and present), service, and community reflection.

The experience included:
- Pre-trip Formation Retreat: a community was created and concepts learned related to sociology/theology of race.
- Interactive Lectures: Interactive conversations with Dr. Angel Parham and Dr. Alex Mikulich.
- Day of Service: Cleaned the Holt Cemetery
- Tour of Racism and Resistance: Toured throughout the parishes of the city of New Orleans.
- Palm Sunday Mass at St. Peter Claver church.
- A Visit to the Whitney Plantation, the first-ever museum to the Transatlantic Slave Trade
- Poverty Simulation: Students shopped and lived on the equivalent of SNAP (food stamp) benefits for 24-hours.
- Court Watch session: Visited the courtroom of Judge Camile Buras (’83, J.D. ’86) in Orleans Parish Criminal Court
- Visit to Angola Prison: Exploring real-life implications of the hyper incarceration of African-Americans in Louisiana.
- Tour of New Orleans Schools: To compare/contrast built environments and reflect on the messages they send to the youth of New Orleans.

“The NOLA Urban Immersion Program helped put my goals into perspective, as far as who I want to be and the impact I want to have on my society.” - NOLA UIP Participant

IN DEPTH LOOK:
University Minister for Liturgy & Music
Ken Weber

- **Liturgy and Music 2014-15 GOALS:**
  - To offer more opportunities to pray the Roman Catholic Mass in Ignatius Chapel.
  - To regularly contact alumni who are currently pursuing lives of service and invite to participate in appropriate liturgies.
  - To create a new model for collaboration between Loyola and Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church.

- **Liturgy and Music 2014-15 Achievements:**
  - **Mass of the Holy Spirit** (September): Featured Loyola Symphony Orchestra, University Chorus, Loyola Ballet, and more than 100 lay ministers.
  - **Caribbean Mass** (October): Featured Caribbean music, food, and prayers.
  - **Loyola Week Opening Mass** (November): Featured a procession across campus and celebrated on the Marquette Horseshoe Lawn.
  - **Advent Wreath Drop** (December): Wreath descent from top of West Road Garage to Bobet.
  - **Mass and Pancakes** (December / May): Mass followed by a late night breakfast.
  - **Tiduum Liturgies** (April): Facilitated for the Ignatius Chapel Community (ICC).
  - **Extraordinary Form Latin Mass** (April): Co-sponsored with College of Music and Fine Arts in Holy Name of Jesus Church.
  - **Cookies with a Catholic**: Weekly program of Catholic catechesis held in Danna Center.

"It has got to be one of the best liturgies in the city of New Orleans all year."

+ Mass of the Holy Spirit
Law Ministry 2014-2015 Goals:

- To have an active & visible role in the Law School.
- To create and develop 'wellness' presentations to address how wellness connects to every aspect of our lives.
- To create and develop weekly offerings of how Ignatian Spirituality crosses all faiths, and address how we are spiritual beings and what this means.
- To offer more intentional ‘marketing’ of worship opportunities - such as Mass, Centering Prayer, spiritual direction.
- To connect social justice and Jesuit values with the law and raise awareness of real application of knowledge of Jesuit values and the law.

Law Ministry 2014-2015 Achievements:

- Orientation for First Year students and Law Clinic: week-long mandatory session.
- Wellness Presentation on Depression/ Anxiety/ Suicide Prevention: with Guest Speaker, Dr. Katherine Bender.
- Spiritual Care Week: Inaugurated a new week of holistic spiritual activity with the Association of Professional Chaplains.
- Red Mass: Worked collaboratively with St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association to encourage and coordinate attendance.
- Suits for Students: Reestablished program for law students, in collaboration with Law student government (SBA) and its Mission and Identity SBA representative.
- An Evening with the Archbishop (January): Loyola and Tulane Law students were invited to a prayer service and evening with Archbishop Gregory Aymond at his residence.
- Spiritual Growth Challenge: Inaugurated a new five-week Lenten program directly related to Ignatian themes.
- Jesuit and Law Faculty member Penn Dawson, SJ, spoke on “Ignatian Spirituality and the Practice of Law” as part of the Lenten Series.
**Ecumenical and Interfaith Outreach 2014-15 Goals:**

- To maintain collaborations with local ministers, especially those assigned to nearby campus ministry centers, to increase their regular presence and ministry on campus.
- To maintain interfaith prayer space on the main campus and Broadway campus.
- To serve as liaison between Mission and Ministry and the University Diversity Committee.
- To build collaboration between Loyola University and Ecumenical Officer for the Archdiocese of New Orleans.
- To encourage and support ecumenical and interfaith student groups on campus through a Covenant Agreement and chartering process through Co-Curricular Programming.

**Ecumenical and Interfaith Outreach 2014-15 Achievements:**

- **Loyola Week Interfaith Praise and Worship Concert** (November): Showcased worship of different faiths: Jewish, Islamic and Greek Orthodox faiths through music and praise.
- **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ecumenical Prayer Service** (January): Evening of prayer, music & preaching led by Archbishop Aymond with ecumenical representatives from Greater New Orleans gathering to celebrate a common Christian bond.
- **The Whirling Dervishes of Rumi and Sufi Music Ensemble** (February): In collaboration with the New Orleans Atlas Foundation and Interfaith Voices for Peace, University Ministry hosted a presentation by Whirling Dervishes from Konya, Turkey.
- **Catholic, Muslim Evening of Dialogue** (April): Co-sponsored with the Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Ecumenical and Religious Affairs and local Imams with Auxiliary Bishop Fernand Cheri attending. Collaborative planning will continue with Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, the Wesley Foundation and Tulane Catholic Student Center.

**Reorganization of the Office of Mission & Ministry:**

Father Kevin Wildes has announced the newly created position of **University Chaplain** with current Vice-President for Mission & Ministry **Father Ted Dziak, SJ** appointed to fill this new role. **Dr. John Sebastian**, currently Director of the Core Curriculum will become the new Vice-President for M&M on August 1, 2015.