Trusteeship Committee

AGENDA

Thursday, December 6, 2012
1:00 p.m.
President’s Dining Room, Thomas Hall

I. Welcome
   Dennis Cuneo

II. Approval of Minutes
    Dennis Cuneo

III. Bylaws
     Fr. Wildes/Gita Bolt

IV. Executive Session

V. Adjournment

Absent: Bob Brown, Rita Benson LeBlanc, Stephen Sauer, S.J.

Guest: Tom Longin

Approval of Minutes Mr. Dennis Cuneo asked if there were any corrections or revisions to the minutes of the May 17, 2012, meeting. There were none. He called for a motion to approve. Motion was made by Fr. Wildes and seconded by Dr. Tatum. Motion carried.

2011-12 Trustee Self-Evaluation Consultant Report Mr. Cuneo invited Dr. Tom Longin, consultant from the Association of Governing Boards (AGB), to comment on the results of the 2011-12 Trustee Self-Evaluation. Dr. Longin reported that over the last four years the evaluation results have shown significant progress. The consistency of participation, the perception of performance, and level of Trustee satisfaction is commendable and ever on the increase. Dr. Longin is pleased with the progress and diligent efforts in the area of Trusteeship such as enhanced committee structure and performance, board education and orientation programs, and the board’s understanding of the history and mission of the university. Furthermore, the board is enthusiastic and highly satisfied with its interaction with Fr. Wildes and the senior leadership team.

Mr. Longin said areas needing improvement range from trustee development to more strategic areas of board responsibility. AGB promulgates the following strategic board responsibilities: mission, vision, planning, fiscal integrity, and education quality, governance, and constituent relations.

He made the distinction between the Board’s significant progress on trusteeship development in terms of its organizational structure and processes that are working effectively and in which Trustees are highly satisfied with to the areas of strategic board responsibility, specifically educational quality and fiscal integrity where improvements could be made. In terms of mission, vision, planning and governance, Dr. Longin noted Loyola’s Board excels in those strategic responsibilities.

In identifying areas needing improvement he looked at the combination of uneasiness on the part of at least half of the trustees around their knowledge of the scope and quality of educational programs, relationships with students and faculty leaders, knowledge of physical plant and its status, and the fundraising activities of the institution and fundraising activity in generally.
Moving forward, Dr. Longin suggested the Board focus more on the strategic responsibilities specifically the quality of education and fiscal integrity, particularly fundraising and physical plant, and constituent relations with faculty, students and alumni.

In discussing ways in which the board will address educational quality and fiscal integrity on a strategic level, Fr. Wildes suggested including these topics in the March 2013 Board Retreat agenda. He announced that Archbishop Aymond has already agreed to participate in the retreat and speak on Catholic education and the university’s mission. The format of the program lends itself well into providing the Trustees with a deeper and more detailed conversation about the strategic responsibilities of not only mission but educational quality and fiscal integrity.

Approval of Candidates for Board Approved List Fr. Wildes likes to recruit new Trustees a year in advance. He presented the following candidates to be placed on the Board Approved List. Mr. Cuneo called for a motion to approve the below individuals.

Joseph E. “Joe” Mahoney
Carol G. Waguespack

Motion was made by Fr. Rogers and seconded by Dr. Tatum. The committee unanimously approved placing the above candidates on the Board Approved List.

Trusteeship and Governance Fr. Wildes reported the university’s most basic governing document, the bylaws, have not undergone a comprehensive review in quite a while and were last revised in 2008. Over the course of the year, Fr. Wildes would like Ms. Gita Bolt, general counsel, and the trusteeship committee to conduct a comprehensive review of the bylaws. The proposed revisions would be presented to the Board for approval.

Executive Session There was no Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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