Mission and Identity Committee Meeting  
Board of Trustees  
Thursday, December 3, 2009  

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

Agenda  

- Call to Order (Jerry Cavanaugh, S.J.)  
- Opening Prayer  
- Approval of Minutes (October 15, 2009 meeting)  
- Update on the Strategic Goals (Ted Dziak, S.J., VP for Miss & Ministry)  
- Report: Mission & Ministry/ Jesuit Center/ University Ministry  
  (Dziak and Kurt Bindewald, Director of University Ministry)  
- Presentation: The Sustaining Agreement Between the NO Province of the Society of Jesus, the Loyola Jesuit Community and Loyola University New Orleans.  
- Closing Prayer
Mission and Identity Committee Minutes  
Board of Trustees  
Loyola University New Orleans  
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Absent: Gerry Cavanagh, S.J., Jim Caillier, Floyd Malveaux, Kevin Quinn, S.J., Ashley Schaffer

I. Opening of Meeting / Prayer by Kurt Bindewald

II. Approval of Minutes / Minutes from May 14, 2009, approved

III. Strategic Goals Update / Fr. Dziak  
Mission and Ministry have taken two steps in the implementation of strategic goals. Dr. Judy Deshotels has been retained as a half time staff member, continuing her work from her consulting position of last year. Dr. Deshotels is focused on working with faculty to bring a Jesuit education vision into the classroom. This August Mr. Scott Porot was hired as a Jesuit Fellow to begin research for the establishment of the Volunteer Center for Public Service. The Center will begin F10 or F11 as funds are available.

IV. Report: Mission and Ministry / Jesuit Center / University Ministry by Fr. Dziak and Kurt Bindewald: Mission and Ministry will be launching its new revamped web pages in the next couple of weeks. There is great excitement about it and hope that it will be utilized more. Two new staff members were hired the summer. Mr. Ken Weber, Associate Chaplain for Liturgy and Music and Mrs. Kathy Plasse, Administrative Assistant for University Ministry. Our first LIM intern will be completing her two years with us next May and we are working with Tom Ryan [LIM director] to continue this joint project. Fr. Dziak informed the committee that a new Jamaica Alumni immersion trip is being established this May for Loyola alumni. The Jesuit Center with sponsorship by the Student Government (SGA) will be celebrating Loyola Week November 1 – 8th. This is a celebration of our Jesuit heritage.

V. Planning agenda items for future M & I Committee meetings  
A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the use of the words retention and reputation on the strategic plan documents as well as those planned for the Capitol campaign. Ms. Moran stated that this committee could offer some recommendations to Institutional Advancement for word usage more in line with our mission. It was suggested that someone from Institutional Advancement be invited to address this committee at a future meeting.
VI. Presentation: ‘Integration of the Jesuit Mission into the Classroom’ by Dr. Kate Lawrence, Assistant Professor of Marketing, College of Business

As Chair of the M&M Advisory Committee, Dr. Lawrence has been very involved in conversations with the Jesuit Center on bringing awareness of the school’s Jesuit & Catholic mission to the faculty. She has been working with a small group of faculty to share and identify how mission is related to each of their disciplines. Out of these meetings a new booklet for faculty (on Jesuit mission) is being written and a draft was distributed at the meeting. Kate continues to work with Fr. Dziak and Dr. Judy Deshotels on her project. Dr. Lawrence was congratulated and encouraged to continue her work along with the support of Mission & Ministry. Father Soukup encouraged the committee to have these materials put on-line for all Jesuit schools.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a prayer given by Michael Kammer ’12.
OFFICE OF MISSION & MINISTRY
Report to the Mission & Identity Committee of the Board of Trustees
December 04, 2009

Strategic Goal Initiative Updates

• **Volunteer Center: Scott Porot**, Jesuit Center Fellow, has taken the following initiatives to focus on the development of the new Center for Volunteer Service:
  o conducted over 40 interviews with members of the Loyola community and with Community Partners
  o has worked with Institutional Advancement to develop a fundraising strategy, including the exploration of grants and foundations.
  o has been involved in service by staffing the Ignacio Volunteer trip to Jamaica this Winter and directing the trip to Jamaica in May.
  o facilitated the application for the President’s Community Service and Civic Engagement Higher Education Honor Roll.

In addition, he coordinated the website transition for the Mission and Ministry site.

• **Faculty-Staff: Dr Judy Deshotels**, Jesuit Center Fellow, has taken the following initiatives to foster and integrate the Jesuit, Catholic mission & identity:
  o presented ten sessions on mission & identity to Loyola staff members
  o planned two sessions for Loyola faculty and spoke at various colleges’ faculty meetings about Jesuit Center initiatives.
  o gave three sessions to students
  o presented a session for the Women’s Center on “Jesuit Values & Women’s Issues.”

In addition, she has served as a liaison to the Jesuit Social Research Institute and as a member of the First Year Experience committee where she is working with the committee to more fully integrate the Jesuit values into First Year Seminars.

OTHER Mission & Ministry (Jesuit Center & University Ministry) Initiatives:

• **Loyola’s Master Plan**
  o With approval of Loyola’s Master Plan by the Board in October, M&M is gathering input from across campus for the redevelopment of the Old Library as the university chapel and “Jesuit Center for Ministry”
  o The new center will include offices, classrooms and meeting spaces for all Catholic and Jesuit related ministerial and academic endeavors of the university.

• **Loyola Week (November 1-7):** The annual celebration of Loyola’s Jesuit heritage and mission was celebrated in a week-long series of spiritual, academic and fun events that ranged from an opening mass on the Marquette lawn, to a JSRI lecture on immigration, to a student dinner with the Jesuit community in the O.R., to a flag grab tournament, to a week ending Carnivale in the res quad. The week was co-sponsored by Student Government Association, and was attended, well reviewed, and well received.

• **Magis Dinner (December 4, 2009):** The first annual fundraising celebration of global service initiatives. This Caribbean Christmas celebration will be held on Friday, December 4th in the St, Charles room. It will bring together students who participated in the Ignacio Volunteers with friends, family and benefactors.
• **Faith Doing Justice**
  o Loyola University Community Action program (LUCAP) assisted in coordinating one of the best attended *Wolves on the Prowl* days of service with over 360 students and alumni participating on November 7.
  o Loyola will increase its student involvement for the day of service this year during *Martin Luther King Week for Peace* working alongside students from Xavier, Dillard and Tulane Universities.
  o A university-wide community service data collection system is being developed to adequately document Loyola’s involvement in the greater New Orleans area in preparation for our Carnegie Classification, award and grant applications.

• **Student formation and involvement**
  o Associate Chaplains in U.M. have been working more closely with students in setting realistic boundaries for their involvement in all U.M. activities by promoting better self-care, limiting commitments to multiple groups and events, and following through on commitments.
  o U.M. is concentrating on attracting and recruiting the “non-usual suspects” on campus in making all of our programs more available to the university community. In particular, all retreats have been strengthened this past year in content. Now work is underway to strengthen participation.

• **Vocations and post-graduate opportunities**
  o Greater emphasis is being placed on sharing Ignatian methods of discernment as students increasingly seek out guidance from Associate Chaplains in decision making for their next step after college.
  o In addition to these discernment methods, U.M. will increase informational sessions and programming about religious vocation and post-graduate volunteering opportunities with special focus on the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

• **University Ministry structure and staffing for 2010-2011**
  o Two Jesuit Fellows were established this past academic year, with these two new persons working on strategic plan initiatives. These positions will be reviewed and evaluated.
  o Plans are being formulated for the 2010-2011 academic year for future staff positions to accommodate the growth in immersion programs, to explore replacement of the LIM internship and future staff needs in the establishment of the Center for Service and in faculty & staff development.

Ted Dziak, SJ/ Kurt Bindewald  11/14/09