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

Thursday, October 17, 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 (May 16, 2013 meeting)
- Tom Benson Jesuit Center Presentation by Holly & Smith Architects
  / Rev. Ted Dziak, S.J.
- Promoting the Mission through Marketing & Communications
  / Ms. Terri Fisher, Associate Vice President Marketing / Communications
- SPARK / Mr. Joe Deegan, Associate Chaplain for Service & Justice
  Vice- President of Mission & Ministry and Mr. Kurt Bindewald, Director of
  University Ministry
- Closing Prayer
- Executive Session
Mission and Identity Committee Minutes
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Present: R. Bentley Anderson, SJ, (Chair); Kurt Bindewald; Jim Bowler, SJ, Michael Braden, SJ; Ted Dziak, SJ; Don Faust; Ann Gauthier; Gail Jock; T. Frank Kennedy, SJ; Dr. Rachel Kent; Peter Rogers, SJ; Dr. John Sebastian; Ileana Suquet; Paul Soukup, SJ.
Absent: Laura Broders; Carolyn Callahan; Robert Gerlich, SJ; Margaret Liederbach; Dr. Lawrence Lewis; Joe O’Keefe, SJ; Amy Boyle
Guests: Kevin Wildes, SJ, President; Marc Manganero, Provost; Michael Pfister ’14; Mar Trujillo ’13 Graduate
Call in: Debbie LaMarca (Recording Secretary).

- Opening of Meeting / Prayer by Kurt Bindewald
- Approval of Minutes / Minutes from October 4 & December 6 approved.
- Looking Back at the Year / Michael Pfister ’14, a Loyola Baseball team player, shared with the committee how he came to Loyola at a low point in his life and faith. After being encouraged by Fr. Ted to participate in the Ignacio Volunteer Belize Baseball camp, he has had a renewal in his faith life and a new energy and outlook in school. He is very thankful for the opportunity he has had to serve others. Mar Trujillo who graduated last weekend has been a part of all M&M activities including retreats, CLC, Ignacio Volunteers and a regular participant at the 9pm mass. Mar has grown in her faith by finding a faith community with whom to share. As a musician, she felt she needed this close relationship with God and others who were committed to their music and faith.
- Written Report / Office of Mission & Ministry by Ted Dziak, SJ, Vice President for Mission & Ministry Fr. Ted invited the committee to review the report and pointed out several areas, including the record interest in Awakening retreats and Ignacio Volunteer programs. Both had their largest numbers last year. Due to the 23% cut in budgets, the Center for Community Engagement has been deferred indefinitely and a decision was made to reduce our staff. Josh Daly who was the interim-director will leave Loyola on July 31. LUCAP had an excellent year with new advisor and focused and planned meetings and successful community engagement. Kurt added that the retreat programs have focused on moving students to a deeper level of faith. With the return of Fr. Eddie Gros, SJ as new pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, M&M will be collaborating more and planning for a closer relationship with the parish.
Fr. Dziak and Fr. Anderson presented a booklet, “Some Characteristics of Jesuit Colleges and Universities” to the committee and hope to use this for discussion and meetings in the larger Loyola community. Members were invited to share their ideas.
• Promoting the Mission through Academics: Guest Dr. Marc Manganero, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, invited the committee to review his report and pointed out the highlights: Associate Provost Dr. Melanie McKay’s work on hiring for mission and in orientation for new faculty. He is excited about the success of the new Ignatian Faculty Fellows programs of which the first cohort has just been completed. The new Common Curriculum begins this fall. And Loyola has included more Ignatian pedagogy into course design. In August Loyola will offer a day long workshop for faculty teaching in the common curriculum.

• Closing of Meeting / Prayer by Debbie LaMarca

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie LaMarca
OFFICE OF MISSION & MINISTRY
2013 - 2014 GOALS

The Office of Mission and Ministry underwent a strategic planning process in spring of 2013 with guidance from consultant Carol Magendie. Three major goals identified are:

- Faculty and staff will experience and embrace the value of Ignatian spirituality and model it through their work and daily interactions.
- Students will be able to articulate principles of Ignatian spirituality as experienced in their lives.
- Students will discover and be transformed by a deeper faith commitment which engages the Jesuit charism: valuing the richness of the human experience; discerning deeper meaning and purpose in their lives; and demonstrating a faith that does justice.

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Faculty & Staff Development:

- To expand opportunities for faculty and staff to appreciate and integrate the Catholic/Jesuit mission into their professional and personal lives through programs such as Vitamins for the Soul, Faculty Conversations, new faculty and staff Orientations, Conversations magazine discussion groups and other topics such as Ignatian pedagogy and social justice.
- To initiate the launching of the new Ignatian Staff Fellows Program (ISF) and to recruit the next cohort for the Ignatian Faculty Fellows (IFF) program.
- To recruit faculty/staff for an eight-day immersion experience to Belize in May 2014 and to explore other service opportunities for faculty/staff.
- To offer retreat opportunities for faculty/staff that include a weekend retreat in January, a Lenten retreat centered on the Spiritual Exercises and other spiritual opportunities.

Immersion Programs:

- To increase student involvement in the Ignacio Volunteer international immersion programs by strengthening the experience of service, reflection and involvement after the experience in the local community.
- 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 increase opportunities for Loyola faculty/staff and alumni to participate in international immersion experiences.
- To establish a new office and meeting space in Marquette Hall suite.

University Mission & Ministry Programming:

- To plan and execute and improve the Loyola Week 2014 activities with increased collaboration and participation from students/faculty and staff and local community.
- To continue and improve the Mission and Ministry e-newsletter, “Magis Moments.”
Pastoral Outreach:
• To provide direct contact and support to all members of the Loyola community as needed through prayer, presence and provision for physical and spiritual needs during times of crisis and celebration.
• To provide experiences of “cura personalis” that enable students to appreciate themselves as valued individuals of the Loyola community by responding holistically to their educational, spiritual, emotional, social and physical needs.
• To foster community and celebrate Loyola faculty/staff birthdays by creating and distributing an original birthday card to be distributed to all on their birthdays.
• To support the financial needs of the community by distributing alms donations for emergency financial needs of students (textbooks, tuition, food, medicine, etc).

Liturgy and Music:
• To engage the Loyola community in liturgies that expresses the joy and beauty of the Roman Catholic faith.
• To increase opportunities for students to feel a deep connection to a community of believers through active participation in liturgies by drawing on students’ musical talents, organizational skills, and desire to serve.
• To create more explicit connections between positive communal worship experiences and the development of attitudes of loving service.
• To engage student involvement in concrete stewardship plans for their time, talent and treasure.
• To develop stronger leadership among Ignatius Chapel Community members.

Retreats:
• 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 reaching out to “non-usual” participants, and continue to encourage “on-ramp” participants to deepen their experience by joining a Christian Life Community (CLC) or attending a “next-step” retreat.
• To establish measurable student learning outcomes for each retreat as well as evaluation instruments to measure the impact of retreats on beliefs, behaviors and attitudes.

Christian Life Communities
• CLC members will deepen their ability to recognize and articulate movements of the Spirit in their lives through learning Ignatian methods of prayer and discernment and sharing these experiences in a supportive community of friendship and service.
• To establish monthly campus-wide events focusing on an aspect of the CLC way of life.
• To establish distinct learning outcomes for each of the three phases (levels) of CLC groups.
• Loyola will continue training, mentoring and be a resource for Archdiocesan-wide CLC groups formed through the Office of Young Adults of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.
Law School Ministry:
- To support and assist the College of Law administration in increasing the visibility of the Catholic, Jesuit mission and identity of Loyola to all law faculty, staff and students.
- To assist members of the College of Law community to connect their vocation as lawyers to concrete Ignatian principles in the promotion of ethical professionalism.
- To provide pastoral outreach and faith development opportunities on the College of Law campus and to connect College of Law community with the Mission and Ministry programs and staff on the main campus.

Service, Justice and Faith Programming:
- Members of the Loyola community will demonstrate a faith that does justice by engaging in or co-creating community engagement experiences that are (a) highly reciprocal, (b) responsive to local needs and (c) in keeping with university wide and national best practices.
- To implement a Memoranda of Understanding for all Loyola University Community Action Program (LUCAP) partner agencies.
- LUCAP Executive Board members will define ‘core membership’ in LUCAP more precisely and utilize core members more strategically for voting and program assessment.
- To increase partnerships with the Archdiocese of New Orleans and local and national Jesuit apostolates.
- To model a “well-educated solidarity” in community engagement activities by recognizing the deeper social and structural issues relevant to specific charitable service work.
- To be represented on and to continue to support the Community Based Federal Work Study Task Force which will identify, develop, recruit, and place students in and monitor community based federal work study positions consistent with larger community engagement goals and federal funding requirements.

Faith and Sacramental Formation:
- To coordinate and provide all sacramental preparation (RCIA, Eucharist, Confirmation, Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, and Anointing of the Sick) for members of the Loyola community in collaboration with Holy Name of Jesus Parish and other members of the Loyola Jesuit community.
- To provide pastoral presence to perspective students and families at the “front door” of campus by maintaining an Associate Chaplain office on the first floor of Thomas Hall.
- To increase vocational discernment information and programming – both religious and post-graduate volunteer opportunities.
- To provide pastoral presence to athletic team members – students and coaches/staff.
- To maintain a strengthened collaboration with Holy Name of Jesus Parish and the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Ecumenical and Interfaith Outreach:
- To offer and maintain interfaith prayer space on both the main and Law campuses.
- To maintain collaborations with local ministers, especially those assigned to nearby campus ministry centers to increase their regular presence and ministry on campus.
- To serve as liaison between the Office of Mission and Ministry and the University Diversity Committee.

Resident Chaplain Program:
- To provide a pastoral adult presence in the residence halls by living in-residence and through regular attendance at programs and meetings.
- To support student and professional staff members of the office of Residential Life in their roles as mentors and guides to residents.
- To meet regularly with other Resident Chaplains and Residential Life staff for on-going formation and discussion of best practices in each residence hall.
The Office of Mission and Ministry (M&M) at Loyola University New Orleans seeks to promote and enhance the Catholic and Jesuit mission and identity of the institution. It seeks to create 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.

**JESUITE CENTER / OFFICE OF MISSION & MINISTRY**

The Jesuit Center is responsible for the orientation and formation of faculty and staff members in the Catholic, Jesuit mission and its traditions. The Jesuit Center also provides campus-wide programming and resources informing and celebrating Loyola’s Jesuit and Ignatian values, including international immersion experiences for students, faculty and staff.

**UNIVERSITY MINISTRY / OFFICE OF MISSION & MINISTRY**

University Ministry is responsible for the pastoral outreach, spiritual formation, and promotion of service and reflection opportunities for the entire Loyola community of students, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni.
Arlene Wiltz  
College of Law Chaplain

Kayla August  
University Ministry Graduate Intern

Sylvester Tan, SJ  
Jesuit Scholastic (In Regency)

Penn Dawson, SJ  
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**RESIDENT CHAPLAIN PROGRAM / UNIVERSITY MINISTRY**

Resident Chaplains serve as a pastoral, adult presence by living in the residence halls and providing spiritual programming, mentoring and faith formation opportunities to residents and Residential Life staff members.

Fr. Ted Dziak, SJ  
Jesuit in Residence  
Biever 246

Ken Weber  
Resident Chaplain  
Biever 346

Heather Malveaux  
Resident Chaplain  
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