

**Humanities and Natural Sciences
College Assembly
Bobet Hall 332
September 22, 2011
MINUTES**

I. Call to Order

The assembly was called to order at 12:35 PM by Dean JoAnn Cruz.

Attended: Adams, Altschul, B. Anderson, Beard, Bednarz, Berendzen, Biguenet, Bourgeois, Brazier, Brungardt, Butler, Cahill, Chambers, Clark, Corbin, Dittrich, Doll, Duggar, Eklund, Eskine, Ewell, Garrity, Gauthier, Gerlich, Gossiaux, Henne, Hoffman, Kametani-Rider, Kargol, Kelly, Lambert (Psych student rep), Lewis, Li, Mabe, Matthews, McCay, Melancon, Moore, Murphy, Nielsen, Nystrom, Peterson, Philips, Quesada, Rosenbecker, Saxton, Schaberg, Sebastian, Shanata, Spence, Spevack, Stephenson, Tan, Thum, Underwood, Welsh, Willems, Yakich, Zucker, and Associate Dean Hunt.

II. Invocation

The invocation was given by Rev. Robert Gerlich, S.J.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of April 28, 2011 were approved as written.

IV. Announcements

1. Open house to meet and greet new HNS faculty is October 6 from 5:30-7:00 PM at 123 Walnut Street.
2. Advising workshops begin in October, followed by several throughout the year.
3. Rank and Tenure Workshop is November 18, presented by committee members and Dean Cruz to review protocols with tenure-track faculty.
4. Thomas Hall dedication is September 27 at 12:30 PM.
5. Family Weekend Welcome Reception for students and parents with faculty and staff is September 30, 5:30 PM in the Academic Quad. Faculty are encouraged to attend.
6. First-Year Experience lecture is October 4 at 6:30 PM in Miller 114, presented by Shamere McKenzie, survivor of human trafficking in the US, who will speak about her experience and the issue of modern day slavery.
7. Inaugural Conference of the Walker Percy Center for Writing and Publishing is October 14-16; a link to the full schedule is at <http://loyno.edu/wpc/conference>.
8. Center for Latin American Studies events listed at <http://www.loyno.edu/clacs/> include: Jesus J. Barquet presents his book *Ediciones El Puente en La Habana de los años 60* on September 29 at 6:30 PM in Monroe Library MM II; Hispanic Celebration Between Neighbors features food, music and health screenings on October 2, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM at Comiskey Park; Conference on Immigration Detention, Advocacy and the Faith Community is October 13-14; "Indigeneity, Classic Mayan Astronomy and the Calendar" is discussed by Dr. Gerardo Aldana on October 12, 7:00-8:30 PM in Nunemaker Hall.
9. "Inaugural NolaLoyola Live to Eat 2011" sponsored by the Center for the Study of New Orleans is September 30, beginning with registration at 8:00 am in Monroe Library and events throughout the day and evening, with web details at <http://www.loyno.edu/news/story/2011/9/19/2584>.

V. Guest Introduction

Ms. Jessica Brown, new publicity contact in Institutional Advancement, was introduced by Dean Cruz. Ms. Brown reminded faculty to use the publicity request link to the Public Affairs form at <http://www.loyno.edu/news/requestform/>.

VI. Reports

1. Progress toward Renovation of Monroe Hall

Dean Cruz said the decision by President Wildes was followed by the architects' consultations with deans and faculty representatives. Dr. Kurt Birdwhistell displayed slides of the architects' renderings of the proposed exterior and slides of interior floor plans (color-coded by department). Mr. Bret Jacobs answered questions and offered clarifications. Dr. Birdwhistell described seven floors plus an 8th floor mechanical enclosure, added bustles, glass enclosures, the building's terra-cotta skin, and square footage as having a net gain of 30-40% for a total of approximately 100,000 square feet. He described interior spaces for the sciences along with other spaces, including a first floor atrium, 3rd and other floors having "sticky" spaces for casual gatherings of students to relax and work, 4th floor coffee café near the majority of classrooms, spaces for visual arts and theatre arts, a 6th floor exterior balcony, 7th floor lecture hall, 8th floor mechanical enclosure, green space, four new elevators (retaining the old freight elevator), new stairwells, new restrooms on each floor, newly designed classrooms with improved acoustics and no loss of seats (coordinated with Mr. Michael Rachel), faculty offices on the residential Calhoun Street side, and as a result of a light study, the addition of fins to reduce glare. Faculty asked whether an adequate number of seminar rooms will be provided. Mr. Jacob replied that they increase. Dean Cruz added that facility planning consultants were aware of the need for conference rooms and architects took this into consideration; she said that each department will have a meeting room.

2. Planning for Nunemaker Hall in the Renovation of Monroe Hall

Dr. Mary Brazier reported that improved acoustics will be achieved in the planned renovation and reconfiguration. She said that the loss of seats was reduced from a proposed 25% to only 40 seats, and the aisles and seats will line up. She said the entrance will be relocated, windows and a lobby will be on the Calhoun Street side, a bridge will connect Communications to a major entrance, and a box office will be added.

3. Landscape Planning for Monroe Hall

Dr. David White displayed and discussed slides of the proposed landscape. The first slide showed an aerial view, including the existing live oaks and cypress trees. He explained that the oldest oak tree must be removed, and possibly wood can be salvaged for special use. The second slide was of the overall site plan, with drawings from the landscape architects showing a promenade of cypress trees. The third slide was of a court yard with proposed trident maples or other fast-growing trees to provide a shaded area. The fourth slide had four images: 1 aerial and 3 ground-level. Dr. White said the proposed water feature will have edge seating, and nearby chairs and tables. He said the 5th and 6th floors will have outdoor spaces, with proposed St. Augustine grass and potted crepe myrtle trees on the 6th level. He said Loyola Avenue may become a pedestrian walk way, Marquette Drive (Communication Complex) will be blocked to pedestrian traffic, and Calhoun Street will have no exits or entrances and no loading dock (relocated). He said concerns remain regarding offloading for theatre arts, biology and others, and that a proposed theatre, if funded, will be in the Palm Court area. The fifth slide was the Calhoun Street side, to look more residential, with faculty office windows (design to be determined) and additional trees.

VII. Move to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.