

Humanities and Natural Sciences College Assembly
Thursday, September 17, 2015
Bobet Hall Room 332
12:30p.m. - 1:50p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The assembly was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Dean Maria Calzada in Bobet Hall 332.

In Attendance:

Biological Sciences – Rosalie Anderson, Patricia Dorn, Don Hauber, Craig Hood, Frank Jordan, Aimee Thomas
Chemistry – Christine Heinecke, Amelia Neuberger, CJ Stephenson, Joelle Underwood, Bill Walkenhorst
Classical Studies – Connie Rodriguez, Karen Rosenbecker
English – Sarah Allison, John Biguenet, Hillary Eklund, Trimiko Melancon, Laura Murphy, Chris Schaberg
History – Maurice Brungardt, Sara Butler, Mark Fernandez, Robert Gerlich, S.J., Ashley Howard, Behrooz Moazami, David Moore, Justin Nystrom, Sanjog Rupakheti, Rian Thum
Languages and Cultures – Eileen Doll, Nathan Henne, Alice Kornovich, Josefa Salmon, Naomi Yavneh
Mathematical Sciences – Patrick Corbin, Xuefeng Li, Katarzyna Saxton, Ralph Tucci, Karen Villarreal
Philosophy – Jon Altschul, Joseph Berendzen, Mark Gossiaux, Leonard Kahn, Patrick Leland, Connie Mui,
Physics – Tirthabir Biswas, Armin Kargol, Martin McHugh
Psychological Sciences – Erin Dupuis, Glenn Hymel, Chuck Nichols, Enrique Varela, Kate Yurgil, Evan Zucker
Religious Studies – Terri Bednarz, Tim Cahill, Bob Gnuse, Elizabeth Goodine, Adil Khan, Edward Vacek, S.J., Catherine Wessinger
College of Humanities and Natural Sciences – Maria Calzada, Uriel Quesada
Guests – Bethany Brown, Sonya Duhe, Philip Dynia, Rae Taylor, Kelly Frailing, Marcus Kondkar, Laura Kurzu, Marc Manganaro, Sue Mennino, Leslie Parr, Cathy Rogers

II. Invocation

Dr. Terri Bednarz of Religious Studies gave the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2015 meeting – it was seconded, a vote was taken, and the minutes were approved with three abstentions.

Dean Calzada asked the assembly to change the order of business so that Marc Manganaro could give a report first. Hearing no objection, the order of the agenda was changed.

IV. Financial Equilibrium – Marc Manganaro

Provost Marc Manganaro gave a brief report on the long-term financial equilibrium and college restructuring process. He said he is pleased that the College of Arts and Sciences is moving forward, along with the assessment of the actions of the strategic plans. He stressed that financial equilibrium and strategic plans go together, and we will have to see where we land before we invest in strategic initiatives. Dr. Manganaro also said that the VP of Marketing has hit the ground running. He said that Enrollment Management does have a challenge. He then said that he is putting together a plan for a new College of Graduate and Professional Studies to launch in the fall of 2016, and will do a search for a new dean. He went on to say that we are also in the midst of SCAP meetings to review programs for discontinuance, and the recommendations will then go to the President. He then opened the floor for discussion and any questions. Several faculty wanted to hear Dr. Manganaro's view on higher education, and Dr. Moazami suggested having a forum on this. Some wanted more of an explanation on the rationale for cuts and investments being recommended. Other comments included experiential learning, what are we offering students to come here, and leadership at the top.

V. Announcements

1. Associate Dean Quesada reminded the faculty that early warnings are open through September 27th.
2. Dean Calzada invited the faculty to Beer and Conversation in the dean's office on Friday, September 18th.

3. LUCS presentations – Dean Calzada encouraged everyone to attend the LUCS presentations on September 24th in Monroe Hall Room 610, and to bring students who are interested in faculty/staff collaborative research.
4. Dr. Quesada said that there would be an advising workshop on October 2nd at 3:30 p.m. in Bobet 332, and encouraged faculty to send him any questions/comments on the advising process. Food and wine will be served.
5. Dean Calzada encouraged everyone to attend the Monroe Hall Rededication on October 7th and 8th. There will be a lecture by Brother Guy Consolmagno, S.J., of the Vatican Observatory, followed by a reception.
6. Dean Calzada said that there would be a mandatory Title IX Sexual Harassment training on Thursday, October 15th in Miller Hall Room 114. This will take the place of the next college assembly. There will also be dates sent out for the ADA training.
7. Dean Calzada announced that there was a \$100,000 donation to the Department of Psychological Sciences and a \$48,000 endowment gift to the Departments of History and Biological Sciences.
8. Dr. Sue Mennino said that she would be sending out information on a first year seminar and pilot program on college success.
9. Dr. Ashley Howard said that there would be a Women’s Resource Center and African American Studies forum on October 15th at 6:30 p.m. in Nunemaker Auditorium. She also said that they are being charged a WFF janitorial fee of \$89, and that this practice should be investigated.
10. Dr. Naomi Yavneh announced that Mission and Ministry would be holding a Pop-A-Palooza in honor of Pope Francis’ visit to the United States, and there would also be a discussion on Pope Francis and the Environment next week in Nunemaker Auditorium. Dr. Yavneh also invited anyone interested in getting more involved with the Honors Program to a lunch next Tuesday in the living room in the library.
11. Dr. Mark Fernandez invited everyone to an informal seminar on folk music on Tuesday, September 29th in Bobet 219.

VI. Reports

Marketing and Communications – Laura Kurzu

Laura Kurzu, Vice President of Marketing and Communications, reported on the reorganization of her department. She said that they would now be more like an internal agency with web, creative, editorial and account services. If you are looking for help with any of their services, you will now start with account services and a specific plan will be executed for you. It will be a collaborative process. The department is also revamping the website with a section for promoting published activities. She said we must get the positive story out on what is happening at Loyola, and focus on the amazing faculty and Jesuit values. She also said that Marketing and Communications is an investment area, and they will make sure to spend their budget the right way. Dr. Dorn asked about them doing bio’s on each faculty member, and Ms. Kurzu said that they will work on this so that they can hand it out to the press when needed. She said that the key person to contact to promote media events is Patricia Murret, the Associate Director of Public Affairs.

Mission and Ministry – John Sebastian

Dr. John Sebastian spoke about what Mission and Ministry has been working on. He said that they are in the process of hiring an Assistant Director of Mission and Ministry, and will be making a decision on the hire by next week. He said that the goals of The Office of Mission and Ministry are to offer many opportunities for faculty/staff to foster the Jesuit/Catholic identity, and to raise the profile of the catholic intellectual tradition at Loyola through the Ignation Faculty/Staff Fellows Program. He said that a faculty/staff advisory committee is being formed and he is looking for volunteers. Dr. Sebastian highlighted some events of interest including Pope-A-Palooza and the 40th anniversary of LUCAP.

Dean Calzada reported that as a part of her 18-month formation program with the AJCU’s Ignation Faculty Fellows she has to develop a mission project. Her mission project will be a CAS faculty retreat to be co-sponsored with Mission and Ministry. This retreat is planned for January 8 – 10, with faculty from HNS and CSS. It will be two nights at Rosaryville in Ponchatoula, and 30 faculty may attend.

Financial Equilibrium Discussion Continued

The financial equilibrium discussion continued with a previous question regarding the financial equilibrium committee representation not being democratic. Dean Calzada stated that faculty on the financial equilibrium committee is an excellent group. In addition, recommendations regarding program discontinuation go on to SCAP, which is a committee

with elected faculty representation. Some faculty suggested the SCAP process was not transparent enough, including dollars saved by the financial equilibrium process.

VII. Move to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.