CMI Board Meeting: September 28, 2011

Present: Maria de la Camara, Chris Fletcher, Patrick Flynn, Rita George-Tvrtkovic, Joan Hopkins, Mark Kurowski, Al Martin, Abbot Austin Murphy OSB, Alicia Tait, Martin Tracey (on phone)

- The opening prayer/reflection was given by the Chair, Alicia Tait.

- Minutes of the August 31st meeting were discussed and approved.

- Conversatio for the coming year was discussed. It was suggested that, for each session of Conversatio, we would provide a synopsis (written by the presenter) and make it available to everyone. It was also suggested that we might have a ‘mini-Conversatio’ at Moser and send the recording to Springfield as well as having a short Mass for staff, depending on the availability of priests.

- It was discussed that we would do a Mosier session in last week of January.

- We discussed the Accountability Sheet which the Chair gave out as well as a need for a physical Center for CMI. It was pointed out that most schools have such a center and that we are behind in that aspect of Catholic Mission.

- The Chair pointed out that 94% of faculty surveyed voted to affirm that the Catholic Tradition is essential as an educational goal. Therefore, we have a mandate to push on with the faculty on Catholic Identity.

- Much of the meeting was a discussion of the position that CMI should occupy in the institutional structure. After much discussion and several changes, the following flow chart was approved:

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Chancellor ---- Board of Trustees
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    President
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    Vice President for Mission -> CMI Advisory Board
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    Assistant to the VP for Mission
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University       Religious dialogue     Service Learning     Catholic integration   Staff, faculty
Ministry (inter-, intra-) (outreach) into curriculum development
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(--------------------------------------integrate New Evangelization into all aspects --------------------------------------)
• Director of Campus Ministry addressed our religious diversity. He pointed out that the campus Catholics, Muslims, Hindus, etc. are a way of unifying and saying that religion is another form of knowledge. From this diverse religious standpoint we at Benedictine can speak to the secular world as a leader at the forefront of American culture. It was suggested that such an approach would attract funds from alumni.

• Finally, the structure of the Board was discussed. The President has added Tim Marin to the Board. Should the Board include non-Catholics, staff, or representatives from Mosier? The general opinion was that the Board should consist of Catholics but the other issues were not yet resolved because meeting time had run out.

• The Chair suggested that we may have to schedule meetings other than the monthly times already scheduled and asked everyone to send her a list of times that they might be available.

Submitted by Al Martin