Minutes of the Meeting

Present: Dr. Alicia Cordoba Tait, Dr. Alfred Martin, Abbot Austin Murphy, O.S.B., Carol Swett, Mark Kurowski, Dr. Rita George-Tvrtkovic, Dr. Timothy Marin, Dr. Christine Fletcher, Dr. Vincent Gaddis, Fr. David Turner, O.S.B., Joan Hopkins and Cathy Gaddis.

Absent: Dr. Christine Fletcher

Meeting Opening

The meeting was opened in prayer and a reading lead by Alicia Cordoba Tait, Assistant to the President for Mission Integration and Director, Center for Mission and Identity.

There was discussion regarding voting procedures and the group decided to follow Robert’s Rules of Order.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were read and Dr. Gaddis moved for the approval of the minutes, Carol Swett seconded the motion. The motion carried with two abstentions by Carol Swett and Rita George-Tvrtkovic. The minutes from the November 28, 2012 meeting were approved.

Updates

The new logo for CMI has been released for use by Marcom and has been put into use.

A plexi-glass sign, with the new logo is being designed for the Center for Mission and Identity and will be mounted outside of Kindlon 407. The goal is to have the sign up by May 23, 2013.

Dr. Tait offered congratulations to Dr. Christine Fletcher regarding the receipt of a $3000.00 award for the Benedictine Faculty Forum and she thanked Dr. Fletcher for offering to assist the Center for Lifelong Learning by teaching a course on Catholicism.

Dr. Tait advised everyone to read the latest addition of the Benedictine University magazine, “Voices” There is a lengthy article on mission and identity. She also suggested that we run a regular column regarding mission and identity in this publication.

Team leaders were reminded to make sure that at each event, that they are doing the following: Make sure that those who attend the event sign-in and that the evaluations are conducted. Cathy Gaddis will provide a binder for sign-in to each team leader for their specific event(s). Dr. Tait would like to make sure that we are able to track outcomes.

CMI is in the process of compiling the calendar for the 2013-2014 academic year. The board reviewed the upcoming events for the remainder of the semester and Dr. Tait asked each team member to solidify their event calendar for the coming year and submit to the office assistant.

Joan Hopkins has loaded a blogging function to the CMI website to highlight upcoming events and Joan reported the future migration of the CMI website from DreamWeaver to CommonSpot.

The issue of podcasting and having the ability of properly recording events was discussed and it was suggested that we make sure we have the correct microphones and may need to professionally record the events. Team leaders were reminded to obtain release forms from all speakers.
The board discussed the expanded mass schedule for Ash Wednesday and the team leaders were reminded that there should be not any meat for consumption at any Friday events that are held during Lent. The issue of Catholics Returning Home for academics was discussed.

Dr. Tait announced that the February Conversatio will be held at the Moser Campus on Friday, February 8, 2013. This will be the first of two events to be held on this campus. Discussion followed regarding concentrating efforts to integrate the two campuses for all events.

Questions taken regarding what was going on during Catholic Awareness week and Mark Kurowski advised the board of the schedule which is posted on the University Ministry Website.

The Benedictine Heritage speaker is Rev. Paul Taylor, O.S.B. from St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA. Dr. Tait reminded everyone that the lecture will be in St. Benedict Chapel, Kindlon Hall – Fourth Floor at 7:00 pm. There will be a dinner prior to the lecture.

Dr. Gaddis went over the schedule for the Faith and Reason Symposium to be held on April 12, 2013. The speakers for this event are Diane Nilan, activist for homeless children and director of HearUs.US and Kim Perez, director, Peoples Resource Center.

Dr. Al Martin advised the board that there have been two additions to the Conversatio Series and that they would be held at the Moser Center for Adult Learning in Naperville, IL on February 8 and March 8, 2013. He also advised the board that the final meeting of the Catholic Readings Discussion Group would be held on Friday, April 26, 2013.

Dr. Tait discussed updates on the Benedictine Pedagogy Conference, May 23-25, 2013 to be held at Benedictine University. The board discussed and decided to accept Proposals from non-Benedictine Faculty/Staff and encouraged participation of Catholic K-12 schools. The issue of whether to office CPDU credit to teachers of K-12 was discussed and it was decided that this issue would be looked into.

Dr. Tait reminded everyone to vote for the Kevin Doyle Award Recipient. The decision needs to be made by mid-February. The award will be given out on Founders Day, March 2, 2013. The award will be presented on Founders Day, Friday, March 1, 2013 and will include a $500.00 cash award. The recipient should be either an employee of the Lisle/Springfield/Moser/China campuses of Benedictine University. Next year this award will be expanded to include the Mesa, AZ campus. An issue regarding the miss-wording of the university language regarding the award was discussed. Dr. Tait will be meeting with the Development team regarding the criteria for the award and to designate that it is an award, not a scholarship.

Mark Kurowski reported that Catholic Awareness Month begins during Lent and he reported that he needs three more speakers for events that will be held during this time. The Rediscover Catholicism schedule is as follows: February 19th – 12:30 pm, February 26 – 5:30pm, March 5 – 12:30 pm, March 12 – 5:30pm, March 26 – 12:30pm.

Dr. Tait suggested that we put a link to the St. Procopius Abbey website on the CMI website. Abbot Murphy suggested the board take note of the Robert Barren event at the abbey and focus on it as part of the link.

Abbot Austin spoke about the expectation of Catholics for a public profession of Faith that we could do at the university to culminate the “Year of Faith”. It was suggested that we could hold a special Mass and perhaps include the three other diocesan universities. Dr. Rita George-Tvrtkovic will look into the possibility of a joint profession of faith mass to be held the last Sunday in November of 2013.

Adjournment
There was a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 27 2013 - Kindlon Hall – Room 412 - 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Gaddis