Minutes of the Meeting

Present: Dr. Alicia Cordoba Tait, Dr. Alfred Martin, Dr. Maria de la Camara, Dr. Rita George-Turkovic, Dr. Timothy Marin, Dr. Christine Fletcher, Dr. Patrick Flynn, Mark Kurowski, Joan Hopkins and Cathy Gaddis

Guest: Fr. Abbot Austin Murphy, O.S.B.

Tele-conference: Dr. Martin Tracey

Absent: Fr. David Turner, O.S.B.

Meeting Opening  The meeting was opened in prayer lead by Alicia Cordoba Tait.

Minutes  The minutes for the January Advisory Board Meeting were approved.

BCIA Symposium: There was a motion to pay for the expenses for Alicia Cordoba Tait, Patrick Flynn and Chris Fletcher to attend the BCIA: Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization. The motion was seconded and approved.

FYI’s

Handouts for consideration from Abbot Austin Murphy, O.S.B
To be copied and handed out

Benedictine College Institute for Missionary Activity: Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelism
Dr. Tait, Dr. Fletcher and Dr. Flynn will be attending this event and CMI will fund the trip. Participants should make sure they follow new university guidelines for traveling domestically and send all information to Cathy Gaddis to process travel arrangements through the university designated travel agency.

Catholic Colleges attract Muslim students OSV article
Mark Kurowski will send out this article to board members and to Julie Nelligan.

Vatican II Symposium (this weekend)
Mark Kurowski invited all of the CMI Advisory Board members to this event to be held Saturday, March 3, 2012, Krasa ABC, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. There will be four student papers presented and forty-two people have registered to attend. The Daily Herald and the Chicago Tribune are covering this event.

CCL-CMI Collaborative Projects: Fall Forum on Catholic Faith and the 2012 Elections and Anti-Hunger Initiative
The board requested that Dr. Tait send out a letter to CCL, Jim Ryan, Joel Ostrow and Phil Hardy, thanking them for scheduling speakers that are meeting the Catholic Thought requirements.

HHS Mandate
HHS Mandate is on the CMI website. These are USCCB documents. We need to be proactive with HHS. We need to have a religious freedom focus. Need to wait for the President’s Office to ask for wording, but, in order to be prepared, Mark Kurowski will draft CMI statement on HHS Mandate for Dr. Carroll to have as a resource.

Kevin Doyle Faculty Award for Leadership in Mission and Catholic Identity
The board unanimously approved John Kevin Doyle as the first recipient of this award.

Gen/Ed Core Curriculum – Catholic/Benedictine Objectives
Martin Tracey stated that the feedback has been diverse.

Ex Corde Ecclesiae Initiative
Cathy Gaddis will send out another copy of the ECE Matrix to Advisory Board. Next step would be to review, endorse any changes and confer with the President. Drs. Tait and Martin are working with the other two Catholic universities in the Diocese to see where they are in this process. Martin Tracey reviewed the matrix document with the board and Dr. Tait agreed to make
this and the Strategic Plan the main topic for discussion at the next board meeting. Possible annual measures to be tracked and the need for the formation of a sub-committee on Mission goals were presented for discussion.

**Guest Speaker Policy**
The board discussed what the next step should be. The language in paragraph three was discussed and everyone agreed that it would be good to have endorsements from Faculty Assembly and from Faculty Welfare Committee. Dr. George-Tvrtkovic offered to represent CMI at these meetings. The Policy goes to the Benedictine Board of Trustees on March 15, 2012. Dr. Tait will send out the Guest Speaker Policy to Faculty Welfare. Dr. Tait will consult with Jim Ryan regarding CCL speakers in regard to the new Guest Speaker Policy.

**Benedictine Pedagogy Conference 2012 – All University Invitation**
Many new requests to attend the conference have been received. Any board members, who are planning to attend, should submit their paperwork directly to St. Anselm and CMI will pay for registration. They should also advise Cathy Gaddis that they will be attending and submit a Travel Profile for the travel agency along with a Benedictine University Request for Travel to her via email. Dr. Tait will re-send the call for papers out one last time.

**Report on Springfield Retreat**
John Haughey facilitated the retreat. There is only one person handling CMI initiative in Springfield. The board needs to help Benedictine University at Springfield with their CMI efforts.

**Student Projects – Health Fair, Belief Art Collective**
Dr. Tait informed the board of these two student initiatives. Board may want to consider paid internships for them as potentials for developing student leaders.

**Fr. Michael Scanlan to campus in August**
Dr. Tait informed the board of the upcoming visit in August by Fr. Michael Scanlan (former president of Franciscan University-Steubenville). He is a member of an Ed. D. candidate’s dissertation committee for which Dr. Tait is director. He is also good friends with Bishop Conlon.

**Benedictine Faculty Forum**
It was suggested that Dr. Tait send a letter of encouragement and praise to those involved in creating this new program -- Kevin Doyle, Beth Vinkler, Allison Wilson and Ralph Meeker.

**CMI Activities Checklist**
Rita George-Tvrtkovic and Cathy Gaddis are developing a CMI Checklist for future CMI Events

**Request for funding – process and forums**
Dr. Tait and Cathy Gaddis are in the process of revising the forms to facilitate the process for both the Leadership in Mission and Abbey Endowment grants.

**Visiting Scholar Comments**
Everyone agreed that Br. Consolomano was a great success and looking forward to Sr. Judith Sutera, the first Benedictine Lecture Series speaker.

**Voices Article – What Makes Benedictine Catholic?**
Alicia Cordoba Tait and Al Martin will work on an article for Voices Magazine.

**Strategic Plan**
Dr. Tait will send out a meeting schedule with assigned committees

**Updates on Pending Projects**
- **Gen Ed-Catholic Benedictine Projects**
  Martin Tracey gave the board an update regarding this project.
- **Ex Corde Matrix**
  Martin Tracey delivered updates regarding these two projects.
  Cathy Gaddis will resend copy of Matrix to Board Members
- **Guest Speaker Policy**
  Dr. Tait will speak to Dan Nohl and Rita George-Tvrtkovic and will review suggested changes to the wording of the policy.

**Letter of Appreciation**
Dr. Tait will send a letter of appreciation to Jim Ryan at the Center for Civic Leadership and to Joel Ostrow, Tammy Darver, Phil Hardy and a copy to Dr. Carroll.
New Issue:  
Clarification of University Policies towards Homosexuals  
Mark Kurowski and Joan Hopkins will research the policies of St. Anselm College and Notre Dame University. These policies might be used as a template. There are some questions from the community that need to be answered and CMI needs to come up with our out policy. Someone will need to lead this effort.

Other  
Cathy Gaddis will attend training and will build the D2L Communication System for CMI

St. Procopius Abbey Anniversary: Would like to consider connecting an anniversary celebration with the 10th annual Benedictine Pedagogy Conference to be held at Benedictine University in 2015.

The speaker in April for CCL Political Forum will be David Axelrod.

Adjournment  
There was a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:10 am

Next Board Meeting  
Wednesday, March 28, 2012 - Kindlon Hall – Room 412 - 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Gaddis