USC Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 13, 2019
Garey Hall, Special Events Room

In Attendance:
Catherine Ross, Shawn Proctor, Andrew Pellens, Ashley Leamon, Elizabeth Remelius, Ryan Gillon, Kim Loux, Tim Bair, Rachel N'Diaye, Brian McCabe, Sarah Becker, Catherine Thompson, Kelly Amber, Charles Cooper, Julien Parnell

Excused:
Tish Fox, Lauren Kassel, Ashley Omlor

Welcome new USC member Lorraine Holt!

Reflection: Brian McCabe
We were just sitting there talking when Peter Maurin came in.
We were just sitting there talking when lines of people began to form, saying, “We need bread.” We could not say, “Go, be thou filled.” If there were six small loaves and a few fishes, we had to divide them. There was always bread.
We were just sitting there talking and people moved in on us. Let those who can take it, take it. Some moved out and that made room for more. And somehow the walls expanded.
We were just sitting there talking and someone said, “Let’s all go live on a farm.” It was as casual as all that, I often think. It just came about. It just happened.
I found myself, a barren woman, the joyful mother of children. It is not always easy to be joyful, to keep in mind the duty of delight.
The most significant thing about The Catholic Worker is poverty, some say.
The most significant thing is community, others say. We are not alone anymore.
But the final word is love. At times it has been, in the words of Father Zossima, a harsh and dreadful thing, and our very faith in love has been tried through fire.
We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love we must know each other. We know him in the breaking of bread, and we are not alone any more. Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet, too, even with a crust, where there is companionship.
We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community.
It all happened while we sat there talking, and it is still going on.
–DOROTHY DAY
The Long Loneliness

Presentations:

Mike Westrate
Director of Center for Research and Fellowships and Director of Presidential Scholars Program

Executive Committee Updates: None

Committee Updates: None
Area Updates:

- Auxiliary Services
  - Conference Services is looking forward to another summer of hospitality for all of our Villanova and outside guest groups. Dougherty Dining Hall will be closed this summer for some re-modeling, and Donahue Dining Hall on South Campus will be the summer dining hall opening on Tuesday, May 28. St. Mary's Dining Hall closes after spring semester. Law School Dining Hall is open in the summer.

- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
  - Professor Emory H. Woodard IV, PhD, has been named Dean of Graduate Studies in Villanova University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He will lead the College’s 23 graduate programs, including our two PhD programs, which enroll a total of more than 1,300 students. Dr. Woodard not only has the excellent administrative skills and experience necessary to succeed in this demanding role; he has a compelling vision for the future of graduate education in CLAS that accords well with the strong emphasis placed on it in the University’s new Strategic Plan.

- College of Professional Studies
  - Registration is now open for the 2019 Leadership Symposium! Transitions & Breakthroughs: Reinventing Yourself, Your Team, and Your Organization
    - May 31 - June 2, 2019 // The Inn at Villanova
    - Join us for the 2019 Leadership Symposium - a professional education course designed to bring together executive, managers, team leaders, and change agents for an intensive, engaging, and interactive learning experience.
    - You will learn from highly successful and inspiring practitioners and academic leaders, and gain insights for your own profession development from their stories of transition and reinvention. Readings and structured activities will afford you the opportunity to reflect on your current approach to leadership, as well as develop a strategy for how you will approach moments of change and uncertainty with creativity, courage, and positivity.
    - Cost, group rates, and hotel reservation links, along with general information about the Symposium is located here: https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/professionalstudies/news-events/collegeevents/leadershipsymposium.html

- Human Resources
  - Benefits Open Enrollment: Our Open Enrollment Dates are going to be from March 18th – March 29th. More information will be available shortly.
  - Hiring For Villanova's Future: The Office of Diversity and Inclusion has partnered with Human Resources on a comprehensive, dynamic online module for hiring managers. This training will support our overall strategic goal of greater diversity and inclusivity among our faculty and staff. This training will be made available to supervisors through a combination of both online and a live training.

- Mission & Ministry
  - Holy ThursdayFaculty, Staff, and Graduate Student Retreat: The Contemplative Gaze in the Triduum, with Sr. Marianne Heib, RSM – Thursday, April 18 in E. Dougherty Lounge, 10am-1pm, lunch included. Register on the Campus Ministry Website or at this link: https://vuc.formstack.com/forms/adventlentretreat

- Student Life
Tarana Burke, founder of the "Me Too" movement, will be featured as this year's "Spotlight on Leadership" speaker. She will visit campus on March 25th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Villanova Room.  
https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/studentlife/be_engaged/student_involvement/leadership/spotlight.html

The Second Annual Student Org Recognition Dinner will take place at The Inn on Friday, April 5.

The Commons is scheduled to open Fall 2019 and housing selection for these buildings has already taken place. Rising Sophomores will select their housing late March/early April.

- University Advancement
  - Housing selection is underway and Reunion registration will open by the end of March
  - Big East is taking place from March 13th-16th and highlights include the Women's Leadership Luncheon and the VUAA Mass.
  - For Fall 2019, the Diversity Summit is scheduled for October 25th and the Homecoming Festival will be on October 26th.


Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 10 at 2pm. Location TBD. Guest Speaker: TBD