

HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING

3 March 2010 – 1:00 p.m. – Chancellor’s Suite

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT	Dianne Agüero-Trotter Simone James Alexander Murlaine Alexis Susan Basso Lori Brown Terrance Cahill Therese Chidiac Emily Coady	Ginger Fulton (<i>sitting in for Joseph Quinlan</i>) Dennis Garbini Tracy Gottlieb Tara Hart Ingrid Hill Father Paul Holmes Leonard Jones Maura Kenny	Catherine Kiernan Pat Linfante Karen Marbury Ines Murzaku Milagros Ortiz Rosario Reyes Lorna Schroeck Jack Shannon	Monsignor Robert Sheeran Stephan Sini Maria Soares Deizy Ulloa Loydes Vazquez Elaine Walker, <i>Co-Chair</i> Thomas White Msgr. Anthony Ziccardi, <i>Co-Chair</i>
EXCUSED	Monsignor James Cafone Monsignor Joseph Chapel Cosmo Cirillo Gabriel Esteban Marie Foley	Justin Jackson Xanthy Karamanos Hector Lozada Robert Martin Chloe Morales	King Mott Mary Mueller Joan Osthués Erwin Ponder Joseph Quinlan	Joseph Sandman Christopher Sharrett Father James Spera Francesca Tay Karen Van Norman
				Viannca Velez Laura A. Wankel John Wargacki Jessica Wicki

TOPIC	DISCUSSION / ACTION / PROPOSAL	RESPONSIBILITY / TIME FRAME
CALL TO ORDER	Monsignor Ziccardi called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.	
OPENING PRAYER	Father Holmes offered the opening prayer.	
OPENING REMARKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Walker welcomed the Council to the first meeting of this academic year. Monsignor Ziccardi explained that it has taken time to schedule this meeting because of the Presidential Transition Initiative which has taken much of Monsignor Sheeran’s time. • Monsignor Ziccardi referred to an article from the <i>Journal of Catholic Higher Education</i> that speaks of the appropriateness of sustainability as a topic and project at Catholic campuses. Sustainability is an ethical imperative. A sustainable environment is important for our relations. • It was explained that everyone on the Council is a member because of his or her leadership position. The goal of the Council is to foster an environment where everyone can flourish. This is done by addressing issues on campus and by being sensitized to them. 	
ICE BREAKER <i>Ms. DEIZY ULLOA</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council members became acquainted with one another sharing what super hero they would like to be and how they would use their powers to change the world. 	

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<p>PRESENTATION: SUSTAINABILITY <i>DR. MICHAEL TAYLOR</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Michael Taylor, Assistant Professor of Political Science, gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on sustainability. He has been charged with leading the Committee on Sustainability on campus. • Sustainability is the specified level of well-being and the relationship between society and its natural environment. He used the case of freshwater to demonstrate issues of sustainability both globally and locally. Low-income areas have higher levels of pollution and contamination. How resources are used will affect our local, national and international neighbors. The University’s Committee on Sustainability along with the Office of Sustainability is working on revamping recycling at Seton Hall. Examples were given on how Seton Hall students contribute and participate in helping with sustainability both on and off campus. • The Council discussed solutions and suggested ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. In order for sustainability to be successful, everyone’s cooperation is necessary. It is a matter of education and being sensitive to others. • To increase awareness, events and educational opportunities are being planned this year on campus in honor of the anniversary of the Year of the Earth. 	
<p>OTHER BUSINESS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council members were given membership and committee lists. They were encouraged to organize meetings of the various committees. Monsignor Ziccardi and/or Dr. Walker will be in touch with each committee for an update on each meeting. • A Council member expressed concern over the University’s decision to drop the Track and Field teams. Monsignor Sheeran explained and assured the Council that this was strictly a financial strategic decision. It was based on the large deficit of the Athletic department’s budget and the need to remain competitive in the BIG EAST. Every area of the University will experience significant cuts. Difficult decisions need to be made in order to move the University forward. 	
<p>CLOSING PRAYER</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monsignor Sheeran offered the closing prayer. 	
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.</p>	

*Respectfully submitted,
Monsignor Anthony Ziccardi, Co-Chair, Human Relations Council*

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