Strategic Plan Goal Steward Progress Report

Formation of the Mind and the Heart

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Context:

This goal will transcend many areas of the university: academics, student life, Campus Ministry, and beyond, and will require close coordination with the other goal stewards and various areas of campus to achieve. “Formation of the Mind and the Heart” is reflective of Marquette’s Jesuit mission and as such, is a distinctive characteristic of the Marquette experience for students, employees and alumni. Objectives related to this theme will help make Marquette more distinctive and attractive to potential students and potential employees, which will aid in achieving our goals related to Pursuit of Academic Excellence for Human Well-being and Enhancement of Organizational Effectiveness.

Activities in progress to implement or advance the plan goal:

Objective: Consider every student encounter an opportunity for their formation as individuals.

Tactic (collaborating with Pursuit of Academic Excellence for Human Well-being): Working closely with the Office of the Provost, implement and communicate improved student advising processes and programs within each college during the 2013-14 academic year.

Objective: Explore and enhance understanding and practice of Jesuit spirituality.

Tactic: Infuse Ignatian spirituality and the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius into international service and study abroad opportunities. Utilize best practices from the College of Engineering’s Engineers Without Borders, Global Brigades and other programs to integrate Ignatian practices into the study abroad and service learning process – before, during and after completion.

Activities planned to implement or advance the plan goal:

- Meet with Dr. William Welburn, associate provost for diversity and inclusion, to take a comprehensive view of diversity at Marquette – from a student and employee perspective.
• Develop a Massive Open Online Course, or MOOC, in collaboration with the Pursuit of Academic Excellence for Human Well-being goal, on Jesuit pedagogy, to be used as a resource for Catholic educational institutions.

• Examine data on how other universities have integrated Ignatian spirituality into service learning and study abroad experiences, and develop an action plan and timetable to infuse Ignatian spirituality into those student experiences at Marquette.

• Develop a plan to partner with colleagues in Student Affairs, Service Learning, and Mission and Ministry to gather feedback on student community engagement involvement and ideas for improvement.