Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead  
Chair, LMU Board of Trustees

Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead was born and raised in Los Angeles and is a fourth generation Californian. She has been a Member of the Board of Directors of the William H. Hannon Foundation since the Foundation’s inception in 1983 and has served as its president since 1994. She also chairs the Board of Trustees of Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles.

Through her twenty-one year leadership of the William H. Hannon Foundation, and along with its seven-member Board of Directors, the Foundation has been able to help thousands of young people – from preschool to college – through scholarships and tuition assistance. While sixty to seventy percent of the annual grants made by the foundation are directed to education, other recipients include a number of religious groups, social service organizations, hospitals and public institutions.

The William H. Hannon Foundation has donated and pledged more than $35 million to over 400 charities over the past thirty-two years, with many of them being Jesuit elementary schools, high schools, universities, initiatives, the Novitiate and the Retirement Center. “We feel fortunate to be able to keep giving back to those Jesuit institutions that had such a positive influence on many members of the extended Hannon family and members of our Board of Directors,” said Aikenhead. Her family is grateful to the Jesuit educations that several generations have received, from her father and uncles attending Loyola High School in the 1920s and 1930s; to some of them attending Loyola University; to her son, brother, and son-in-law all attending Loyola High School; and her son graduating from Loyola Law School.

In her fourth year as chair of the Loyola Marymount University Board of Trustees, Kathleen leads the 44 member governing board. University President David W. Burcham describes her as “working tirelessly to ensure that students receive a world-class education.”

Katharine B. Free  
Professor, Department of Theatre Arts

Dr. Katharine B. Free is a graduate of Marymount High School and Marymount College and completed her Ph.D. at U.C.L.A. She teaches theatre history and dramatic literature. At the end of the spring term 2015, Dr. Free will have completed forty-five years of full-time teaching at Loyola Marymount University. In those forty-five years, she has served as Co-Chair of the Theatre Arts and Dance Department (2000-2004), was the first Associate Dean in the College of Communication and Fine Arts (1977-1980), and was the first Director of the Marymount Institute (1990-1993). As director of the Marymount Institute, Katharine organized an international conference on Faith, Culture and the Arts, and edited a book of its proceedings. Among other noted writers and lecturers, she brought the renowned author, Carlos Fuentes, to campus for a lecture that filled Sacred Heart Chapel to capacity.

Katharine was awarded grants and fellowships by the Fulbright U.S. Office of Education and the American Institute of Indian Studies to pursue research in India (1976, 1980-81). She has published articles and presented many invited papers at national and international conferences. With the exception of this year’s self-study, Katharine was sole author of all previous NAST (National Association of Schools of Theatre) applications and self-studies (1983, 1993 and 2003). In addition, Katharine authored the first NASD (National Association of Schools of Dance) application and self-study (1983). Dr. Free has served at one time or another on almost every LMU standing committee. She served on the Rank and Tenure Committee for over ten years and was Chair of that committee for three years.

Katharine has directed many productions of the Theatre Arts program including Euripides Medea (1974), Inge’s Picnic (1984), Aristophanes’ Women at Assembly or Ecclesiazusae (1987), Corneille/Kushner, The Illusion (1994), Euripides’ Helen in her own translation/adaptation (1998), and Aeschylus’ The Persians in her own translation (2004). Most recently the Theatre Arts program produced Katharine’s translation/adaptation of Menander’s The Arbitration or Epitrepontes as part of the 2012-2013 season. The last play is part of her book-length project of the translation and adaptation of four of Menander’s plays. For many years, Dr. Free has also hosted the successful Monday Night Opera on KXLU, LMU’s radio station.
Rev. John Galvan, S.J.  
Chaplain, Campus Ministry

Fr. John Galvan, S.J. received his Bachelor’s degree in water science and engineering at UC Davis and went on to earn his Master’s degree in Engineering at UC Berkeley. In 1989, he entered the Society of Jesus novitiate in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He earned a certificate of Philosophy Studies at Centro de Estudios de Filosofia in Guadalajara, Mexico in 1991. In 1997, he received his Master of Divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley and spent the following year teaching New Testament Studies at St. Ignatius Preparatory High School in San Francisco, California. Fr. Galvan was ordained into the priesthood in 1999. Fr. Galvan spent the next seven years as the Jesuit Refugee Service Chaplain at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Service detention facilities in Lancaster, California and Florence, Arizona. Prior to coming to LMU, Fr. John was at the Jesuit Tertiary Studies Program in Salamanca, Spain and was Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish in San Diego.

Currently, Fr. John is assigned to the Campus Ministry department at LMU, where he has worked since August 2009. His duties as campus minister involve outreach to the Latino/Latina students; he is in charge of the Confirmation program and the LMU wedding ministry, plus, he is the chaplain to the LMU Athletic Department.

Joseph B. Hellige, Ph.D.  
Professor, Executive Vice President and Provost

Joseph Hellige became the Executive Vice President and Provost on June 1, 2012, after serving two years as the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer. He came to Loyola Marymount University in July 2007 as the inaugural Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies. In addition to serving as Executive Vice President and Provost, he is a Professor of Psychology. Hellige earned his B.A. from St. Mary’s College in Minnesota and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Prior to his arrival at LMU, Hellige was Professor of Psychology at the University of Southern California. While at USC, he also served for five years as Chair of the Psychology Department and for seven years as Vice Provost for Academic Programs, and Dean of the USC Graduate School.

Hellige has published books and articles in scholarly journals on a variety of topics in cognitive psychology and neuropsychology. His primary research interests include information processing differences between the left and right cerebral hemispheres in humans, including individual differences in cognitive processing and in the organization of the cerebral hemispheres. He has also published research on mechanisms of attention, visual information processing, and age-related changes in cognitive processing. Hellige’s research has been supported in part by a variety of grants from the National Institute of Mental Health and from the National Science Foundation. He has served on the editorial boards of a number of journals in cognitive psychology and neuropsychology and as a member of various review panels for the National Science Foundation and other agencies. In 1992, he was identified as one of the “50 most-cited authors in psychology 1986-1990” as well as one of the “50 highest-impact authors in psychology 1986-1990” and as one of only 30 authors to make both lists.

Reporting to the president, Provost Hellige is responsible for the academic and operational aspects of the University: Academic Affairs, Administration, Business & Finance, and Student Affairs. The Deans of all the Colleges and Schools at the Westchester campus report directly to the provost as do the Vice Provosts in the Academic Affairs division and the Senior Vice Presidents of the divisions of Administration, Business & Finance, and Student Affairs. Provost Hellige lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Colleen.
Dr. Mary K. McCullough
Associate Dean for Faculty and Professor of Educational Leadership

Mary K. McCullough, Ph.D. came to Loyola Marymount University in 1995 as an Associate Professor and currently serves as the Associate Dean for Faculty in the School of Education. As a Professor in Educational Leadership, Dr. McCullough held several leadership positions including Department Chair, Inaugural Director of the Doctoral Program, Director of the Administration Program, and Faculty Senate President. Dr. McCullough’s educational background includes: a distinguished career as a principal and assistant principal in both public and Catholic schools and a Ph.D. in Policy, Planning, and Administration from the University of Southern California.

Dr. McCullough’s awards include: Outstanding Administrator of the Year from the Torrance Unified School District, Outstanding Alumna of the Year from Mount St. Mary’s College, Outstanding Graduate of the Year from the National Catholic Educational Association, and the Hidden Heroes Award from the CSJ Center for Reconciliation and Justice. Dr. McCullough served for three years as editor of the California Association of Professors of Educational Administration Journal, Educational Leadership and Administration: Teaching and Program Development and currently serves as Editor for the Journal of Catholic Education. Dr. McCullough edited two books including The Just One Justices: The Role of Justice at the Heart of Catholic Higher Education. Dr. McCullough’s research areas include: the principalship, organizational change, generations in the workplace, and culture and climate in Catholic schools. In addition to research, Dr. McCullough facilitated a combined $5,000,000 grant process for California Secondary Schools, and served as Chair for several secondary WASC accreditation site visits. Dr. McCullough’s highest honor is being the mother of two LMU grads, Kevin ‘94 and Justin ‘96.

Dr. Vandana Thadani
Associate Professor, Department of Psychology

Vandana Thadani is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Loyola Marymount University. She received her Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from UCLA. Vandana’s research interests are in educational psychology, specifically in classroom teaching and its measurement, education technology, and teacher professional development. Vandana has conducted evaluations of educational interventions involving education technology and has provided professional development for educators in K12 and university settings. At LMU, she served for two years as Faculty Associate for the Center For Teaching Excellence, and for three years as co-Director of the Psychology Early Awareness Program, one of LMU’s living and learning communities. She currently serves as the Director of the University Honors Program.