Assembly Schedule

Tues. Aug. 2 - Wed. Aug. 3: Arrival

*Residence hall will be open to receive early arrivals*

Wed. Aug. 3

*Registration desk opens at 1:00 PM (Robsham)*

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Pre-Conference Workshop on Democracy Under Threat (Robsham)

4:30 PM: Opening Eucharist (St. Ignatius Church)

*Mass with delegates of the International Federation of Catholic Universities, celebrated by Cardinal Seán Patrick O’Malley, OFM Cap., Archbishop of Boston*

6:00 PM: Opening Banquet (Conte Forum)

Thurs. Aug. 4

7:30 AM: Breakfast (Lower Live Dining Hall)

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM: Welcome from Secretary for Higher Education & Boston College President (Robsham)

*Keynote Address: Jesuit Superior General Rev. Arturo Sosa, S.J.*
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM: Break

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM: Plenary Session (Robsham)
*Task Force on Global Citizenship: Jesuit Universities and the Formation of Global Citizens*

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: Lunch (Lower Live Dining Hall)

1:15 PM - 2:30 PM: Plenary Session (Robsham)
*Task Force on Solidarity with Migrants & Refugees: What can Jesuit institutions do to ease suffering and advocate for hospitality?*

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM: Break

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM: Plenary Session (Robsham)
*Task Force on Peace and Reconciliation: How can Jesuit institutions contribute toward peace and reconciliation?*

5:00 PM: Mass (St. Ignatius Church)

6:15 PM: Presentation of the winners of the 'Four Dreams' Student Film Contest (Robsham)

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM: Dinner (Lower Live Dining Hall)
Fri. Aug. 5

7:30 AM: Breakfast (Lower Live Dining Hall)

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM: Plenary Session (Robsham)

*Task Force on Environmental & Economic Justice: Becoming a "Laudato Si' University"

*Presentation of the IAJU Report: “An Inspirational Paradigm for Jesuit Business Education”

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM: Coffee Break

11:00 AM -12:15 PM: Plenary Session (Robsham)

*Report on the Role of Theology in Today's Jesuit University: Promoting Theological Literacy

12:15 PM - 2:00 PM: Lunch (Lower Live Dining Hall)

2:15 PM - 3:30 PM: Group Breakout Sessions (245 Beacon)

*Delegates select one of the following sessions for group discussions:

- Magis Student Exchange Program
- Reinventing Jesuit Business Education
- Best Practices in Mission Integration & Formation
- Developing a *Laudato Si’* University Plan
- Reconciliation and Peace Centers
- African Jesuit Universities
- Secularism, Religious Pluralism, and the Jesuit University
- Solidarity with Migrants & Refugees
4:00 PM: Prayer Service (Margot Connell Recreation Center)

5:00 PM: Optional night out in Boston OR campus tour and dinner
(Please note: this particular dinner is only available for those who participate in the campus tour)

Sat. Aug. 6

7:30 AM: Breakfast (Lower Live Dining Hall)

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Meetings by Regional Associations (245 Beacon)
With attendance by Rev. Arturo Sosa, S.J.

12:00 PM - 12:15 PM: Group Photo

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM: Lunch (Lower Live Dining Hall)

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Plenary Session (Robsham)
Reports / feedback from presidents of the six regional associations

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Closing Liturgy (Margot Connell Recreation Center)
Celebrated by Jesuit Superior General Rev. Arturo Sosa, S.J.

6:30 PM: Closing Banquet (McElroy Commons)
LAJU Board Presentation of St. Peter Canisius Medals
This International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU) was founded on July 11, 2018 and approved by Rev. Arturo Sosa, S.J., Superior General of the Society of Jesus, in the Basilica of Loyola in Spain. Its purpose is to promote the health and flourishing of Jesuit higher education globally. It takes inspiration from the grand vision of St. Ignatius that is conveyed in his Spiritual Exercises. This vision is nothing less than a desire to follow Christ in His mission of reconciling all humankind and creation, “the entire world,” to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (GC 36, D 1, nr. 21).

Jesuit institutions of higher education play an important role in this mission. Their purpose is not only to educate individuals, but to “transform cultures and societies” (cfr GC 36, D 1, n. 34). IAJU is therefore a natural expression of the Society of Jesus’ way to engage in the world because “collaboration in mission expresses our true identity” (GC 35, D 6, n. 30).

Jesuit universities share the desire “to educate persons of integrity who will take up responsibility for themselves, for others, and for the earth that we all inhabit.” In the words of Fr. Sosa, a Jesuit university is "a form of ministry. Its purpose is to make the world a better place.” IAJU is, then, an instrument at the service of the Superior General of the Society of Jesus and is established “to promote the development of a more just and humane world for the greater honor and glory of God.”

At the same time, IAJU is a platform that facilitates cooperation among its member institutions. It serves the regional associations of Jesuit institutions of higher education to enable them to work better, to share resources and experiences, and to promote sound practices that form Jesuits and lay colleagues in the Jesuit and Catholic mission of the institutions. It seeks to promote the humanistic tradition in education that has been a hallmark of Jesuit education throughout its more than 450 years of service to the Church and civil society. In sum, it desires to advance the search for truth in the promotion of faith, justice and reconciliation. Responding to the call of General Congregation 36, IAJU will become a network of solidarity that helps “to build bridges, to foster peace” (GC 36, D1 nr. 31) through the advancement of the intellectual and pastoral resources of its member institutions.