



# MINUTES

## LSUA Chancellor Cabinet

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11/12/2020 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

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### In Attendance

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Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. John Rowan, Dr. Abbey Bain, Deron Thaxton, Dr. Eamon Halpin, Shelly Gill, Melinda Anderson, Dr. Haywood Joiner, Adam Jonson, Elizabeth Jonson, Chancey Slider

Guests: Chief Donald Collins, Melissa LaBorde, Daniel Manuel, Kevin Vercher, Jerri Weston

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#### Chancellor's Updates:

- Alexandria Country Day School recently put out a press release about a merger with University Academy. We think this is a very positive move for our campus in terms of dual enrollment and recruitment. The CEA now need to be approved by the LSU Board of Supervisors at the December board meeting. It is on the agenda for action by the BOS.
- The Leadership Retreat went well and we got a lot of great feedback. We are much better aligned on future goals and priorities and had many positive conversations regarding campus-wide consensus on where we need to be in 5 years. I appreciate Dr. Mitch Owen leading the retreat and continuing to work with us on the action plans that will follow the setting of major goals identified during the retreat. I look forward to working with the campus to incorporate these goals t into our strategic plan for the university as much as possible.
- Campus infrastructure needs to be updated. There is a lot of excitement about the upcoming lighting and drainage projects. We will be asking Jorge to bring infrastructure improvement plan together in an animation presentation to enhance the vision for our campus for recruiting and for donor support. The presentation will have multiple uses and functions in setting infrastructure goals for the next 5 years. We will need help from all areas of campus regarding our long-term improvements.
- Planning for the demolition of the Desoto Street building next to our downtown Allied Health building are not underway. Ultimately we are wanting to build a new building next to Allied Health building that would provide new space for growth of our Allied Health programs in the future.
- Mayor Hall called to arrange a meeting with me and Deron about the maintenance, operation and ownership of the sewer line between Alexandria and LSUA. This is good news since it has been a lingering issue for years and we have been responsible for repairing and maintaining it in the past.
- The next Cabinet Meeting will take place on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

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## Reports

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### John Rowan

- The proposed academic restructure plan was recommended by the Faculty Senate and I will bring more information to the next Cabinet meeting.
- The final exam schedule has been distributed and is a little tricky in places since it's per student by class. We need to be sure that students aren't scheduled to start exams at the same time and that we're not overloading the proctoring service. Thanks to Teresa and Jerri for working so hard on the schedule.
- The faculty award nominations deadline is coming up soon. Nominations for the Bolton Award are due by November 16<sup>th</sup> and nominations for the outstanding scholarship and outstanding service awards are December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- We are a little down on United Way contributions compared to last year. I am encouraging everyone to contribute and remind personnel that this is an especially important year to help our community.

### Eamon Halpin

- Created a giving option on the LSUA Foundation website for the SPERO Program. Thanks to Melinda and Foundation staff for helping. I developed a packet of solicitation materials and we are working on plans for a giving campaign. I received word this morning about a donation that we are expecting to receive. I will be sending info to Cabinet to share with those who are interested in the program. I am encouraging you all to share our Facebook post about giving and to help us get word out about the program.
- Completed and submitted the paperwork required for approval of proposed aviation program and has been submitted. There is a meeting this afternoon where the proposal will be reviewed by the Interdisciplinary Committee. If approved, it will be moved on to the Courses and Curriculum Committee. I will be meeting with Raja from Acadian Aviation again next week.
- Meeting with Shari Drerup and Haywood this afternoon regarding teaching the academic aviation courses. She expressed interest when we met with her years ago when we initially planned to launch this program and she is still very interested.

### Jerri Weston

- As of today, we have 1142 studs registered. We were at 1087 at noon yesterday and at 1317 at midnight night last year. We are down by about 13%. Some students are having difficulty reaching advisors and we are helping them to make connections. We are emailing all students, the freshman and sophomores are positively responding that they are waiting on appointments with their advisors. We are not holding advising group sessions in the lab this year due to COVID-19 and many advisors and students are not on campus. All of this may impact why registration is down. We are sending texts to students who are authorized to register, but haven't yet. We are reminding them to register and offering support. Some students are waiting for professors to approve their classes and we are working with those departments.
- Went to SGA this week with the Academic Calendar Interruption Policy. They approved and I will take it to the Faculty Senate next week for their approval and the bring it to Cabinet next week.
- The proposed Prior Learning Assessment Policy will go before the Faculty Senate soon.

- Working on final degree audits.
- Will begin interviewing for transfer evaluator position and we have about 8 applicants now.
- Planning to get with Liz to put something on our website to let students know that registration is open.

### **Deron Thaxton**

- A lighting project will be underway next week. We are receiving \$515,000 to fund this project from the Public Service Commission. Athletic lighting will also be included in this project.
- The Cash Net issue has been resolved. We had several meetings this week and upgraded the interface. Students will now receive notifications if there are changes to their accounts.
- We have hired a new staff account, Summer Knight, who will begin on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The ACDS contract is moving forward and is on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting in December.

### **Abbey Bain**

- Advising has been very busy lately which is exciting.
- Working with SGA a lot this semester and moving forward with planning for the rest of the semester and spring. They recently brought up lighting on campus so we met on Tuesday and decided to would like to schedule a time with SLT and Kevin to walk campus at night to look for areas that are priorities for added light. They are interested in possibly funding some lighting in the quad for evening events.
- Encouraging everyone to buy cookies for the fundraiser to support our child care center.
- Concerned about students going fully remote for after Thanksgiving. We want them to stay engaged even though they are not on campus. We are working on online programming and communication to keep them engaged. Please send over and share any ideas you may have.

### **Kevin Vercher**

- Still waiting on the claim for the carpet in Mulder to be approved so that we can begin working on it.
- A claim has been submitted on the lights on the water tower.

### **Daniel Manuel**

- We will have on-campus COVID-19 testing next week at the pod on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-5:00pm. We are hoping that cases continue to stay low since spikes are occurring in Louisiana and nationally. The next governor mandate is scheduled to be made in December.

### **Shelly Gill**

- Spend the Day at A is this Saturday and so far we have 90 potential students registered. Thanks to everyone who plans to participate.
- Dual enrollment registration starts next week.
- Finalizing plans for a virtual Spend the Day at A for November 25<sup>th</sup>.

- Beginning Transfer Tuesdays to take place on every Tuesday in November from 3:00pm-4:00pm.
- Recently partnered with the honor society Phi Beta Kappa which is a great opportunity for our students.
- Had a call with Dr. Heather Poole at CLTCC about transfer scholarships and she will be making a push for their students to come to LSUA when they are eligible.

### Melinda Anderson

- Excited to announce that the LSUA Foundation and LSUA were awarded BIZZY awards.
- Will have the Mulder Finalist dinner tonight at the museum. Three of the five finalists are attending with parents and we are excited to celebrate with them.
- We will have a press conference and ribbon cutting with the City of Alexandria at the Teen and Youth Center on Tuesday to celebrate the Think Tank Computer Room.
- Next week, the LSUA Foundation Finance and Executive Committee Meeting will take place on campus. The board meeting has been delayed until December 15<sup>th</sup>, but it is scheduled to be held in person in the ballroom.
- Trying to determine if we will be able to have the Black History Month Luncheon in February.
- Checking with Chartwells to see about putting a Christmas tree in the café for the holidays.

### Donald Collins

- Lot 3 has been returned to us since the Evacuation Center is now closed after being open for about 80 days. They will be picking up their equipment soon. Parking is back to normal.

### Haywood Joiner

- On Friday, November 6, I met on the campus of LSUE, with Doty McDonald, Dean of Health Science and Business Technology-LSUE, to discuss enhancement of existing collaborations relative to health science programs in respiratory therapy, sonography, and pharmacy technology, in addition to new collaborations in polysomnography and surgical technology. The meeting went very well. LSUE is considering offering its program in surgical technology in Alexandria. The surgical technology program is currently offered in Lafayette with an enrollment of 30 students.
- Mrs. McDonald and I discussed the development of a 2+2 program in Health Sciences. Students completing the Associate of Science in Health Sciences, a 61 credit hour program offered at LSUE, would complete the Bachelor of General Studies Concentration in Health Sciences with LSUA. This 2+2 program in Health Sciences could be offered as early as summer 2021.
- To assist in meeting the needs for employees in the health occupations listed above, Dr. Joiner will meet on Friday, November 6, with Doty McDonald, Dean of Health Science and Business Technology-LSUE, to discuss enhancement of existing collaborations relative to health science programs in respiratory therapy, sonography, and pharmacy technology, as well as new collaborations relative to polysomnography and surgical technology.

### Adam Jonson

- The basketball game scheduled for today has been postponed due to COVID-19 on the opponent's team. This is the fourth game change in two weeks due to COVID-19. Next week, we are scheduled to have men's basketball on Monday evening and women's basketball on Wednesday and Thursday evening. We are shooting to reschedule today's postponed game tentatively on December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Meeting today with the coliseum regarding having their status classified as an athletic venue from paperwork that we previously submitted. The request has been approved and we will talk with them today about the numbers for costs and ticket sales.
- The basketball conference schedule is still being solidified. What is posted on the website now will likely change. Unofficially, Wiley College will not play any sports in the spring and this will change our schedule. Several other schools in our league are uncertain about their spring plans. We are adapting day by day to make schedules accordingly.
- Tank tryouts took place and no one attended, but we have about three other individuals that we plan to offer tryouts to. I am working with our cheer coach on some students that tried out for cheerleading, but did not make the team that might be good mascot candidates.

### Melissa LaBorde

- Asking Faculty Senate to push advising.
- Thanks to Dr. Coreil for approving the Chancellor's Funds. Three sub-committees are in place to look at the funds.
- Senate is getting movement on policies.
- Pushing for United Way contributions.
- Offered faculty help with athletic advising if needed.  
Requested that faculty be made aware when office furniture and equipment will be moved in Mulder so that they can plan accordingly

### Elizabeth Jonson

- On Tuesday, we had a video group on campus for a nursing promotional video funded with external dollars.
- Working on the 14-18 age social media campaign on Instagram and Facebook. We hope to have it launched today. We also did a billboard to go along with the campaign.
- Spend the Day at A will take place on Saturday. We are geofencing the event so that all guests will be tracked and retargeted after that.
- Working on setting up a Country Day press conference after it is approved by Board of Supervisors in December.
- Scheduled meetings with some community members about local business partnerships.

### Chancey Slider

- Working on commencement planning.
- Working on plans for the Fall Feast grab-and-go lunch on the Quad taking place on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

- Preparing for the Board of Supervisors President Search Committee Meeting taking place on our campus on November 20<sup>th</sup> (The meeting was changed to be held only virtually).

Respectfully submitted by Chancey Slider

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