



MINUTES

LSUA Chancellor Cabinet

12/16/2020 1:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

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

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

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Chancellor's Updates:

- Eamon helped draft an overview article about SPERO that will be sent in under my name for publication in the CENLA Focus Magazine to be published in the January 2021 edition.
- Met today with Mayor Hall and city of Alexandria officials and had very positive meeting regarding support for the Phase 1 Desoto Street Building demolition and site beautification in downtown Alexandria. We want to partner with them to address downtown beautification and development and, at the same time, help meet the healthcare worker shortages across the region. We look forward to expanding our Allied Health Program footprint and help train additional healthcare workers across all fields in high demand at this time. Mayor Hall is excited about our partnerships and the CEA we now have in place. Eventually we hope to expand the classroom and lab space available downtown as we secure funding for Phase 2 of this initiative.
- Commencement is going to be a great event of celebration for our graduates, faculty, and staff after going through so many obstacles in 2020. All graduates will have the opportunity to drive up in the MEGA Shelter and walk across the stage to get their diploma and take an official graduation photo. The spirit of cooperation in making this happen, including the cooperation with the LSU AgCenter and the Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS) and across our campus and community is very much appreciated. We are getting a lot of press coverage on our unique drive-through commencement.
- Going to have President Galligan on campus on Feb. 4 and will host a legislative luncheon while he is on campus. We are going to invite all Central Louisiana legislators to lunch in the ballroom and practice COVID-19 safety protocol. We hope to discuss our student success center campaign with them, seeking state matching funds from legislation for the project. We also plan to thank them for supporting the funding for the LSUA Drainage Project.... the groundbreaking for the drainage project should be in early 2021.
- Our student health center will be expanding services. We are going from a contractor operating the center to an LSUA employee (Nurse Practitioner) leading all operations. The new nurse practitioner will expand programs and opportunities for faculty, staff and students across campus. A main goal of this transition is to get student services more directly involved so that we can have a much more engaged health center on campus. LSUA Division of Student Engagement will be much more actively involved in helping with the expansion of programs.

- Dr. Bain and Daniel Manuel are working to get LSUA approved to administer Coronavirus vaccines on campus through the Student Health Center.
- We also received over 2000 Rapid COVID-19 Tests from the LDH – Public Health Service for use on campus. Many of our LSUA athletes have been taking advantage of these available Rapid Tests that are required on game day for basketball.
- A Nursing Parking Lot pinning/commencement will take place tomorrow (Thursday) and Drive Up LSUA commencement will take place in the State MEGA Shelter on Friday. We all need to be very flexible this week
- The next Cabinet meeting will take place on January 7th at 9:00am. I am very proud of what we have accomplished and what we will continue to accomplish in 2021 and years ahead. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Reports

John Rowan

- For spring, we will approach the course calendar in a similar way that we approached fall. Some sections will be taught fully remote, but otherwise we will populate rooms up to 50% capacity and will utilize the Hy-Flex option when capacity is exceeded.

Eamon Halpin

- Met with Raja from Acadian Aviation today about the contract and will talk to Deron soon about the legal aspects.
- We hope that SPERO will be featured in the Cenla Focus January edition and I have a spot on the Talk Back radio show tomorrow at 7:30am.
- Two Chinese students have been here for entire year and it has been a difficult time for them. We haven't been able to do normal activities with them such as trips and tours. I met them for coffee last week and decided to interview them. Nathan and some media students facilitated an interview yesterday afternoon and these students were very complimentary and positive in their comments.

Jerri Weston

- 2455 students are registered for spring as of today. We are up 4% compared to this time last year. Last week, we had 960 students who are not registered and we are now down to 865. I will be doing some more data mining and get information over to administration soon.
- Responding to and helping students get registered and hope to get more pushes out to them.
- Grades are due for fall 2 second session today.
- Working on commencement plans for Friday.

Deron Thaxton

- Had a very nice meeting with the mayor and his staff regarding our downtown campus. We will be proceeding with the demolition of the Desoto Street building and begin beautification of the sight. The city unanimously agreed to help out with the cost.
- Facilities finished painting Chambers Hall and it looks great. They will be painting the back of Abrams and the Student Center soon.
- The environmental study is progressing smoothly for the drainage project.

Abbey Bain

- Preparing for the spring semester.
- Getting information on possibly being a center of distribution for the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Working transitions with our student health center. The health center will no longer be contracted through Rapides Hospital, but we will have an LSUA Nurse Practitioner full time to serve students.
- Things at The Oaks are stable and more students are planning to move in for the spring. We are working with residents and potential residents to be sure that they have schedules prior to returning to campus.

Shelly Gill

- The application report was sent to the Cabinet before this meeting. We are up about 25% for spring applications 57% for summer, but down some for fall.
- Our office is working with provisionally admitted students to try to get applications completed.
- We have quite a few admitted students for spring who do not have schedules made yet. Abby and our advisors are working to communicate with these students and we are making more progress.
- Fall regulations for international students will be the same as they were for the spring.

Elizabeth Jonson

- Working with Melinda and Dr. Coreil to get the Alumni Magazine out in mid-January.
- Working with Abbey on the Children Center marketing campaign and hope to launch it in January.
- Working with Kroger to try to get our gear in the store.
- Had a great meeting with the LSU Online digital marketing specialist about strategies and how we can incorporate some from our brand standpoint. I feel confident that this is something that we can grow and vamp up.
- DKALB picked up the story on Dr. Beard's post and will interview Dr. Beard soon. This is a great feel good story to wrap up the semester.
- Working on a story on Taylor Rogers who is our first world religion studies graduate.
- Another story with Dr. Dupont on the one stop shop will be coming out soon.
- A lot of good news is coming out of our office in the next few days – stay tuned!

Haywood Joiner

- As a follow up to discussions regarding the establishment of a satellite of the LSUE Surgical Technology program in Alexandria, Dr. Joiner, Melinda Anderson, and Spencer Martin participated in a Zoom meeting with Dotty McDonald, Dean-Division of Health Sciences and Business Technology, LSUE, Carey Lawson, Executive Director LSUE Foundation, Renee Guillory, Director of Surgical Technology, LSUE, Jason Cobb, CEO Rapides Regional Medical Center, and Cheryl Bordelon, Director of Surgery, Rapides Regional Medical Center, to discuss next steps. It was determined that we should move forward with the development of the satellite program in an effort to meet the need for surgical technologists in the local area. Several members of the group will visit the LSUE surgical technology satellite program

in Lafayette on Tuesday, December 22, to get a better idea of what will be needed in order to make the program a reality in Alexandria.

Adam Jonson

- Working on signing on another basketball game and we are waiting on a contract that we hope to get today for a men's basketball game that could be our third division 1 game. This will help us make up some revenue that we haven't been able to capture.
- Hosting another Glow Golf next Monday night for GAA. So far, nine teams have signed up and we will continue to push for attendance.
- Continuing to work with the foundation and Abbey on the Rapides mini grant. We have narrowed down our focus to the pool and tennis courts, beatification of walking trail, and possibly the addition of disc golf. This will have a great impact on our students and community as well.

Melissa LaBorde

- Excited to see our graduates walk across the stage on Friday!

Chancey Slider

- Thanks to everyone who will be volunteering at the Commencement this Friday. We look forward to celebrating with our graduates.
- Information regarding the 2021 Convocation will be sent out to campus soon.

Daniel Manuel

- There has been a change to the quarantine policy per CDC recommendations. Anyone exposed who doesn't have symptoms must quarantine for 10 days and can return on the 11th day.
- Still submitting daily reports to the Board of Regents.

Kevin Vercher

- Working with Chancey on the set up for graduation and working with Dr. Cormier on the set up for the nursing pinning tomorrow.
- The claim for damaged carpet in Mulder has not been completed, but we are pressing hard to get it done. I will give an update when the claim has been completed.

Donald Collins

- Campus is safe and secure.
- Lot one will be closed tomorrow for the nursing pinning ceremony.

Respectfully submitted by Chancey Slider

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 7th.
