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LSUA Chancellor’s Cabinet

1/17/2024 9:30 AM | Meeting called to order by Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. Elizabeth Beard, Dr. Abbey Bain, Deron Thaxton, Melinda Anderson, Adam Lord, Tyler Unsicker, Don Collins, Shelly Gill, Chad Gauthier, Connie Cooper, Jason Normand, Dr. Julie Gill, Dr. Susan Bowers, Melissa LaBorde, Olivia Soileau

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Dr. Paul Coreil

- Dr. Mary Treuting’s funeral service will be Saturday, February 3 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Marksville, LA. All are welcome and encouraged to attend to show support for the Treuting family.
- The LSUA vehicles have been wrapped with LSUA branding and they all look great – received compliments.
- Attended the Martin Luther King breakfast and noon activity at City Hall and it was very well attended and had excellent speakers. They were very excited to have LSUA representation in attendance.
- Continuing to complete Workday’s mandatory planning sessions. Please come prepared with your goals for the planning meeting so that they can be added to Workday by your supervisor.
- Monday, January 22 – STARBASE Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 1:00 p.m. at Fort Johnson.
- Visited the downtown campus and received a cleaning from one of the dental hygiene students to support the program. Please consider supporting our dental hygiene students by going to have your teeth cleaned – they need a certain number of hours.
- Spring enrollment is looking positive and may beat fall enrollment for the first time in the history of the university. We will have the highest online enrollment in LSUA’s history as well.
- Will be attending the Washington DC Mardi Gras with Dr. Liz Beard and Melinda Anderson. While there, LSUA will be heavily advocating for the Downtown Health Education Campus. Also, the England Authority is putting in a federal request for funding
to build a hanger for the ACE Program. LSUA will be mentioned in that request due to our aviation program.

- The City of Alexandria presentation went very well last week and they are supportive of our efforts. They have committed to advocating for our needs with the legislators.
- Legislature is in session and they are trying to draw new congressional lines. It appears that the governor is supporting re-districting that would impact Rapides Parish and Julia Letlow’s district. They are still negotiating and debating at this time.
- We will be asking for $15 million to be put into P1 for the Health Education Campus at the regular session of the Legislature on Monday, March 11.
- The chair of the Senate Finance Committee is Senator Glen Womack, and the Vice Chair is Senator Heather Cloud. Funding bills go through Senate Finance and Senator Womack has been very receptive to supporting LSUA. We are the only university in his district, so that is a positive for us.

Dr. Elizabeth Beard

- Thanks to Dr. Susan Bowers who organized our CTE workshop on Thursday. The guest speaker was Dr. Michelle Miller who had an excellent address on using technology in the classroom for faculty as well as some informal breakout sessions.
- Thank you to everyone who wore blue in honor of Dr. Mary Treuting. It was meaningful for both the campus and the Treuting family to see everyone show this gesture of support. What a beautiful tribute to someone who has done such great things for LSUA and the community.
- Our Academic Team (Deans, Directors, and Department Chairs) had a working retreat at the Wesley Center on Friday. Worked on three specific area distance learning initiatives, worked on finalizing assessment for SACS accreditation, and worked on developing our QEP Career Readiness strategies, roadmaps, and disciplines.
- Fort Johnson –
  - Representing LSUA tomorrow at their Education Summit where programs that soldiers and their families may be interested in will be discussed.
  - STARBASE Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Monday, January 22 at 1:00 p.m.
- Interviewed 2 candidates for the Registrar position last week and have received campus feedback. Looking to move forward on that initiative.
- LSU Vet School reached out and wants to partner with LSUA in terms of their early admission port program – similar to our pre-med cohort that guarantees an interview to medical schools. A team of faculty will be meeting with Shelly Gill to further discuss what the partnership might look like.
• A team from LSUA will be attending the Board of Regents Meauxmentum Summit on February 7-8. Working on initiatives such as dual enrollment partnerships, enrollment and 15 credit hours.
• Attending Washington DC Mardi Gras with Dr. Coreil and Melinda Anderson next week. Looking forward to networking, representing LSUA, and advocating for all of the legislative support that we will need for future development.

Dr. Abbey Bain

• Thank you to Chad, Chief Collins, Chartwells, and Jashira for their efforts in maintaining seamless operations on campus for our students at The Oaks during this weather closure.
• Meeting with Deron, Liz, and Shelly to discuss deadlines that will now need to be pushed back.
• Haylee Malone is working on adjusting Weeks of Welcome events and updates will follow.
• Enrollment is continuing to look strong for Spring.

Deron Thaxton

• Reminder to exercise caution when driving a university vehicle and go the speed limit.
• Plan to finalize deadlines and send them out to students this afternoon.
• Projects –
  - **Martin Family Student Success Center** – Jim Weinzettle and his team reached out earlier this week. They are almost ready for us to initiate the selection of colors, textures, and finishes for the interior. They recommended that a small group take charge of choosing these designs and involve others as needed. The initial group consists of Abbey Bain, Shelly Gill, Chad Gauthier, and me.
  - As of now, there is no date for the on-campus kickoff meeting.
  - Tower – Moving forward.

Melinda Anderson

• Next week Dr. Coreil, Dr. Liz Beard, and myself will be in Washington DC visiting with the federal legislative delegation along with Deborah Randolph - Chamber, Lafe Jones – Louisiana Central, and Ralph Hennessy – England Airpark. There will also be LSU main campus administration there as well. We will be advocating for federal funding for our Downtown Healthcare Education Campus.
• I will be setting up a meeting for Dr. Coreil before the Louisiana Legislature goes into session on March 11.
• The Administrative Committee document will be sent out again to the Chairs – we need to know when and where your meetings will take place. Please remember that this is a SACSCOC accreditation item. Please send me your meeting minutes and notes.
• The Alexandria Mardi Gras Association has asked Dr. Coreil to be the Grand Marshall for the Classic Cars and Cheerleaders Parade on Friday, February 9 at 5:00 p.m. downtown.
We will have the Humvee, the Cheer squad, Tank, and two police cars or the side-by-side flanking the Chancellor and Miss Arlene. Need to arrange for some kind of branded throw that Dr. Coreil can throw! This is a great way to be seen in supporting the Alexandria Mardi Gras Association but without having to do the big long parade on Sunday!

**Adam Lord**

- Chad - reminder we have a timelapse camera to mount before work starts on the Student Success Center
- Dr. Sammons will be on KALB’s Midday Show today - talking about MOU’s with LSU Health to attract future med students
- The year-end Chancellor’s report is almost ready for review
- Had a great studio day with baseball last week. Nathan and Alana have softball, tennis, and cheer coming up – This gives us, athletics, and the players some great images to use on ads or social
- Nathan and Mira have asked to remind faculty to let them know when something fun is happening that will make for good posts (interactive activities, not just presentations or guest speakers).

**Tyler Unsicker**

- Tomorrow – The Outpost Ribbon Cutting and Tailgate at 4:30 p.m. with a Women’s and Men’s Basketball game vs OLLU to follow.
- LSUA vs LCU basketball game has been changed to Monday, January 22.
- Working with Melinda Anderson and City of Alexandria on some free youth camps in the fall. Everything has been approved, and the graphic is being finalized and will be sent out soon.

**Don Collins**

- Despite the freezing temperatures, LSUA PD encountered no issues on campus or in the surrounding areas.

**Shelly Gill**

- Admissions –
  - Hiring a new online admissions counselor. Much needed and will also allow a bit of restructuring the office – duties of other positions. Excited about this opportunity.
  - STEM day at LSUA is Friday. We have already had some schools call to cancel because of the 2 days missed this week. We do have other schools who we initially turned away – we are reaching out to them today and tomorrow.
  - Mulder Scholarship Application Deadline is February 1.
- Registrar –
- Hiring an additional Transcript Evaluator to help with the increase of evaluations needed.
- The Registrar Staff enjoyed meeting with the candidates last week.
- We will be updating the academic calendar – extending the deadlines for 2 days. Since we only missed one MWF and one TTH course, we are ok with the class time needed. If we miss any more days, we have an issue.
- Information regarding non-attendance reporting going out to faculty today.

**Chad Gauthier**

- COVID –
  - Last week – 0 cases
  - This week – 2 cases
- Weather –
  - Freeze event on campus. Updates on Oaks, Water leak, well status. Assessing mechanical rooms, bathrooms, turning things back on to get ready for tomorrow.
  - ACA and LRWA will be on campus today to try to pinpoint the water leak,
- Facility Services –
  - Abrams – Burst pipe –Flooring ordered.
  - Tower Project – ABW
  - Library – looking at the next phase for techno-vation. Next week for carpet replacement
  - Street Overlay Project – Monceaux design. Moving forward.
  - Parking Lot 7 – design phase MML&H – Bidding should take place in February.
  - SG LSUA sign – waiting on fixtures.
  - Upstairs Café – Couple weeks or so away from beginning that work.
  - Student Success – MD Descant. Work should begin late this month or early next month. Will need a small group to go through colors, finishes, selections, etc.
  - Ford Fusion, Ford Expedition and Chrysler 300 all back on campus with wraps completed.
  - Sewer Line Transfer – They came out to inspect it.
  - Science Building

**Connie Cooper**

- Rites of Passage Ceremony Reminder – Sunday, December 10 at 10 a.m. in the Richard Gwartney Theatre.
- Black History Month Scholarship Luncheon Reminder – Thursday, February 1 at 12 p.m. in the Caffey Ballroom. The doors open at 11:30 a.m.
- Staff Senate –
  - Focusing on increasing staff participation and attendance at meetings.
  - Preparing to launch the Scholarship Raffle.
Jason Normand

- Steadily monitoring tickets in the Help Desk, which have mainly been minor issues reported.
- Workday – Delivered a new set of files to the Workday team to be loaded and things are still moving along there.
- The candidate that was chosen for the System Analyst position changed their mind, so it will now be re-opening within the next week or two for applications.

Dr. Julie Gill

- Due to poor weather conditions, the Faculty Senate was unable to have its first meeting of the semester as scheduled yesterday. The plan is to have that meeting rescheduled for next Tuesday, January 23.
- There are a lot of courses coming through CurricuLog and we hope to see all of that information soon.

Dr. Susan Bowers

- CTE Updates –
  - The CTE Workshop went well and the speaker made good comments about the attendance. Also received good feedback from faculty on the speaker.
  - Went to Baton Rouge and attended LSU’s CTE Teaching Workshop and listened to the speaker again talk about a different subject, which was good.
  - Planning to do more workshops soon and will send that information out.

Melissa LaBorde

- It was a great day at the CTE Workshop and the faculty had high energy.
- Discussed guidelines that faculty had done 3 years ago for calendar adjustments.

Olivia Soileau

- Tomorrow – Cooking with Corel has been moved to the Ballroom at 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Olivia Soileau

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.