



MINUTES

LSUA Chancellor Cabinet

3/10/2021 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Chancellor Coreil

In Attendance

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

Guests: Melissa LaBorde, Daniel Manuel Jerri Weston

Chancellor Coreil called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

Chancellor's Updates:

- Holding Cabinet meetings every two weeks is working well. We will continue with this schedule based on the positive feedback we have received.
- I will be spending much more time working with the legislature this coming session in hopes of garnering support for a \$5 million match to help fund the LSUA Student Success Center. Deron is also working with LSU to secure LSU's support for capital outlay funds for this project. We are working diligently to make as many legislative contacts as possible. Senator Luneau agreed to help us take the case forward during the session in hopes of getting the full support of the CENLA Legislative Delegation. The foundation has committed to a \$5 million match and so far they have raised \$2.7 million. To date, we have gotten very positive feedback from our delegation.
- We are continuing to evaluate plans for the campus revitalization in order to offer more amenities to our campus. This will include a Market Study that we hope will reveal the highest and best uses of the high traffic areas near campus on the corner of U.S. 71 and the Marksville Highway. LSUA and the LSU AgCenter own property on the corner of this intersection that we think may be ideal for retail store establishment and/or apartment complex. Waiting on the City of Alexandria regarding the possible city funding for demolition of the older health building adjacent to the allied health building downtown. The proposal on demolition funding will be discussed at a hearing sometime in April.
- Our campus vaccine distribution has had a great impact across our campus community. We hope to be back to normal (or as close as we can be) with more face to face classes (masks required) in the fall. This will be good for our students, faculty, staff, community, economy and our campus.
- The Board of Supervisors approved our academic restructuring plan and proposed fees for the aviation management program which is great news for our campus.
- LSUA submitted the required Title IX report for 2020 and our report included no cases of sexual assault or violence. Additionally, 98% of our full-time employees completed the required training. Moving forward, we will discuss incentives to encourage more training opportunities.

We are open to suggestions regarding awareness and will be as proactive as possible moving forward.

Reports

Eamon Halpin

- The fee proposal for the aviation management program was approved by the Board of Supervisors last Friday. I am currently working on the SACSCOC program approval request and hope to submit it next week.
- Last year, the letter of intent for a bachelor of science in computer science program was proposed, but there were concerns about the lack of teaching positions. A position has been filled by Dr. Lueder. Nathan Ponder and I are working on full program proposal and hope to get to Board of Supervisors for approval soon.
- Submitted a letter of intent to Blue Cross Blue Shield regarding a funding request for the SPERO program that was approved. We have been invited to submit full proposal and hope working to submit one before March 22nd.
- Continuing to work with Dr. Dupont and Dr. Joiner on 2+2 agreements with state community colleges.

Jerri Weston

- Registration begins Monday and we sending emails out to remind students to set up appointments with advisors.
- The graduation application is still open for fall and summer through April 1st. We have 138 submitted applications as of this morning and the electronic form is working very well. Special thanks to IET.
- The 2022 academic calendar has been sent to the SLT for review and we will be getting it routed out to everyone soon after getting administrations feedback.
- Prerequisite grades were due for first session on Friday and we wrapped up drops yesterday. Today is the last day to add for second session or spring 2. Thanks to DOESE for doing a great job supporting students and being proactive.

Deron Thaxton

- Recently, the governor proposed the best budget for higher education that we have seen in quite some time. In the proposed budget, higher education is fully funded with additional funds for faculty salary raises of \$301,500. Classified Civil Service, non-classified, and professional staff are not included, but professional and non-classified raises would be up to the university. The budget also includes funds for mandated costs, deferred maintenance. Cares dollars used to offset cuts from the state is not mentioned in the proposed budget. This proposed budget will have to be approved in session. It is likely that there will be some changes before July 1st. This news is very positive, but we will have to wait to see if the proposed budget is approved.
- The first allocation (last May) of Cares dollars institutional portion and student portions have been 100 % expended. We received second round of Cares dollars and are working on allocating to students. We are discussing plans for \$2.9 million institutional dollars and we plan to hold it

before spending in case some funds need to be used to offset state cuts budgets. A third round of Cares funds should be passed this week. The initial projection is around \$7 billion for us split between the institution and students. Funds may go to the state first at the Board of Regents and then to LSU before being distributed to us. The amount and process is still being decided.

- We plan to have a market study for the possible golf course development completed. Our proposal is to use the firm that LSU uses for renovations and building projects. We are working through it now and negotiating prices. We will probably move forward with study to determine demand for the area.
- Met with drainage project contractor last week for the first time. We are still waiting on two parts of the environmental study before the state can award funding for the project. We are waiting to get a letter from a Native American tribe from Oklahoma for approval to dig and another from a rural water district. We are confident that the contract will be awarded and we can begin construction late April or early May. The tentative plans are to begin in front of Abrams and go east to Tom Bowman and then loop back around with the circle drive being final piece when they come back around. We will have more finalized plans to share once everything is final and the project begins. We will send information out about time frames and construction to campus when the time comes.
- Soccer house renovations is close to being completed.

Abbey Bain

- Registration opens on Monday and Homecoming is next week.
- Take Back The Night is Monday at 6:30pm. The keynote will speak virtual, but we will have a viewing space set up in the ballroom. We will do march around campus after the keynote speaker finishes. after. We are also going to have a clothesline project on the Quad later this week for sexual assault awareness. Please spread the word to camps and the community.
- Pulled list of students of concern after midterms and we are diving deep into students records and reaching out to offer individualized assistance, information regarding the tutoring schedule, and offering any additional support they may need. We are following up with them by phone, text, and email.
- Vaccines continue to be ongoing in our Health Center. Students have access to them now, but we are having some challenges with students not making appointments after filling out the survey or missing appointments that they do make. Please remind students about the importance of accountability and that we don't want vaccines to go to waste.
- Current application report is trending down by about 12 % compared to last year, but up by about 14% compared to 2019. We are going to be aggressive going into the fall to recruit and retain students.
- Spend the Day at A is next Saturday and 69 individuals have registered so far. Thanks to all of the departments and student organizations who plan to come out and join us.
- Mulder Scholarships will be awarded this Saturday. Thanks Melinda and Shelly for all of their hard work. We will have reception that evening to celebrate their great achievements and we are excited to work with these great students.
- Working with the city of Alexandria for some upcoming events such as an ACT prep night in March to be hosted virtually by Dr. John Rowan. In April, we plan to do an expo with CLTCC to discuss higher education opportunities in Cenla.

- Continuing to work through the Engage software. Thanks to Jason and IET for their assistance and support.
- Admissions counselors are trying to get back into high schools for recruiting now that we are in Phase 3.
- Miss LSUA will take place on April 10th in the ballroom. Please encourage campus participation with Homecoming next week and be on the lookout for many events on the Quad.

Melinda Anderson

- Working with Roy O Martin to solidify acting partners for funding for accounting positions.
- Recently, two new LSUA Foundation Board members were unanimously approved. We would like to give a special welcome to Bill Fontenot and Blake Chatelain. We are working on getting an orientation date together and look forward to them joining us in May.
- Working with Chancey and Laura on plans for the upcoming Employee Recognition Program.
- Mulder Scholarship interviews will take place this Saturday and we are really looking forward to it. Thanks to our committee members for serving. Eddie Ponce and Robert Freedman committed to be with us throughout the day and at the dinner. All five finalists are enrolled and we are excited to share a special day and evening with them.
- Congrats to Adam on the submission of the grant application to the Rapides Foundation to upgrade the pool, tennis courts, walking trails, and possible some other campus initiatives.
- We need to send out a reminder about PS 219 regarding the application for external funding to be sure that everyone is following proper protocol and procedures.
- Endowed Professorship interviews will take place next week for a full day session in Coughlin Auditorium.
- Working with Foundation Board members and Dr. Coreil on the capital outlay match proposal.

Haywood Joiner

- Conversations are continuing regarding the establishment of a satellite of the LSU School of Dentistry's Dental Hygiene program in Alexandria. Local dentists are willing to write letters of support and make phone calls to the Dean of the School of Dentistry in support of the establishment of the satellite program.
- Engineers from Rapides Regional Medical Center have visited the LSUE Surgical Technology program site in Lafayette to look at the design of that facility. Hopefully we will soon have an update on plans to renovate the A.C. Buchanan, III Allied Health Building to house the LSUE Surgical Technology program expansion in Alexandria.
- A phone call was held on Monday, March 8, with Dotty McDonald, Dean of Health Sciences, Business Technology, and Public Protection and Safety, and Kathleen Warner, Director of Respiratory Care program, to discuss revitalizing the expansion of LSUE's Respiratory Therapy program in the Alexandria area. I am in the process of setting up a meeting with the directors of the Respiratory Therapy Department at, Christus, Rapides Regional Medical Center and the VA Medical Center to discuss clinical sites and rotations. The meeting will be held at the A.C. Buchanan, III Allied Health Education Building.
- LSUA has an opportunity to be the site of the Center for Development and Learning's first regional office in Louisiana. As indicated on their website, founded in 1992, the Louisiana

Children's Research Center for Development and Learning (CDL) is a result driven Louisiana-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization specializing in the development and dissemination of leading-edge scientific research, knowledge, and best practices that improve teaching and increase student learning. Faculty in the LSUA Education department believe that locating the CDL regional office on the campus of LSUA will be a win-win situation for both parties.

- Teresa Seymour, Charlotte Bencaz (LSU Online), and I, met virtually on last week with Major Nagenia McBean, Program Director, Air Force Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) Program, Medical Education Training Center, Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX, regarding providing information to Air Force, Army and Navy MLT students about LSUA's 100% online Medical Laboratory Technician to Medical Laboratory Scientist (MLT to MLS) Program. Major McBean was very receptive to assisting us in getting information about the online program to students in training at METC for Phase I training, as well as students at other sites for Phase II training. We are hopeful that the conversation will result in increased enrollment in LSUA's MLT to MLS 100% online program.

Elizabeth Jonson

- Take Back the Night is on the KALB public calendar. We are hoping to get some community participation.
- We have a signing with BRCC this afternoon for 2+2 agreement with the college of business.
- Working on the Chancellor's quarterly report and it should be out by the end of March.
- Met with Ugly Mug Marketing on the digital marketing campaign this morning. We are finding out some good information regarding different age groups and will continue to emphasize peer-to-peer stories. We are also focusing on the 13-17 age range group and exploring usage of different platforms like Tik Tok and Snap Chat. We will continue brainstorming ideas.
- Working on new campaign for nursing and hope to have something out by the end of the month
- LSU picked up the Cenla Nurses stories which is very exciting. Be on the lookout!
- The PR Association luncheon will take place on campus this Friday. There will be a handful of public relations individuals coming out to participate and this is a great opportunity to network.
- Nathan has been doing a great job with campus events. Shout out to him for all of his hard work, dedication, and for always exceeding expectations.
- Thanks to Adam and his team for working so hard with athletics and the NAIA National Tournament.

Melissa LaBorde

- Trying to keep everyone rowing in the same direction and working on midterms.
- Communicating with DOESE regarding student absences to offer support.
- Asked Jerri about the drop for non-attendance form. Jerri said that she will send it over and I will share it with faculty. Deron mentioned that a significant number of faculty ignored the deadline and that causes problems for students regarding tuition and transcripts.

Adam Jonson

- NAIA National Tournament Updates:

- Toby Brazzel, our GAA President, came with me to welcome the first team in at the airport last night. LSUA banners and tv ads were up and got a lot of good attention. Practice sessions begin this afternoon.
- Lauren Peterson has done a great job putting together COVID testing staff. Compliments to our Health Center for all of their support with athlete testing. We are the only site that NAIA is not sending a COVID test liaison to oversee testing since we are going through the Department of Health and testing on site. This reflects very positively on LSUA.
- Games begin on Friday. The men will play Talladega at 7:30pm. We will continue to push out ads and will be on Good Day Cenla tomorrow and Friday. We have been on the Talk Back and Athletic Director radio show and will be back on that again tomorrow. We are also hosting a cool piece on live remote on Friday from 3pm-5pm on 103.5 in front of the coliseum to promote the tournament. There are many moving pieces for the tournament, but we are looking forward to it. We created an VIP area for visiting presidents, media, athletic directors, etc. Please feel free to reach out if anyone has questions.
- Next week we have homecoming and many athletic events, weather permitting.

Daniel Manuel

- We are looking forward to hosting “Take Back the Night” on March 15th to kickoff Homecoming Week. We will have a clothesline project posted on the Quad this Thursday to spread awareness.
- Vaccines are available at the Health Center for all employees and students. Please encourage members of campus to take advantage of this great opportunity.

Chancey Slider

- Continuing to work with Dr. Corbat and administration on policy statement reviews and revisions.
- LSUA is participating in the virtual Relay for Life for Rapides Parish again this year. Please encourage members in your area to help us fundraise.
- The Employee Recognition Dinner is tentatively scheduled to take place on the Quad on Tuesday, April 13th from 5:00pm-7:00pm. More information will be sent out to campus soon.
- 2021 Spring Commencement is scheduled to take place on Thursday, May 13th at the Mega Shelter. We plan to host a drive-through ceremony like we did last fall in order to abide by COVID-19 protocol. More information will be posted on the commencement webpage and will be sent out to campus soon.

Respectfully submitted by Chancey Slider

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 24th.
